

# TURF TOPICS

The Gisborne Steeplechase winner Brunswick has left P. Malone's establishment at Gisborne, and is now under F. Higgott's charge at Otaki.

Unless the Caulfield Cup winner Lucknow is sold shortly he will be shipped back to England. Messrs. Robinson and Clark having cabled to Mr. S. R. Bloomfield to that effect.

It is reported that G. Clarke, who was a prominent and successful lightweight a couple of seasons back, has taken up his residence at Palmerston North, and will again be associated with the Highden stable next season.

In remembrance of his visits to Caulfield racecourse, where he "schooled" a hunter on two or three occasions, the Prince of Wales has forwarded to the ranger, Mr. T. Bowes, a neat silver cigarette case, inscribed with the Royal coat of arms.

Mr. Davies, an ex-Auckland, one time owner of the 'chaser Haydn, is on his way from Australia to England by the Corinthic. During his few days' stay in Auckland he was laid up with bronchitis, and consequently saw few of his old friends.

The following is a list of the most successful owners at the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's recent winter meeting:—Messrs. H. S. Keesing £500, G. and F. Peach £450, McIver and Wright £410, G. Green £345, A. Murdoch £300, C. F. Vallance £190, R. McDonald £175, G. F. Hardy £175, V. and E. Riddiford £165, W. H. Windsor £155, L. Galbraith £155, J. M. Cameron £115, L. H. Mathias £115, L. McKenzie £110, J. R. Jackson £110, H. M. Campbell £110, D. Jackson £105, T. Lupton £105, "W. Ashcott" £75, W. Mountain £75.

Excellent nominations have been received for the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's classic events for the 1920-21 season. No less than 78 juveniles have been entered for the Hastings Stakes, of 350sovs., four furlongs, for two-year-olds, to be run at the spring meeting, 1920. The Hawke's Bay Stakes, of 700sovs., 6½ furlongs, for all ages, w.f.a., to be decided at the autumn meeting, 1921, has attracted a record of 161 nominations, while 112 horses have been engaged in the Hawke's Bay Guineas, which comes up for decision at the spring meeting, 1921.

At the beginning of last month Ernest Barry, the English sculler, who for a long period held the world's sculling championship, defeating amongst others the Australians Billy Fogwell, Jim Paddon and Harry

# INTERPROVINCIAL

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.)

## WELLINGTON.

Moutoa Ivanova Rejoins Active Brigade—Fisher Return From Australia—Old Mungindi's Cross-country Engagements During Season Now Closing—Notes on Intending Contestants at Trentham—Aucklanders Strongly Represented at Wellington Meeting—Death of a Respected Levin Trainer.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

The reported sale of Amythas is very far from being correct, for there is no likelihood of Mr. F. S. Easton parting with the three-year-old son of Demosthenes—Gold Treasure.

Looking big and bright after a three months' spell, Moutoa Ivanova rejoined the active brigade in F. J. Carmont's Foxton stable on Tuesday last. The full sister to Sasanof looks bright and well, and promises to carry Mr. Easton's colours in a creditable manner during the ensuing season.

F. J. Carmont went south last week to attend to the training of Master Strowan, who is held up at Riccarton through the jockeys' dispute, while he is also looking after Gang

contesting the Great Northern Hurdle Race at Ellerslie. Old Mungindi, who showed promise of placing one of the big cross-country events to his credit when in his first two starts in the Dominion, at Egmont and Wanganui winter fixtures, he filled third position in each instance in the principal cross-country event. The ex-Australian 'chaser later finished third in the Great Northern Steeplechase at Ellerslie, but when taken to the Napier Park Racing Club's meeting fell in the big steeplechase on the opening day, while he finished fourth in the Park Steeplechase on the second day. The following week Old Mungindi raced at the Hawke's Bay meeting, competing unsuccessfully in the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase, while on the concluding day of the Hastings fixture he finished fourth in the June Steeplechase. Mr. Kemball's 'chaser has thus raced at Hawera, Wanganui, Ellerslie, Napier Park and Hastings during the jumping season, which ends at Trentham next week, and the experience should prove of value to him in his cross-country engagements at the Wellington winter gathering. Gladful is also expected to make a bold showing, while it would cause no surprise to see Mill o' Gowrie taking a prominent part in the settlement of the leading hurdle events at Trentham next week.

With the racing he has had lately Marshal Neil should be an improved horse for Trentham. The Gravitation gelding gave critics at Hastings the impression of turning out a useful hurdler, and in Percy Johnson's hands the six-year-old will get every chance of doing well.

