

## CANTERBURY.

**Tannhauser Schooled Over Pony Hurdles—Edendale Sustains Injury—Kilmeny and Mescal Negotiate Big Fences at Riccarton—Death of Successful Stud Matron Brisa—Active Brigade at Riccarton Strongly Reinforced—Marc Antony Resumes Work—Schooling Tasks at Riccarton—Desperado Purchased by Auckland Sportsman.**

(By Telegraph—Own Correspondent.)

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

Training operations are decidedly on the quiet side at Riccarton just now, and are likely to remain so till the Grand National fixture comes along. On Thursday morning Tannhauser was given his first lesson over four pony hurdles in company with Hap Dha, another novice. He got through his task very creditably. In Tannhauser and Thrax Mr. Buchanan has two very promising beginners.

Volodia, dam of Marc Antony, recently slipped her foal to San Francisco. Her next consort will be the imported stallion Kilbroney.

G. Scobie, who has been showing great form recently in jumping events at Melbourne, was at one time private trainer for Mr. Harvey Patterson at Meadowbank, Canterbury.

J. McCombe, who has now set up as a trainer at Riccarton, has had two additions to his team in Bon and Leading Lady. The latter is shortly to be tried over hurdles.

C. Emerson got away for Sydney by last week's boat. He will do the riding for Mason, Hobbs and Taylor's teams till the conclusion of the A.J.C. spring meeting, and then returns to Canterbury.

Sartosta and Daylight Bill's sister gave a pleasing display over a couple of hurdles on Thursday morning. Sport and Banian were also given schooling tasks, and though the latter ran off at one obstacle, his jumping otherwise was good for a novice.

The hunter Edendale sustained an injury while being exercised on Thursday, and has had to be thrown out of work.

Tannhauser has been responsible for some attractive work lately, and all going well in the interim he may be given a nomination in the Grand National Hurdles.

Kilmeny and Mescal were schooled over the big fences recently and gave a very fair display. At the double the former attempted to run off, but otherwise got through his task nicely. His jumping, though slow, was safe, and it is quite probable that both he and Mescal will be nominated for the Grand National Steeplechase.

It is not yet decided whether Marc Antony will be sent over to the A.J.C. spring meeting; no doubt the treatment accorded him in the Metropolitan Handicap will be the deciding factor.

Ringform, who showed improved form at the recent Dunedin meeting, is to be taken north for the Wellington Racing Club's winter meeting. Subsequently he will return to Riccarton for the Grand National fixture.

The death is announced from the Warrington stud of Brisa, one of its most successful matrons. She was foaled in 1895, being by St. Clair from Mistral, and during her career on the turf won quite a number of races. At the stud she earned further fame by producing such useful racehorses as Apollodorus, Andrea, John Barleycorn and Hamattan.

The North Canterbury owner, Mr. A. W. Rutherford, has placed a commission in Sydney for a couple of imported horses, which are to be sold there next Wednesday.

The active brigade at Riccarton has been strongly reinforced lately with horses being taken up to be got ready for spring racing. Aynsley has re-commissioned Wardancer, Disdainful and Snub. W. McDonald is making a start on Moddite, Meltchikoff, Samiel and Marabout. The latter is a two-year-old owned by Mr. H. R. Mackenzie, of Auckland. Marabout is a very promising sort, as also is her yearling brother, whom McDonald is now handling. McAulay is busy with a trio of juveniles, namely, an Australian-bred yearling by Flavus from Lady Content, a yearling half sister to Kilrain, and a yearling filly by Kilbroney from Orange Pippin. The same trainer is also getting the two-year-old filly Furlong and the English-bred filly Henrette into racing trim.

After a well-earned respite Marc Antony has been taken up again by W. H. Thomson. The colt has thickened out a lot during his term of idleness, and looks in great heart to start work on for his spring engagements. His proposed trip to Sydney will depend on how the A.J.C. han-

dicapper treats him in the Metropolitan Handicap. Anyhow, he can be looked on as an almost certain competitor in next New Zealand Cup.

