

Hector (started 2.30; Kakaipai, 7.12; Lulo, 2.10; Hosa, 1.10) (incl. 1.10) Lony Ewan, 5.1; Betting: 6 to 4 Kakaipai and Hurry, 5 to 1 for Hector, 12 to 1 The Duke. Integrity was first to move, but The Duke showed a rush to the front, and was never afterwards headed, winning at the head by a couple of lengths. Time, 1.14.

Railway Handicap of 2000s, via Turakina. —Mr. Hamilton in a Luree, by South-Discovers, 7.10 (Scratch), 1.10; Lord Saxon, 7.10 (W. C. H.), Discoverer, 8.10 (Phillips), 3. Also started: Little Mabel, 6.7; Betting: 6 to 4 on Luree, 3 to 4 against Discoverer. Discoverer made play till a furling from home, where Luree got on terms, and soon settling the contest, went on and won by a length and a half from Lord Saxon, which had Discoverer a neck for second honours. Time, 1.14.

Stratford Jockey Club.

STRAFORD, Wednesday.

Following are the Stratford acceptances:—Hullies, Hulky, Ingewood, Showman, Mawhin, Paganan, Mosseskin, Turbin, Little Turk, Fishers, Hezard, Cup.—Regulation, Royal, Cyran, Tambourin, Ingewood, Little Turk. Hack Handicap.—Science, Maharanah, Urcal, Immolation, Kefine, Vexation, Walnut. Welter, Recreation, Claremont, Luath, Nero, Clementine, Vexation, Tika, Whakalawa, Marval, Otara, Uhal. Flying Handicap.—St. Bill, Federation, Fardon, Tambourin, Rustique, Bowman, Clementine. Railway Handicap.—Star, Rose, Gleam, The Pillager, Engraver, Silver Shell, Diehard, St. Cyress, Bellevue, and Park Rose.

Ohinemuri Jockey Club's Meeting.

The following are the prizes realised for the privileges at the Ohinemuri Jockey Club's annual meeting: Public's booth, £17; A. Montgomery's gates, Mr. Bromwich, £265; grand stand and saddling paddock, £145; Mr. Crosby's racecourse, Mr. Nichols, £50 10s; stabling, Mr. E. Edwards, £2.6.

Dannevirke Races.

DANNEVIRKE, Wednesday.

The Dannevirke races commenced to-day. Continuous rain fell during the afternoon. The results are as follows:—Hack Hurdle Race.—Florida, 19.8; 3; Silvercup, 21; Duncannon, 20.3. Also started: No Shot, Ingewood, Gold Stud, Brenda, Oko, Mittida. Won comfortably. Dividends, £2 15s and £2 17s. Makirikiri Hack Race.—Red Cross, 8.0; 1; Engraver, 7.5; 2; Housman, 7.1; 3. Also started: Wainui, 7.0; 4; Lumbra, Marival, Moata. Won by half a length. Dividends, £3 7s and £3 2s. Cup.—Mythicalion, 7.9; 1; Jolly Friar, 7.5; 2; Donkey, 8.0; 3. Also started: Baren, Captain, Lady Link, won comfortably. Dividends, £2 4s. Dividend, £4 12s. Trial Hack Race.—Spendid (incl. 8.3; 1; Aborigine, 8.3; 2; Strathfillan, 6.9; 3. Also started: Vexation, Xavier, Grassfield, Domergate, Lantwerne, Camille, Napthia. Spendid led a bold race and led throughout. Dividends, £3 4s and £1 15s. Tolerable Hack Welter Handicap.—Chem, 8.0; 1; Moon, 9.0; 2; Brown Belt, 8.7; 3. Also started: Oxy, Gray Gosh, Peardriver, Quills. Won by a length. Dividends, £2 3s and 10d. Flying Stakes.—Derivation, 7.12; 1; White Ribbon, 8.5; 2; Fairywork, 7.6; 3. Also started: Hippodamia, Gold Stud. Won by three-quarters of a length. Dividend, £3. Believable Hack Handicap.—Lord Salt, 7.7; 1; Clementine, 7.8; 2; Truce, 8.11; 3. Also started: Plunkin, Tahi, Rosewood, White Lie, Vanehor, Swan, Sir Sen, Queen's Messenger, St. Leo. Won on the way. Dividends, £4 8s and 10d. Tumbal Welter Handicap.—Polyanthus, 9.7; 1; Tombrand, 8.5; 2; Spill, 8.10; 3. Also started: Bomber, Mussel. The winner was never headed. Dividend, £6. The sum of £817.10 was put through the machine, as against £700 for the first day last year.

