

Chase, to be run on the second day, I prefer the chances of Hailstone and Fishmonger.

On Monday, the annual meeting of the Drury Racing Club will take place. Good nominations and acceptances have been received and there is sure to be a large attendance of the public present. My anticipations of the different races are as follows:—Hurdle Race, Larrikin; Flying Stakes, Locket; Maiden Plate, Irish Agitator; Drury Cup, Te Kooti; Stewards' Handicap, Locket.

ELLERSLIE TRAINING NOTES.

MONDAY.

Dudu, 2 miles on the plough at three-quarter pace.  
 Reprisal and The Dreamer, 2 miles on the course proper, at three-quarter pace.  
 Miss Cole and Fiesole, 1 mile on the course at half-pace  
 Vendetta and Coalscuttle, 1 mile on the plough, at a fast canter  
 Pani, 2 miles on the plough, first slow, finishing last mile at three-quarter pace  
 Medallion and St. Andrew, 2 miles on the plough, first mile at half pace, last mile fast. Medallion had sweaters on  
 Rosefeldt, 2 miles on the plough, at half-pace  
 Strephon, 3 miles on the plough, at half pace  
 Waterfall, 4 miles on the plough, at half-pace  
 Kapo, 3 miles on the plough, at half-pace  
 Lebel, 1 mile on the plough, good swinging canter  
 Antelope, 2 miles on the plough at half pace  
 Memorandum and Priscilla, 1 mile on the course, at three-quarter pace  
 Asper, 3 miles on the plough, slow  
 The Dancer, 1 mile on the plough, slow  
 Brown Bess, 1 mile on the plough, slow  
 Dishonour and Orestes, 1 mile on the plough, at half pace  
 Nap and Ma Boughal, 1 mile on the plough, at half pace  
 Tamora, 2 miles on the course at half pace  
 Hailstone, 2 miles on the plough, good swinging canter  
 Hopeful Kate, 2 miles on the plough, at good half pace  
 Crackshot and Bay King, 1 mile on the course, fast

TUESDAY.

Dudu 2 miles on the plough, at three-quarter pace  
 Crackshot, 2 miles on the course, first mile at half pace with Vendetta, last mile at top with Bay King  
 Reprisal and Fiesole, 1 mile on the course, at three quarter pace  
 St. Andrew and Medallion, 2 miles on the plough, at three-quarter pace  
 Miss Cole and Coalscuttle, 1 mile on the plough, at half pace  
 Strephon, 2 miles on the plough, first mile at half pace, when Rosefeldt joined in, and last mile at top  
 Waterfall and Kapo, 2 miles on the plough, the last mile fast  
 Pani, 2 miles on the plough at three-quarter pace  
 Asper, 3 miles on the plough slow  
 Loch Ness, 2 miles on the plough, at half pace, with sweaters on  
 Parnell and Nap, 2 miles on the plough, at half pace  
 Antelope, 2 miles on the plough, at half pace  
 The Dancer, 1 mile on the plough, at half pace  
 Quadrant, 1 mile on the plough, slow  
 Dishonour and Ma Boughal, 1 mile on the plough at half pace  
 The Dreamer, 2 miles on the plough at half-pace  
 Brown Bess, 1 mile on the course, slow  
 Justice and Orakei, 2 miles on the plough at half pace

WEDNESDAY.

Crackshot, 2 miles on the plough, the first mile at half-pace, when Bay King joined in and the pair came home at top, Crackshot having the best of it.  
 Medallion and Lebel, 2 miles on the plough, first mile slow, last mile fast.  
 Reprisal and Miss Cole, 2 miles on the course at three-quarter pace.  
 St. Andrew, 2 miles on the course at three-quarter pace.  
 Asper, 3 miles on the plough, slow.  
 Pani, 2 miles on the plough, last mile at top.  
 Kapo, 2 miles on the plough, last six furlongs with Rosefeldt at three-quarter pace.  
 Strephon, 2 miles on the plough, with sweaters on, at half-pace.  
 Waterfall, 3 miles on the plough, slow.  
 Orestes and Dishonour, 1 mile on the course, at half-pace.  
 The Dreamer, 2 miles on the course, Ma Boughal joining in the last mile and finishing at top.  
 Fiesole, Vendetta, and Coalscuttle, 2 miles on the plough, at half pace  
 Antelope, 2 miles on the plough, slow  
 The Dancer, 1 mile on the plough, slow  
 Patchwork, 2 miles on the plough, Quadrant joining in the last mile and finishing at three-quarter pace  
 The Workman and Ægyptus, 1 mile on the course, at a good canter

