

you know anything of the stable. The late Admiral Rous changed a jockey at Chester once without the consent of the owner. The result was the jockey was suspended for life, the owner was proved innocent. This was found out by certain bookies peppering the horse. The same kind of thing occurred at the Curragh of Kildare.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB.

On Monday next, 23rd February, the balance of sweep for the Dunedin Cup is due, and payable to the Secretary, Mr. Sydney James.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

On Tuesday next, 24th February, acceptances for the following events close with the Secretary, Mr. F. R. Jackson, at 9 p.m.:

- Wanganui Cup, of 500 sovs., 1½ miles.
- Wanganui Derby, of 200 sovs., 1½ miles.
- Two-year-Old Stakes, of 150 sovs., ½ mile.
- Flying Handicap, of 100 sovs., ¾ mile.
- First Hurdle Race, of 100 sovs., 2½ miles.
- Welter Handicap, of 50 sovs., 1 mile.

HELENSVILLE TURF CLUB.

On Friday, 27th February, acceptances for the above Club will close with the Secretary, Mr. J. S. Moncrieff.

OTAHUHU TROTTER CLUB.

On Friday next next, 27th February, nominations for the following events will close with the Secretary, Mr. C. F. Mark:—

- Handicap Maiden Trot, of 40 sovs., 2 miles.
- Handicap Flying Stakes, of 20 sovs., 5 furlongs.
- Handicap Pony Cup, of 30 sovs., 7 furlongs.
- Handicap Trot, of 60 sovs., 3 miles.
- Handicap Hurdles, of 25 sovs., 1½ miles.
- Handicap Pony Trot, of 30 sovs., 2 miles.
- Selling Trot, of 20 sovs., 2½ miles.

CAMBRIDGE JOCKEY CLUB.

On Saturday next, 28th February, nominations for the above Club will close with the Secretary.

CHRISTCHURCH.

(BY WIRE—FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CHRISTCHURCH, Friday 20, 1891.

An unprecedentedly large number of Canterbury horses have gone to Dunedin to take part in the meeting. Noticeably amongst them are Harris' Union Flag, Clifford's Crutchfield, Watts' Fairchild, D. O'Brien's Freedom, Florrie, Tassy, and Little Arthur, Stead's Paliser, Carronade, Rane, Nuna, and Clanronald, Rutherford's Ahua and Ixion, Lunn's Cajolery, Webb's Ruby and Crown Jewel, Sherwin's Dragon, Russell's Red Cross and Bredalbane, Sheehan's Erin-go-Bragh and Lady Sockburn, O'Connor's Catamount, Butler's Crackshot and Bay King, Harris' Inez, and several others.

The following are my selections for the different events:—

- HURDLES.—Rutherford's selected one.
- CHAMPAGNE STAKES.—Florrie.
- DUNEDIN CUP.—Occident or Hilda.
- PUBLICAN'S HANDICAP.—Cissy or Ruby.
- STEWARDS' HANDICAP.—Bay King.
- MAIDEN PLATE.—Palliser.
- SELLING TWO-YEAR-OLD RACE.—Cajolery.
- RAILWAY PLATE.—Florrie.
- MARSHALL MEMORIAL STAKES.—Cissy or Wolverine.
- MAIDEN TWO-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP.—Union Flag.

ELLERSLIE TRAINING NOTES.

MONDAY, 16TH INST.

All the horses worked on the trial track. Begorra and Ma Boughal were sent a mile at top, being joined by Dishonour the last 6 furlongs. Hailstone went three times round steady, moving sore. Hopeful Kate put in a useful three times round steady. Tuna was sent once round at top. Flint did twice round at half pace. Fishmonger was sent three circuits steady. Patchwork went twice round steady. Forget-me-not only put in once round at half pace. Vendetta went twice round at good swinging canter. Lochness and Scot Free went twice round slow. Minnie Grey went three times rounds slow. Gazelle did a round at top. Impulse was restricted to a slow two rounds. Orakei three times round at good swinging canter.

