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Trix Pointer is the ruling favourite for the N.Z. Trotting Cup.

The principal race on the second day of the Winton Jockey Clab's programme has been re-named: Soldier Members' Memorial Handicap.

Bill James has asked the Wyndham Racing Club to increase the totalisator accommodation, and in the meantime the request is held over.

Gibb McLean has Carbine looking well, but sprinting him along the North Road is cheaper than trying to win races with him. And Gibb knows it too!

Jockey Rowlands has made a good recovery from the injury he received by a kick some weeks ago, and is riding work again.

The Winton programme contains an open steeplechase each day. £200 for three miles the first day, and £175 for $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles on the concluding afternoon.

Mr. W. A. H. Olliver, secretary to the Southland Racing Club, has been laid up with a sprained ankle for a month, but expects to be about again in a fortnight or so.

Bill Cowie, a steward of the Winton Jockey and Trotting Clubs, is going down to Riverton to spell after several years' strenuous work in the hotel trade. The clubs mentioned will miss his services on the several sub-committees who make the final arrangements for race meetings.

The Winton Jockey Club has now appointed four time-keepers to clock the horses running at their meeting. A very good move, for not nearly enough attention is paid to this important part of the sport.

The Winton programme has been issued, and £33 is to be given in stakes. The Winton Cup £400; and a cup is the best endowed, and the Final Handicap with £130 prize money is the cheapest race. A very evenly balanced programme which does the committee credit.

Swanny Smith is getting a big team of untried pacers round him now. A gelding by Harold Rotchild and a Four Chimes filly are the late additions to this stable. If either of them can go as fast as Papeete or Last Vue, Swanny is in for a good season.

Dick McDonald, who trained Killowen for the late Dave Morton, has purchased the son of Kilbroney,, and he will race in the blue and black bands at Wingatui this week. And he might win too.

It is reported that one of our local trainers has come in for a wad of notes through a rich aunt or uncle or cousin going west. Good luck to you, old boy, you have experience enough now to provide for a wet day!

It is said that Tommy Taylor is going to make a hurdle racer out of Rorke's Drift's son. Mettle Drift looks like the makings of a hurdler, and it is a pity the Southland clubs are not catering for this class of horse now.

The Wairio, Otautau and Tapanui Clubs' one day meetings in January next are going to make a nice circuit for local stables and between the three meetings the heavy end of three thousand quid will be hung up in stakes.

W. Stone has purchased Clean Sweep, an aged black gelding by Advance. He has been run over short distances in the past, and should prove himself a useful horse in Southland. According to a Christchurch correspondent his present owner-trainer J. Pearson, will look after him until after the N.Z. Cup meeting.

The following condition on the Winton programme will interest owners and trainers of trotting horses:—Trotting horses nominated at this meeting, and being placed at this or any other meeting, will be eligible to nominate for either of the class trots. Such nominations to be made not later than six p.m. on November 3, for the Hokonul Trot, and by seven p.m. on the night of the first day's racing for the Oreti Trot.

Bill Stone sold Checkmate to go to Australia, and if the Johnny at the corner is to be trusted "Rough but Homely" made quite a nice little stake out of the profit on Sir George's cast off.

Gore handicaps were published smartly up to time, and as usual Mr Gibbs has been accused of throwing some of the neddies in, and crueling others. The Dig. is always ready to bet that more outsiders will pay dividends than first favoarites. The running at Wingatui to-day and to-morrow will throw some light on the form, and Southland trained horses that run well at the Metropolitan meeting always show up well at the Gora Spring Meeting. The strong opposition from the Canterbury stables is missing at the later fixture!

Secretary Young is a busy man just now with a big racing meeting coming off, two or three dairy factories to run and the Electric Power Board duties. Frank Young is a master of method, otherwise he could not get through the work he has on hand.

The Winton Jockey Club is going to make one change only onto their course next November. Surely this is an old-fashioned idea, but no doubt the committee has thought the matter well out, and it will be interesting to see how the gate returns compare with last year's returns from that source.

The "Winton Record" ran amuck some in fixing the dates of the handicaps and acceptances for the first day of the Winton Jockey's Club's meeting in printing off the sheet programme. It says, "Handicaps for first day's races will be declared on Monday, November 4." The Mondays in Nov. 1920, are 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th. I wonder which date it really does mean? Then again it says, "Acceptances for first day's races close Thursday, November 11, at 8 p.m., The Thursdays in the same month are 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. Another argument against six o'clock closing.

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