Dannevirke, Thursday.

Beautiful weather prevailed for the second day of the Dannevirke races. Later results are as follows:—Hurdle 1.—Duro 1, Gold Dust 2, Silvercup 3, Dividends, £1 10s and £4 10s. Telephone Handicap.—Clementine 1, Fox 2, Pat 3, Dividends — £3 10s and £4 15s. Autumn Handicap.—Polyanthus, 8.5; 1; Captain, 6.9; 2; Jolly Friar, 7.9; 3. Also started: Bossel, Boulder, St. Albert, Romance. Dividends, £1 18s and £2 6s. Tapanui Hack Welter Handicap.—Romney, 8.0; 1; Bomber, 9.3; 2; Napthia, 8.0; 3. Also started: Oxy, Peardriver, Gray Gosh, Vexation. Won comfortably. Dividends, £1 14s and 15s. Maiden Hack Stewey.—Aborigine, 9.0; 1; Xaver, 9.0; 2; Brown Belt, 9.0; 3. Also started: Domergate, Lantwerne, Takely, Monkey. Greatly upset. Won easily. Dividends, £1 15s and £1 17s. March Handicap.—Fairywork, 6.12; 1; White Ribbon, 8.9; 2; Captain Shannon, 9.7; 3. These were the only starters. Won easily. Dividend, £7.5. Mangrove Hack Handicap.—Housman, 7.12; 1; Splendid (incl. 7.10; 2; Oxy, 6.7; 3. Also started: Chem. Won by a nose. Dividend, £2 10s. Kakaieke Welter Handicap.—White Ribbon, 9.0; 1; Tombrand, 8.3; 2; Mussel, 8.6; 3. Also started: Spill, Lady's Link. Won by a head. Dividend, £4 12s. The amount put through the totalisator was £1637.10, an increase for the meeting of £210 on last year.

New Zealand Trotting Association.

CHRISTCHURCH, Thursday.

At the meeting of the New Zealand Trotting Association yesterday the president (Mr P. S. G.) suggested that it would be a good thing if the clubs of New Zealand could combine to organize a special meeting to be held at Christchurch during the Exhibition. He thought the clubs in Christchurch would willingly fall in with such a proposal, and that those clubs in other parts of the colony which could afford it would also contribute to the cost of such a meeting. It was considered it would be quite within the objects of the association to subsidize such a meeting, and he thought they might give a cup for some special race. It was decided to ex-amine the affiliated clubs on the matter.

Thames Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting.

THAMES, Friday.

The following is the list of the nominations received for the Thames Jockey Club's autumn meeting:—Maiden Handicap.—Luck's All, Miss Curassier, Te Taniwha, Henry Havelock, Fortification, Bellbird, Frisk, Aristocrat, Seabold, Silvermore, Marang, Steppay, Iona, Nobrock, Tommy Dodd, Freshbird. Handicap Hurdle Race.—Luck's All, Major, Pekepeke, Seabold, Rolf, Glasgow, Lona, Kabin, Steppay, Yolette, Princess of Thule, Lady Clara. Autumn Stakes.—Luree, Akarana, Te Taniwha, Southish, Agramis, Franklin, Bully, Bromide, Millie, Zuluika, Yolette, Lady Gladys. Handicap.—Major, Pekepeke, Hylas, Suddon, Sophia, Iona, Pony Handicap.—Mataura, Miss Curassier, Galdy, Frederick, Storyteller, Tommy Dodd, Prince Arthur. Railway Handicap.—Luree, Syren, Black and Gold, Te Taniwha, Discoverer, Henry Havelock, Southish, Lunetta, Aristocrat, Fitzmaurice, Miss Annie, St. Tai, Bully Cyrene, Rooker, Freshbird. Hack Race.—Galdy, Bellbird, Ratnapu, Bump, Keep Step, Seabold, Silvermore, Malanga, Iona, Nobrock, Sterling, Lotta, Lady Gladys. Final Handicap.—Syren, Mataura, Black and Gold, Discoverer, Henry Havelock, Frederick, Lunetta, Alia Rose, Duren, Aristocrat, Fitzmaurice, Freshbird, Miss Whittle, St. Tai, Bully, Lady Cyrene.