TUESDAY.

All horses worked on the trial track. Begorra and Nap each did three times round slow. Ma Boughal was sent two rounds at a good useful pace. Lochness put in three rounds slow.

Scot Free also did three rounds slow. Flint was sent twice round at half pace. Macaroni did one round steady. Hopeful Kate four times round at a good useful pace. Coalscuttle once round at half pace, being joined by The Workman the last six furlongs. Vendetta twice round at a steady canter. Miss Cole once round at a steady canter. Priscilla went once round slow. A bay gelding in Williamson's stable put in a useful three times round. Patchwork, Impulse, Orakei and Fishmonger were restricted to walking exercise. Keane had the full sister to Crackshot on the course for walking exercise.

WEDNESDAY.

The following horses worked on the plough:— Patchwork twice round good serviceable gallop. Ma Boughal cantered twice round. Antelope went two rounds slow. Flint twice round at about half pace. Nap and Begorra, in company, went twice round at a good pace, finishing home fast. Moderator two rounds at about half pace. Williamson's bay gelding put in two rounds at half pace. The following horses worked on the trial track:— Orakei did a useful three rounds at half pace. Macaroni twice round at about three-quarter pace. Impulse twice round slow. Fishmonger three times round at good strong pace. Priscilla only did slow work. Lochness, Scot Free, Hailstone, and Hopeful Kate were engaged in walking exercise.

THURSDAY.

The following horses worked on the trial track:— Patchwork and Moderator were associated together for a mile and a quarter gallop at top, Patchwork going on for another six furlongs by himself. Orakei did a strong canter for two rounds. Ma Boughal twice round at good strong canter. Coalscuttle and The Workman went together once round steady. Vendetta twice round steady. Dividend once round at about half pace. Impulse two circuits slow. The following horses worked on the plough:— Nap three times round steady. Begorra three times round steady. Macaroni once round at good pace. Capella once round steady. Antelope did a useful couple of rounds steady.

FRIDAY.

Ma Boughal, Nap, Begorra, and Antelope each did two circuits slow on the plough. Moderator was sent three rounds at half pace. Dividend went once round the trial track at half pace.

SPORTING ITEMS.

Quadrant arrived safely in Dunedin on Wednesday last.

Romulus, the hurdle racer, has changed hands.

Julia Ann won a jumping competition at Sydney on the 26th January last.

Captain Winter has accepted the post of starter to the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club.

Mr. Paneti has purchased Radiation, full brother to Retina, from Mr. G. G. Stead.

The Danevirke Jockey Club have donated the sum of £10 to the Waipawa Hospital.

Argos has been scratched for the V.R.C. St. Leger and Champion Stakes.

Luna, who fell in the Free Handicap at the Whitford Park races, is dead.

Captain Webster (St. Albans—Pussy) is again on the training tracks.

Report says that The Admiral is an unlikely starter for the Australian Cup.

Adam Byers is now in charge of George Hope's stable, during the latter's absence in Dunedin.

Antelope has been placed in Tommy Taylor's hands, and is now located at Jimmy Kean's stables at Ellerslie.

The proprietors of the Hobartville Stud have decided to keep all their fillies by Trenton for breeding purposes.

Toni Sullivan, the New Zealand sculler, has deposited £20 to make a match with George Bubeur for £50 or £100 a-side.

Hickenbotham expects to be able to get Megaphone to the post for his Autumn engagements.

The Auckland Tattersall's Club will hold their annual race meeting at Takapuna, on the 11th April, when £280 will be given away in stakes.

It is reported that W. Brown will leave for Melbourne shortly to ride Pygmalon in the Newmarket Handicap.

J. Hickey applied to the H.B.J. Committee to have the disqualification inflicted on him by the stewards at the Waipatu, regarding his connection with Mountain Boy in the Hurdle Race, removed. The Committee, after hearing a considerable amount of evidence, decided there was no reason to interfere with the decision of the Waipatu stewards.