Some interesting schooling tasks were got through at Riccarton on Saturday morning, but as exhibitions of jumping they were disappointing. Kilmeny and Mescal were sent out for a round of the steeplechase fences. They got over the brush in front of the stand all right, but Mescal refused at the double and at the next fence, the sod wall, Kilmeny ran off. Mescal also refused at this obstacle, but was eventually got over. He cleared the brush fence fairly well, but Kilmeny again refused. Altogether it was a poor effort on the part of both horses, and was especially disappointing on the part of Kilmeny, who in his earlier essays gave a good deal of promise.

Sport and Banian got over a couple of hurdles, both jumping well.

A few days ago H. Tinker purchased Desperado from Sir George Clifford, and subsequently passed it on at an advance to Mr. H. O. Wilson. The son of San Francisco and Brave Heart will be shipped to Auckland this week.

Mason's rising two-year-olds Biplane and Lovesick were sprinted on Saturday morning, both shaping well. It looks as if they are to be got ready for the Australian Jockey Club's spring meeting, where both claim engagements. Lovesick is a full sister to the speedy Nones.

Gold Foil, who was mated with Demosthenes last term, is back on the tracks again at Napier Park, so presumably her visit to the son of Desmond has not been productive of the results that were aimed at.

There was some fairly interesting work got through at Napier Park on Thursday morning. Conziska struck out well over a six-furlong sprint, and afterwards cleared a couple of hurdles in a speedy, capable fashion.

St. Omer and Whakahoki were associated in a dash over six furlongs. There was nothing to pick and choose between them at the end of the argument.

Birkful, looking bright and hearty, strode over a mile and a-quarter in good style. He was assisted over the final three-quarters of a mile by Hel-singfors, the pair breaking even at the conclusion of the test.

A couple of circuits of the country were compassed by Sleacombe, who never laid a toe on the obstacles. Later on the big Birkenhead gelding should be amongst the winners.

Merrie Lad had the easiest of tasks to hold Fond Memory in a working gallop run over a mile and a-quarter. The former appears to be in great heart.

Mr. F. A. Price, the senior member of the Rorke's Drift partnership, states that there is no intention at present to school the Calibre gelding over hurdles.

for racing at home, while Mr. Thomson's high-class animals can also be worked up close to the edge of their form prior to completing their preparations in Canterbury for outside competitions. It is the intention of Mr. Thomson to mate the majority of his own mares with Antonio, by Harold Dillon—Ocean Wave.

The Southland R.C. have decided to have their racing track top-dressed and otherwise attended to, and as it will not be required for over six months it should be in the best of condition by Invercargill Cup day, January 2, 1917. Lengthy use and four wet racing days during the current season played havoc with the track.

The Canrobert—Follicle gelding, Creusot, has been taken up again after a long spell, necessitated by a severe attack of strangles. The four-year-old full-brother to Cannonade and half-brother to Jock is an inmate of J. Gray's stable at Winton. He is a commanding horse and a proved galloper, and it is sincerely hoped that his sickness has left no ill effects.

The well-bred pacing stallion Lord Derby, by Rothschild from the imported American mare Norica, is to be introduced into the Gore district during the incoming season.

The highly-bred American trotting stallion Russell Patch is to take up his residence at Mr. J. B. Thomson's Middlevale Stud on or about September 1st. Eastern District breeders will have a wide scope of sire choice this season, with Russell Patch, Harold Rothschild, Coldstream Bells, Four Chimes, Wallace L., Lord Derby, Antonio and other stallions to select from.

It is stated that the Canrobert gelding Buller will be tried out over middle distances next season. There is no reason why the son of Tugela should not stay, as his dam was more than a sprinter.

The pacing gelding Rialto, by Four Chimes—King Harold mare, changed hands in the Gore district the other day at a price round about £300. Although quite a number of valuable horses of the trotting class have changed hands here of late years, this price constitutes a record for the province. Rialto, by the way, is said to be a promising horse, and will in future be trained by Mr. W. N. Wilson, who has passed Eccentric, Matchlight and a number of other smart performers through his stable from time to time.

It is announced that Mr. A. Provan has become disgusted with the recent efforts of Canrobert and that the son of Office Girl, Recharge, etc.) is to be sold. It is hardly likely that the black horse will be long on the market, as he has shown special ability when called upon to clear the schooling hurdles at Riverton.