Waipa Racing Club.

The following nominations have been received in connection with the Waipa Racing Club's annual meeting, which takes place on the Te Awamutu course on Wednesday, the 28th inst.:

Handicap Hurdle Race.—Louisa, Sandy, Myrtle, Leuchman, Steppay, Sophia, Merry Lad, Fairy, Romp, Annie, Miss May (late Lady May), Baritone, Glasgow. Green Hill Handicap.—Louisa, Nagaw, Fortification, Matangi, Bellbird, Ruakaka, Lady Ellen, Grakaka. Te Awamutu Cup.—Lunetta, Seabold, Steppay, Romp, Bromide, Lord Seaton, Te Taniwha, Glasgow. Maiden Welter Handicap.—Annabard, Northshire, Doreen, Strachie, Frodoed, Leo, May Blossom. Kihikihī Plate.—Louisa, Fortification, Inehuss, Steppay, Bellbird, Romp, Freshbird, Te Taniwha, Lord Seaton, Lord Ellen. Flying Handicap.—Nagaw, Lunetta, Steppay, Merry Lad, Ruakaka, Doreen, Bromide, Lady Ellen, Lord Seaton, Te Taniwha, Orakan.

Turf Talk from the South.

CHRISTCHURCH, Saturday.

The Akaroa County Racing Club provided an enjoyable day's racing on Wednesday. The weather was dull, but no rain fell, and the temperature was warm. The track was at little heavy, but this fact did not materially affect form, and favorites were generally near the mark. The District Hurdle Race was reduced to a match between Kaban and Runway Girl, the former a gelding by the famous Hottelver, winning in a canter. The Henson Fly Asses' race was much favoured for the District Maiden Plate, but she failed to reach Mangrove, who, after making at the starting, lasted long enough to beat the favourite by half a length. Bagpipes was most in demand in fact, started a strong favourite for the principal event, the Peninsula Cup, but after leading into the straight she was caught and passed by the much-improved Cazeyna, who won with a 1000 to 100 to spare by three-quarters of a length. Backers were successful in the Flying Handicap, in which the favourite, the Grassie Stocker, hardly lived the odds laid on her, winning very easily from Stoppay. Assegal disappeared in the Open Hack Race, but again failed to reach Mangrove, and Ellen, the winner, leading up in the Sydney-bred gelding Naramore, by Voyon — Hibbs, Mangrove and Kaban also made a second appearance on the track. The New Zealand Handicap was most in demand in a good betting race, and after leading from start to finish won comfortably. The weather has been up to its old standards again this week, and is now dull and overcast. This has had the effect of still being depressed the proceedings at the racetrack. Handicappers, indeed, is distinctly quiet, and is not likely to be otherwise for the next week or two. The Canterbury Club has resolved to run the double fore on the Great Easter and Autumn Meeting, the Grand National Hurdle Race and Steeplechase at its Grand National Meeting, and the New Zealand Cup and Stewards' Handicap at the Spring Meeting. Vladimir has returned to his training quarters at Wingatui, and if he recovers

from his sprains he will be kept in work; otherwise he will be treated to a lengthy spell. It is probable the Dunedin Jockey Club will expose some of the surplus over its Autumn Meeting on a stand for its sibling enclosure. News from the South states that Juniper and Blackstone have been sold to go to Australia and that Mr J. K. McKenzie will take the pair across. The Hon. G. McLean's two fillies by Lord Rosslyn which did not find buyers at his recent sale have gone to Wingatui to be broken in and trained.