The New Zealand bred horse Somniel, by Apremont from Hammock, was placed first in the thoroughbred section at the Bairnsdale Show last week. Caramut was awarded second prize, and Sheet Anchor third.—*Sportsman.*

The parties behind Patchwork thought they had a good thing on in the South Auckland Cup on Saturday, and backed their horse at short odds. The black horse however, although he got away first, was fairly beaten before half the Cup distance had been traversed. Patchwork was brought out again in the Tradesmen's Plate Handicap later in the afternoon, but he did not run prominently, although he finished third.

TURF RECORD.

SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1890.

Weather—fine and hot. Course—dry and hard.  
 HANDICAP HURDLES of 40 sovs. Over eight flights of hurdles. Distance, 2 miles.

- 70 Mr. H. H. Hayr's br g Fishmonger, by Isaac Walton, 6yrs, 9st 12lb (Fergus) ..... 1
- 107 Mr. C. R. Hewett's b g Sentinel, aged, 10st 7lb (C. Weal) ..... 2
- 21 Mr. C. Pye's gr g Peter, aged, 9st 7lb (Scarborough) ..... 3

198 Won easily by three lengths. A bad third. Time, 4min. 10secs. Dividend (10/- tickets), £1 5s.

NOVEL RACE of 25 sovs. The winner to become the absolute property of the Club, to be sold immediately after the race, and half the proceeds to go to the second horse. Weight-for-age. Distance, 7 furlongs.

- 26 Mr. Bertrand's gr g Pirate, aged, 8st 13lb (Lindsay) ..... 1
- 40 Mr. Windsor's ch g Wideawake, aged, 8st 13lb (owner) ..... 2
- 93 Mr. Bell's b g Valentine, 4yrs, 8st 11lb (H. Weal) ..... 3
- 23 Mr. Woodthorpe's r g Robin, aged, 8st 13lb (Hodson) ..... 0
- 21 Mr. Williams' b g Desmond, 5yrs, 8st 13lb (Walton) ..... 0

203 Won in a canter by three lengths. Dividend (10s tickets), £3 10s.

SOUTH AUCKLAND CUP (Handicap) of 115 sovs. First horse £100; second horse £10; third horse £5. Distance, 1½ miles.

- 58 Mr. W. Walters' ch m Leorina, by Leolinus—Yatterina, aged, 9st (Taylor) ..... 1
- 13 Mr. W. Brown's ch g Clarion, aged, 6st 7lb (McPherson) ..... 2
- 24 Mr. J. Roulston's br g Belmont, 5yrs, 7st 11lb including 4lb overweight (Smith) ..... 3
- 147 Mr. W. Bobbett's blk h Patchwork, 5yrs, 8st 8lb (Wells) ..... 0
- 50 Mr. H. Harrison's Tamora, aged, 5yrs, 8st 2lb (Golding) ..... 0
- 40 Mr. D. McKinnon's blk h Lochness, 4yrs, 8st (Wilmott) ..... 0
- 6 Mr. J. Maitland's b m Capella, aged, 6st 10lb (Hodson) ..... 0
- 1 Mr. McGlashan's ch g Lupin, 5yrs, 6st 7lb (C. Smith) ..... 0

339 Won, all out, by two lengths, two lengths between second and third. Tamora fourth. Time, 3min. 13½sec. Dividend (£1 tickets), £5 5s.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP of 25 sovs. For all horses that have never won an advertised race of more than 25 sovs. at time of entry. Distance, about 1 mile.

