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A great action picture taken during the last Great Northern meeting at Ellerslie. Auckland Star Photo.

Winter Gaiety at Ellerslie



THE three days' racing carnival in Auckland, to be held on Saturday, June 2, Monday, June 4, and Wednesday, June 6, will attract thousands of visitors. Crowds will flock to the famous Ellerslie racecourse, but many thousands throughout the Dominion will not be able to attend. To these the thrills of racing will be brought by IYA, which will be enabled, through the courtesy of the Auckland Racing Club, to broadcast a running description of all events.

PARTICULARLY interesting are these racing relays to the people who have to stay at home, even to those who are not keenly interested in the sport, for the broadcasts

Most people will be aware that New Zealand racing is better conducted and subject to more control than is the sport in other countries.

On the side of racing the club has always been successful and progressive, giving large stakes and providing high class races. This policy has been proved successful, and great credit reflects on Sir Edwin Mitchelson, K.C.M.G., M.L.C., the president, his willing committee, and on Mr. Spence, the club's energetic secretary.

GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLES.

JUNE 2 will see the commencement of the Auckland Racing Club's great winter carnival, which will last three days. Included in the programme are three great races, the Great Northern Hurdles (2½ miles), Steeples (3¼ miles), Cornwall Handicap (1½ miles). The Hurdles and Cornwall Handicap (flat) are run on the first day, and on June 4 the time-honoured steeplechase will be decided. For those who have never witnessed this race, it is sufficient to say that it is run over a distance of 3¼ miles, with steeplechase fences at intervals, together with the famous hill to be negotiated thrice. While the obstacles are not so difficult as on some other courses, "over the hill" the last time is a big test for tired horses. The race always arouses a great amount of interest among all sections of the community, and always provides a thrilling struggle.

SEVERAL exceptional performances have been recorded in these races, one of the most outstanding being that of El Gallo, who won the Hurdles and Steeples, both two years in succession. The first meeting was held in 1886, and among the winners are many famous names.

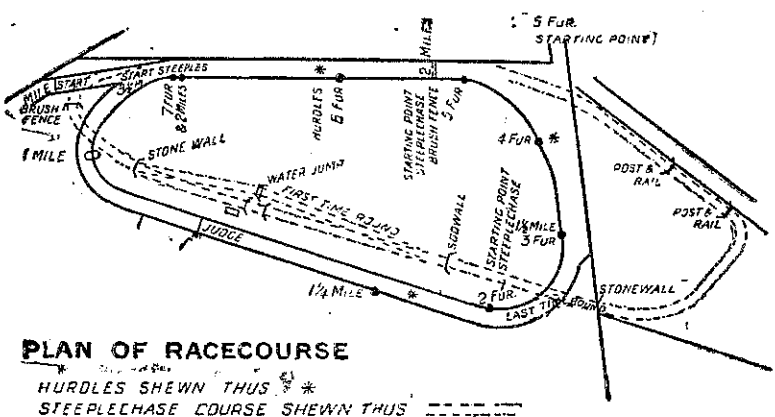
THE form of the "winter" horses is now becoming slightly exposed after the recent meetings at Hawera and Wangamui, and for the big jumping "double" the names of Perle de Leon, Red Fuchsia, and Wedding March are frequently heard for the hurdles, and Brigadier Bill, Beau



Mr. Allardyce, Sports Organiser, who will describe the races.

Cavaller, Maunga for the steeplechase. Both races, however, bear a distinctly open appearance. The ultimate winner will have to perform in a manner befitting the large prize attached to the events.

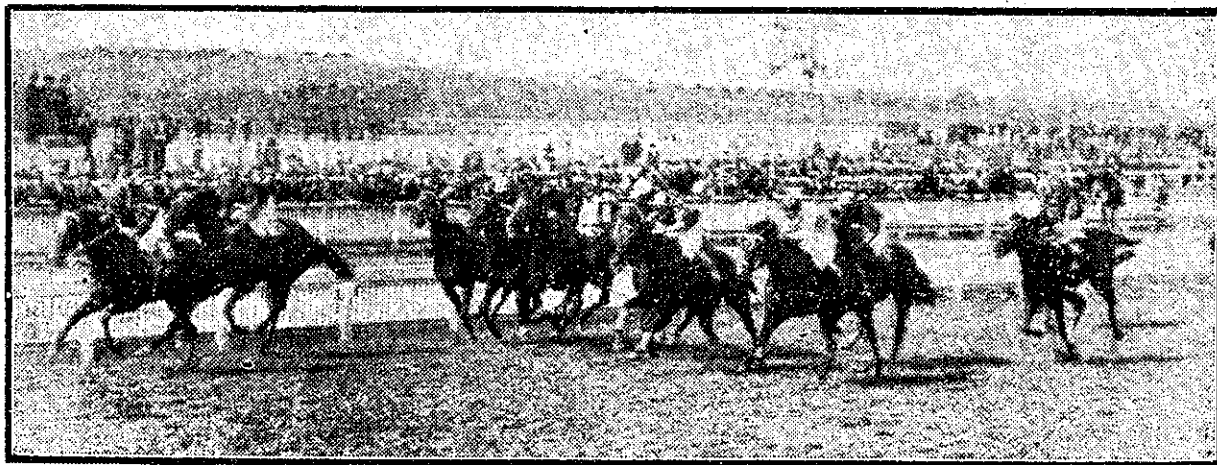
The minor races have attracted large and representative fields, and the whole programme promises to be well up to the usual high standard.



bring a colourful picture of the attractions of a racecourse—the happy crowd, the band music, the excitement of the race.

LISTENERS-IN will be able, through the running descriptions of the various events, to visualise the scene. Of great assistance to all will be the plan of the course, which we publish in this issue. With this before them, listeners will be able to follow the positions of the horses as described by the announcer, and will enjoy all the excitement of the finish at the post.

OF the many racegoers in New Zealand, probably only a few have witnessed racing in other countries; but those who have must have been struck by the superiority of the conveniences for the comfort of the public in their own country. It is fairly safe to say that nowhere in New Zealand is a better appointed racecourse to be found than at the headquarters of the Auckland Racing Club at Ellerslie. This beautiful course is admittedly a show place of Auckland, and the magnanimity of those in control is exemplified by their placing the beautiful grounds with their spacious lawns and beautiful flower beds at the disposal of the public all through the year. A tea kiosk is always open, and visitors who fail to pay a visit to these beautiful grounds miss one of the finest floral displays to be seen in New Zealand.



About a furlong from home. Will Star Stranger get up?

Auckland Star Photo.