Two horses that are destined to fare well in hurdling events are Spangle (Martian—Nantes) and Falstaff (Comedy King—Petruvia), who are doing quite all right in their training work at Trentham. A successful career for both jumpers appears well assured, provided, of course, that no harm comes their way during their progress over the obstacles.

There are a number of critics who are quite positive that we did not see the best of Graftella at Hastings recently. The bay gelding stripped well, but failed to show up at the business end. He may do better at Trentham next week.

Mr. H. Coyle's handicaps for the first day's events at the approaching meeting of the Wellington Racing Club's meeting, which takes place at Trentham on the 14th and 17th inst., were the all-absorbing topic in sporting circles at the week-end. The consensus of opinion was to the effect that the handicapper had gauged the respective merits of those engaged in the various events in a manner which should ensure a highly satisfactory acceptance on Friday next, at 9 p.m., at the club's offices, Woodward Street, Wellington.

Mr. J. H. Prosser is bringing Master Webster, Chummy, Goldstream, and Stream of Gold to the Wellington meeting. A win for any of these bearers of the cardinal and amber hoops and carmine cap would be very popularly received in sporting circles.

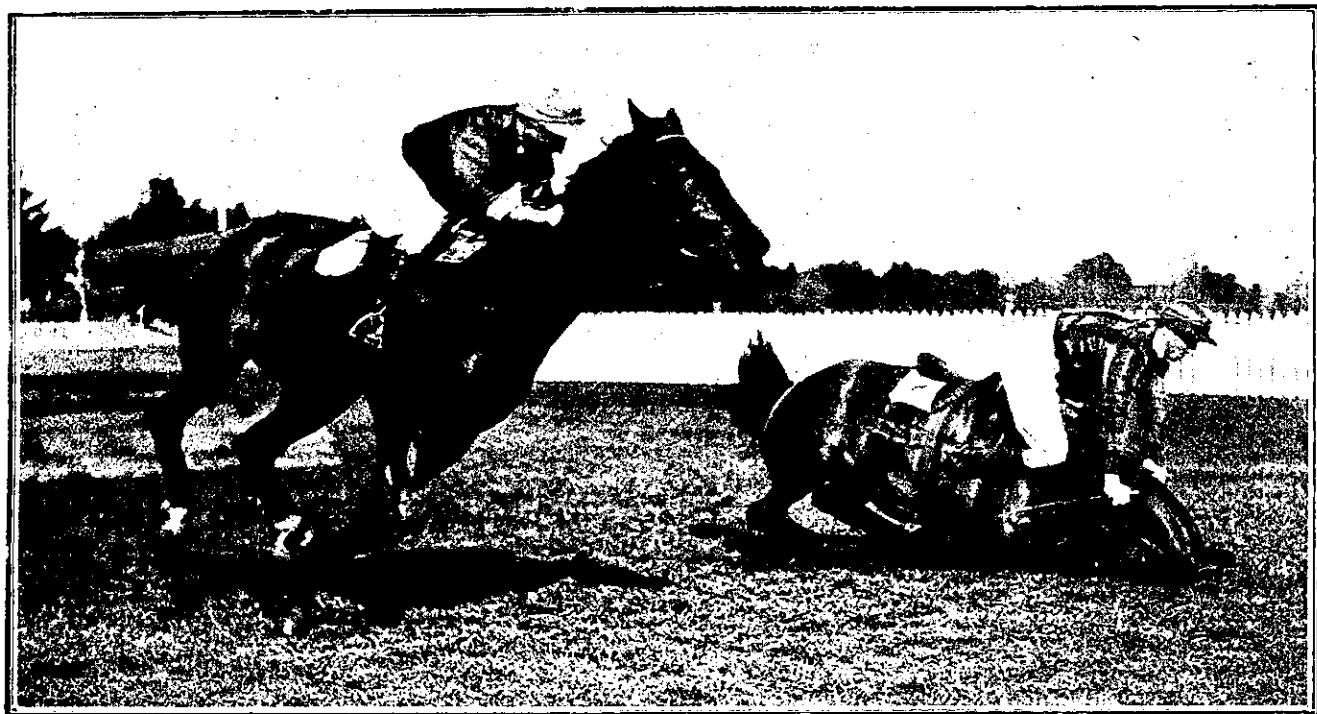
Mannish, fresh from his victory at Hastings, is one of the most admired hurdle candidates at Trentham. This bearer of Messrs. V. and E. Riddiford's colours should make his presence felt at the Wellington Racing Club's meeting.

Two of the locally-trained contingents, in Matatua and Astinome, continue to show out nicely in their sprinting exertions at Trentham. Both horses should be suited by the going, and should, with ordinary luck, make a bold showing in their respective contests next week.