- 67 Mr. W. Seráncke's b g Lonely, aged, 9st (H. Weal) ..... †
- 6 Mr. W. Gillander's br g Never Miss, 4yrs, 8st 11lb (Lindsay) ..... †
- 3 Mr. Clement's b m Grace Darling, aged, 8st 10lb, including 12lbs overweight (Grisby) ..... 3
- 17 Mr. Gleazer's b m Kathleen, 5yrs, 7st 12lb (Wilmott) ..... 0
- 41 Mr. Harris's b g Antic, 4yrs, 7st 12lb (Singer) ..... 0
- 19 Mr. H. Windsor's b m Ilma, 3yrs, 7st 4lb (Golding) ..... 0

153 A dead heat. A bad third. Dividends—on Lonely £1; on Never Miss £11 9s. In the run off after the last race, Lonely led all the way and won easily by four lengths.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 60 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. Distance, about 3 miles.

- 156 Mr. J. J. Russell's ch g Silvio, by Isaac Walton—Moka Moka, aged, 11st (Collins) ..... 1
- 19 Mr. R. Henwood's b g Muscatelle, aged, 9st 7lb (H. Weal) ..... 2
- 71 Mr. T. Craig's br g Hurricane, aged, 11st 7lb (Hickey) ..... fell
- 20 Mr. H. H. Hayr's br g Fishmonger, 6yrs, 10st (Fergus) ..... baulked
- 5 Mr. C. Pye's gr g Peter, aged, 9st 7lb (Scarborough) ..... baulked

271 Won very easily by thirty lengths. Only Silvio and Muscatelle finished. Dividend, £1 11s.

TRADESMAN'S PLATE of 35 sovs. Distance, 1¼ miles.

- 67 Mr. W. Brown's ch g Clarion, aged, 6st 7lb (McPherson) ..... 1
- 18 Mr. Maitland's b m Capella, aged, 7st (Hodson) ..... 2
- 38 Mr. Bobbett's blk h Patchwork, 5yrs, 8st 10lb (Wells) ..... 3
- 18 Mr. H. Harrison's b m Tamora, aged, 8st 4lb (Golding) ..... 0
- 16 Mr. J. Roulston's br g Belmont, 5yrs, 7st 10lb (H. Smith) ..... 0
- 40 Mr. D. McKinnon's b g Scot Free, aged, 7st 5lb (Gall) ..... 0
- 1 Mr. T. Wise's b g Mararoa, aged, 6st 7lb (Grisby) ..... 0
- 0 Mr. J. McGlashan's ch g Lupin, 5yrs, 6st 7lb ..... 0
- 0 Mr. H. Windsor's b m Ilma, 3yrs, 6st 7lb ..... 0

198 Won very easily by six lengths. Dividend, £2 13s.

SELLING HURDLES of 20 sovs. Winner to be sold immediately after the race, and half the proceeds to go to the second horse. Distance, 1¼ miles.

- 82 Mr. T. Craig's br g Hurricane, by Ravensworth, aged, £50, 12st 11lb (Hickey) ..... 1
- 18 Mr. H. Windsor's ch g Wideawake, aged, £10, 10st 11lb (owner) ..... 2

- 23 Mr. J. Gall's b g Surprise, aged, £20, 11st 4lb (Litt) ..... 3
- 2 Mr. Bullock-Webster's ch g Ledbury, aged, £30, 11st 11lb (Scarborough) ..... 0

125 Won easily by four lengths. Dividend, £1 7s.

FLYING STAKES of 20 sovs. Distance, 6 furlongs.

- 10 Mr. J. Roulston's br g Belmont, by King Quail—Winnie, aged, 8st (H. Smith) ..... 1
- 8 Mr. J. R. Eshon's ch m Lady Marion, 5yrs, 6st 7lb (Hodson) ..... 2
- 13 Mr. D. McKinnon's b g Scot Free, aged, 8st 5lb (Wilmott) ..... 3
- 85 Mr. Maitland's b m Capella, aged, 9st (Taylor) ..... 0
- 62 Mr. Strephon's ch m Haricot, 6yrs, 6st 12lb (Golding) ..... 0
- 3 Mr. Windsor's b m Helen McGregor, 3yrs, 6st 7lb (Gall) ..... 0
- 0 Mr. Gleazer's b m Kathleen, 5yrs, 6st 7lb (McPherson) ..... 0

181 Won by a head. Same distance between second and third. Dividend, £16 5s.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB.—ACCEPTANCES.