Rewi, while being conveyed by train to the Geelong races, had the misfortune to break one of his ribs.

From Australian files to hand we learn that Greygown, the favourite for the Australian Cup, is not as well as he might be.

Tantallon, the winner of the Geelong Cup, was purchased when a yearling for £50 by his present owner, Mr. Turnbull.

Mr. Day, the celebrated Sydney veterinary surgeon, shortly leaves for England to purchase twelve thoroughbred mares for Mr. S. Hordern.

Mr. C. Sprong, proprietor of the Maribyrong Hotel, Victoria, was fined £2 and costs for allowing a game of euchre to be played on his licensed premises.

Priscilla got hurt in her box the other day, and has a very big hock, which will most likely prevent her appearing in public for some time.

Megaphone has displayed symptoms of lameness again, and it is hardly likely Hickenbotham will persevere with him for his Autumn engagements, though he has accepted.

Mr. W. Bobbett, the Thames sportsman, left for Dunedin on Thursday last per Rotomahana, with the view of being present at the Dunedin meeting.

Jimmy Keane, the well-known trainer, left for Sydney per Wairarapa on Wednesday last. He intends visiting Melbourne during the V.R.C. Meeting.

Owners of trotting horses should not forget that Friday next is the nomination day for the Otahuhu Trotting Club's Meeting.

Kneecap, who won the Geelong Hurdle Race for the Hon. D. S. Wallace, was trained by Billy Craftt at Queenscliffe. Craftt was well known to most New Zealand sportsmen.

In our advertising columns may be found the conditions of the New Zealand Cup, of 1,000 sovs, the distance being two miles. Nominations are due with the secretary, Mr. W. H. E. Wanklyn, Christchurch, on March 2nd.

We have been requested to call the attention of the A.R.C. officials to the fact that Adam McEwen, who was warned off the course for six months by the stewards of the Takapuna Jockey Club, on account of his disgraceful conduct at the steeplechase at their last meeting, which sentence was confirmed by the A.R.C. Committee, is to be seen every morning doing riding work on the Ellerslie Course. This is in direct contravention to Rule 27 of Rules of Racing, as adopted by the Metropolitan Clubs in New Zealand. His employers perhaps are not aware that every horse he rides is liable to be disqualified for future engagements.

Messrs. Walter Mountain and F. H. Winch have issued a programme for a Grand Sheffield Handicap, to be run at Potter's Paddock on Friday, March 27. It is set forth as thus:— A handicap of 75 sovs, run under Sir Joseph Banks' rules. First prize £60, second £10, third £3, fourth £2. Distance, 150yds. Nomination fee 10s, acceptance 5s. Mr. E. O'Hare has been appointed handicapper. The idea is a good one, but there are many difficulties in the way to make it a success, which we hope it will be, as something of this kind is greatly required in Auckland to prevent the juveniles of the working population from idling their Saturday afternoons and evenings loafing about Queen-street and frequenting billiard rooms, etc. We beg to point out, without prejudice, to the promoter the difficulties that lie in his way. First of all, he is quite unknown to the Auckland public. Naturally the first question that arises, who is he? what guarantee have we that the affair will be faithfully carried out? Secondly, who are to be starter, judge, referee, etc.? Then arises the question, are there enough professionals in Auckland to make it a success? as Mr. Mountain must well know that amateurs cannot compete in a thing of this kind. Now, in a friendly spirit, we suggest the following to Mr. Mountain. Let him put himself into communication with some of the leading athletes of Auckland, asking them to act as stewards, and appoint a judge, starter, referee, etc., at the same time depositing in some well-known public person's hands a guarantee for the stakes. Then the thing will go ahead, and if not a financial success the first time, it will be the second, and eventually become a popular kind of sport. If well managed, the amateurs might join in. Unless the promoters do something of this kind, we are afraid it will be a failure.