The Wanganui candidate, Tame Fox, is well fancied for the Parliamentary Handicap, and provided he sees the post, Mr. Wiri Tokena's capital galloper will assuredly finish up favourite.

A big Auckland contingent is engaged in the Winter Hurdles at Trentham, the list comprising Gluetanus, Deviation, Thrace, Kauri King, and Slowcoach. It would occasion no surprise to find the winner coming from one of the horses named.

No less than four local horses, in Mannish, Spangle, Falstaff, and Cyra,



SAIL HOME (J. Kaan) comes to grief at the last fence in the Havelock Hack Steeplechase (two miles) on the second day of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's winter meeting. JUAN (H. Pickett), the winner, is shown landing safely over the same obstacle. [W. T. Warren, Photo.]

Among the 161 entries received for the 1921 Hawke's Bay Stakes are the names of Gloaming, Arrowsmith, Silver Link, Sasanof, Hymestra, Surveyor and Humbug. Mr. W. G. Stead has entered no less than 15 horses in the event in question. Amythas has not been engaged, but Mr. F. S. Easton claims a representative in a bay filly by Absurd—Liquify.

After their successful efforts at the Napier Park and Hawke's Bay winter meetings, the Auckland-owned pair Gold Kip and Sanacre were railed, in company with Sir Agnes and Night Time, to Trentham, where they are at present being prepared by Trainer A. E. Cox for their engagements at the Wellington R.C.'s winter fixture. Mr. R. Dysart, who lately has been training Night Time himself, decided after the Napier Park meeting to place the gelding under the Te Aroha trainer's charge.

The annual meeting of the New Zealand County Racing Club's Association will take place in Wellington on July 13, for the transaction of general business. The most important matter to be dealt with is that of the Gaming Amendment Bill, which has been promoted by the association, having for its object the restoration of the days of racing of country clubs curtailed by the gaming legislation of 1910; increasing the days of racing of existing clubs where the increase of population warrants same, making provision for granting permits to new clubs, increasing the days of trotting clubs, so that the days lost by the 1910 legislation may be restored and provide trotting days for new clubs, also for granting the eight existing hunt clubs annual in lieu of biennial totalisator permits.

Pearce, and the New Zealander Dick Arnst, over the Thames course, reported to interviewers in Sydney that he was practically fit to race then. The fact that the Englishman's race with Alf. Felton is not due to take place until September has elicited the following comment from the Sydney "Sportsman":—"There is always the danger of overdoing it, and an athlete, particularly when he reaches the age of 38, as in the case under discussion, may easily become stale before the day of the crucial test; and staleness will beat the best man—or the best horse, for that matter—that ever drew breath. In the case of a very young athlete the effects of overwork may be easily removed—if there be a decent interval between their appearance and the day of trial—by rest and moderate exercise of a different kind to that under which the staleness was contracted; but in the case of a man of Barry's age that would be impossible. The splendid resilience of youth is lacking, and the rebound is either slow or totally absent. Many a good man of over 30 has gone stale from overwork and too-early ripening into condition, too long sustained strain of preparation, and found, to his sorrow, that his form has left him forever. Others more resilient have come back fit for one great spasmodic effort, and found that it was their last. Nature had been called upon too often and her reserves were exhausted. For a man of Barry's age to be really fit on June 1 for a race that is to take place in September is suicidal. It means that he would require to keep himself keyed up for three clear months, and no man alive could stand that strain, let alone a man of 38."

Awa', who was operated upon for breathing troubles at the week-end. Provided transit arrangements are favourable, the former will be a competitor in the Wellington Steeplechase, on the 14th inst.

The secret ballot of jockeys, taken throughout New Zealand last week, resulted in an overwhelming defeat of the proposal to strike, only nine of the voters favouring that means of action. The main trouble facing owners at present is the attitude of the Seamen's Union, and until some satisfactory arrangements are completed with the governing officials of this body there seems very little prospect of horses that are at present held up at Riccarton being brought north for the Wellington meeting.

Fisher, who saved the situation for Trainer A. D. Webster by winning the Royal Hurdle Race on the second day of the Prince of Wales' meeting at Randwick, was brought back to Wellington by the Sydney boat last week. The gelding was later taken out to Trentham, where he will be a competitor at the local fixture next week.

Looking none the worse for their exertions at the Hawke's Bay meetings, Gold Kip and Sanacre have reached Trentham. The pair will have many admirers in their contests next week.

Mr. W. R. Kemball will have a big team in commission at Wellington, the list including Old Mungindi, Lord Nagar, Gladful, Rekanui, Mill o' Gowrie, Scornful, and Negambo. The first-named will be making his first appearance since the mishap which befel him when he fell while