PARAWAI HANDICAP.—Lioness, 8st; Helen McGregor, 7st 9lb; Clarion, 7st 7lb, Te Kooti, 7st 7lb; Captive, 7st.

HANDICAP HURDLES.—Hailstone, 10st 12lb; Wideawake, 10st; Peter, 9st 12lb; Try Fluke, 9st 12lb; Te Toki, 9st 10lb; Fragrance, 9st 5lb; Neli, 9st 3lb.

THAMES HANDICAP.—Tamora, 9st; Lioness, 8st; Warrior, 7st 8lb; Te Kooti, 7st 7lb; Clarion, 7st 7lb; Ringtail, 7st 6lb; Ilma, 7st.

COUNTY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.—Justice, 10st 12lb; Macaroni, 10st 7lb; Peter, 10st 7lb; Resolution, 10st; Oliver, 9st 7lb; Platch, 9st 7lb; Prospector, 9st 7lb.

THAMES HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.—Hurricane, 12st; Fishmonger, 10st 7lb; Te Kooti, 10st 3lb; Hailstone, 10st 3lb; Macaroni, 10st; Peter, 10st; Fragrance, 9st 10lb; Neli, 9st 7lb; Platch, 9st 7lb; Prospector, 9st 7lb.

ROYAL CALEDONIAN HUNT.

THE following interesting account is taken from the *Field*, written by C.B.P.—“The only Racing Club existing in Scotland is the Royal Caledonian Hunt, which this year held its annual meeting at Perth, in accordance with the custom which has caused it for many years past to join its forces with the fixtures at Perth, Ayr, Edinburgh, and Kelso, which last named gathering has, like two or three others where the Caledonians used to go, become extinct. Racing in Scotland has, in fact, so declined, that Stirling, Dumpries, Cuper, and Aberdeen, where in former times the Caledonian Hunt used to assemble, have all disappeared from the fixtures in Scotland, and the only ones now remaining are Perth (which is clearly on its last legs), Paisley, Lanark, Ayr, Edinburgh, and Hamilton Park, the last named being the only ‘gate’ meeting in Scotland.

“It was at Hamilton then, of course an open meeting, that the Royal Caledonian Hunt, or, rather The ‘Hunter’s Club’ as it was originally called, was instituted in 1777, the title being changed to that of the Royal Caledonian Hunt in the following year; and this is the only race society in Scotland which has preserved any continuous records. Very interesting and curious these records, or rather ‘minutes’ of the Hunt—which gained a prefix of ‘Royal’ when George the Fourth visited Scotland, and became a patron of the Hunt—are to peruse, and I am indebted to the courtesy of Sir John Gillespie, the secretary, to publish some extracts from them. The original members were the Duke of Hamilton, the Duke of Buccleuch, the Duke of Roxburgh, the Duke of Gordon, the Earl of Haddington, the Earl of Eglinton, the Earl of Glencairn, Sir Thomas Wallace, Bart., Sir Alexander Don, Bart, Sir William Cunninghame, Bart., Mr. John Nesbit, and Mr. John Rutherford, the Countess of Eglinton being the first patroness, and Mr. William Haggart, secretary. The original number of members was fixed at forty-five, with an entrance fee of one guinea, and a subscription of five guineas. The first meet of the Hunters’ Club was held at Hamilton in 1777, but in the year following the venue was changed to Haddington, where members met on October 12th “to hunt for a fortnight,” and it was not until the third year that there was any racing. Even then it was more of a hunter contest than anything else, for the conditions were: ‘a plate of fifty guineas,’ to be run for by horses the bona fide property of the members starting them, and the horses started having been hunted at that meeting.

“First of all it was arranged that there should be an annual ball at Edinburgh, but, soon after, this was altered, the ball being held at