(By Telegraph.—Special to "Graphic.")

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

The weather took a turn for the better towards the end of last week. Saturday was fine and Sunday hotter. There have been few finer or hotter mornings this season than Sunday morning, when the thermometer registered 81 degrees. Fine weather is wanted at Riccarton. The heavy downpour of Tuesday week soaked the blough gallop, and though the tan and grass have been available, trainers want no further interference with training operations before Easter. Cutis is persevering with Kiriemanu, and the daughter of Clanranald, in spite of her lameness, is standing up to her work. She has done one or two gallops lately, in a style which shows that she has lost none of her early brilliancy. She was lame after each, but not seriously enough to keep her idle. It is strange how horses, after suffering from knee lameness, will stand a preparation.

Since her victory at the Akaroa meeting last week, Cazeyna has changed hands. Mr Friedlander having sold her for £250. The price seems a stiff one, but the purchaser was the filly's trainer, E. Hodges, and he ought to be the best judge of her value. Cazeyna has won four races in succession in three weeks.

You will be pleased to learn that Mr T. Allen is over the worst of his severe illness. During the early part of last week the worst was feared, but later the patient took a favourable turn, and he has since been pronounced out of danger. Quarryman returned from Auckland last week. His injured leg is still much enlarged, so much so indeed that no further effort will be made to train him, but the horse himself is in fine order. He is to be sent to the stud at Stoneyhurst, and such a fine looking and well-bred animal, if judiciously treated, should get capital stock. H. McLaughlin has left Mr Cutis' employ, and taken services with J. McCracken.

The yearling filly by Saint Hario—Maybird, has been named Myrilla.

Leo-Einfeld was given a turn over the hurdles on Saturday, accompanied by WI Waka. He performed creditably for such a sour customer.

Taggart has taken up Noxious Wood, with a view to preparing him for the jumping season. The Henson—Corselet filly, Assagal, who finished second in the Maiden Plate at the Akaroa County meeting last week, has again arrived at Riccarton. She is said to be a fine long, powerful mare. It is understood that she is to go to the stud next spring. She will be mated with Martine. Solutions' doubtfully-bred relative, Eschell, by Saxon Delaval or Sont—Problems, has been slightly amiss.

The following business has been done during the week on the Great Easter and Great Autumn Handicaps:—1000 to 2 against Cross Battery and Notus, 1000 to 1 against Canticle and Vladimir, 1000 to 1 against Canticle and Mullifee, 1000 to 4 against Cross Battery and Ghorka, 1000 to 1 against Cross Battery and Boomerang, 500 to 2 against Cross Battery and Aristocrat, 500 to 2 against Makaroff and Makaroff, 500 to 4 against Solution and Solution, 500 to 4 against Cuneiform and Master Aliz, 500 to 4 against Signalman and Savoury, 500 to 3 against Cross Battery and Chatterbox, 500 to 5 against Porcelain and Solution, 500 to 5 against Mungie and Delaware, 500 to 2 against Zealand and Zealand, 500 to 1 against Crickton and Savoury.

Receivers are frequently treated to the spectacle of horses declining to face the barrier when they are at the post, and all sorts of devices have been resorted to in order to make fractions and make them up with the rest of the field. A Dunedin writer was present on a number of days ago at a private exhibition of a contrivance for making fractious horses stand up to the barrier, and after seeing it work the opinion is expressed that it is easily the most practical thing yet brought before the public. It consists of a half-lool or regene's badge, of which the eye-holes are closed with shutters which are operated in a similar manner to that of a door of a camera. In order to make a horse stand quietly at the post the shutters are closed, but sufficient light is let in from the rear in order to give the horse a certain amount of light, and the confidence which would not exist if he were completely illuminated. When it is desired, the shutters are released without noise, and the horse is at once in full possession of his vision, so that all things being equal he can jump out with the rest of a field when the barrier flies up. I saw the apparatus used on a three-year-old filly, and she walked about with confidence when the shutters were closed, and gave evidence that the idea is really a



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