Among other horses now being schooled on the Southland R.C.'s tracks is Master Jim, by Ahei—Primula, who has been added to the list since he was last seen out in public. Mr. D. R. Jones' horse has the make and shape of a performer likely to win success over the battens.

The Judicial Committee of the Southland Racing Club last week were assisted by the South Island stipendiary steward, Mr. E. G. Curry, when inquiring into charges of alleged dummyism in connection with the training of the horses King Torrent, Teviot, Olga Kolmar, Captain French and Jubert. After dealing with a voluminous amount of evidence, it was decided to disqualify C. A. Campbell for corrupt practices, to warn H. H. Townson that he had been guilty of a breach of the rules in employing C. A. Campbell in his training stables without first making inquiries from the latter's previous employers, and to administer a caution to "E. Renshaw," "G. T. Right," and W. Wallis, for their connection in the affair. The facts of the case revealed that C. A. Campbell, who last year acted as trainer for "E. Renshaw," was refused a license this season, and a trainer's license was obtained for W. Wallis, a lad in the stable, and in whose name "Renshaw" and "Right's" horses appeared as trained by on the several race cards where they had been engaged. After the Clifden H.R.C.'s meeting in March last there was some disagreement between Campbell and Wallis, and the latter was dismissed. Though the horses still remained in the same stables, the next time they appeared on a race card H. H. Townson, who has a training stable near-by, was stated as trainer. It is rumoured that an appeal is to be lodged in the foregoing case.

Woods' Great Peppermint Cure. For Chronic Chest Complaints.



MR. L. STRACHAN, Deputy-Master of Hounds, ready to participate in the Wanganui-Egmont Hunt Club's opening meet at Gordon Park. R. Illingworth, photo.

## HAWKE'S BAY.

Napier Park Winter Meeting—Indigo Enjoying a Spell—Interesting Work at Napier Park.

(From Our Napier Correspondent.)

NAPIER, Monday.

The acceptances received by the executive of the Napier Park Racing Club for their winter fixture this week augur favourably for a successful reunion, for class and quantity are apparent in those listed. The tracks are real good for this time of the year, and though the fences are solid there is nothing tricky about their location or erection.

Indigo is still taking the rest cure, but R. Gooseman intends in about three weeks' time to have him again a member of the toilers' clan.

Mr. W. Murray, of Wanstead, has sent St. Omer and Conziska to Greenmeadows to have the polishing act put on them, and the couple are now amongst the regulars spinning round the circles at Napier Park.

Haumakaka has joined the team presided over by J. Seats at Greenmeadows. Since his arrival at his new quarters the son of Achilles and Punewai has improved a heap.

Mummer has been an absentee for several mornings past from the hurry-up at Hastings. One of his stable associates in Multicipal was also missing for a time, but is now back again.

The youngsters hailing from Messrs. G. P. Donnelly and T. H. Lowry's establishments are being kept on the move on the round-about at Napier Park.

## SOUTHLAND.

Wyndham R.C.'s Patriotic Grants—Trotting Facilities at Middlevale Farm—Buller to be Tried Over Longer Courses—Racing Gelding Rialto Changes Hands—Alleged Cases of Dummyism Inquired Into.

INVERCARGILL, June 16.

The Southland Racing Club have announced their intention of appealing against the decision of the D.J.C. District Committee in the Berry case. It is alleged that the S.R.C. are in a position to throw new light on the case.

The Wyndham Racing Club have voted £150 to the Southland War Funds Association and £20 to the local branch of the Red Cross Society.

During the past week the pacers Antonio, Raeburn and Zara were brought down from Christchurch to undergo a spell at Mr. J. B. Thomson's recently-established Middlevale Stud Farm, Charlton, Gore. This leaves the Hornby trainer J. Bryce with Cathedral Chimes and Muricata in work for Mr. Thomson. A very large amount of southern money was invested on Zara (Wildwood Junior—Daphne Belle) at the Ashburton T.C. meeting, but the short price returned did not compensate when Antonio was defeated later in the day in the Winter Handicap (one mile and a-quarter). Zara, it may be mentioned, is the highest-priced light harness racehorse so far introduced into the Southland district. A dirt track has been completed at Middlevale Farm and a grass track is to be laid down for summer use. This will enable horses to be trained by manager Scott