

SOUTHLAND RACING CLUB.

ENTRIES FOR SUMMER MEETING.

The entries for the Southland Racing Club's Summer meeting constitute a record, numbering 470, as compared with 3 for the corresponding fixture of last year. The nominations for the two main races (19 and 18) and the two principal events (26 and 30) exceed expectations. The following are the lists:—

—First Day.—

Avenal Hurdles, £200 (one mile and a half)—Mandrake, Compulsion, Hard Hit, Sed-el-Bahr, Gowanbrae, Barrister, Tutin, Moonglow, General Advance, Killdeer, Achilles, Red Tape, St. Cletus, Calma, Goodstart, Jack Symons, War Hawk, Staff Officer.

Makarewa Saddle Trot, £245 (one mile and a half)—Evening Chimes, Red Emu, Country Queen, Kaloon, Wild Rose, Colchester, Nellie Scot, Hecteroo, Jessie Scott, Clifton Chimes, Ferry Wallace, Nightcaps, Intolerance, Eros, Electricity, Hetty King, Cross Battery, Queen's, Lady Wild, Until, Armistice, Harold, Mountain Wood, Thea, Satin Boy, Namahor, Wallroon, Nell Pointer, South Star, Norma Dillon, Rothstar, Lady Maria, Gladiola, Bellfashion, Blue Chimes, Briquet, Hectdale, Miss O'Neill, Coldwater, McConachie.

Flying Handicap, £400 (six furlongs)—Algidus, Michaela, Satisfaction, Bothnia, Helicon, Rokelaine, Link Up, Miss Muriel, Jazz, Buller, Onslaught, Sun-Kilkee, Redshire, Volkovo, Killowen, Brogan, Silver Peak, Mantua, Pyjama.

New Year Handicap, £150 (six furlongs)—The Weaver, Wartone, Herbert, Morraki, Necessity, Glentruin, Rag Lieutenant, Royal Admiral, Brownie, Renchman, Strowana, Red Mac, Rockampton, Naomi, Admiral Fisher, Marilla, Kokowai, Admiral Gonne, Killory, Mferino—Rosahiegelding, Lady Blissful,lothilde, Breton, Soldier Boy.

Invercargill Cup, £1050 (one mile and a quarter)—Malaga, Jock, Warlove, Thaddeus, Twinkle, Linden, Satisfaction, Whipcord, Link Up, Miss Muriel, Necessity, Rorke's Drift, Cashmere, Tin Soldier, Red Admiral, Warlike, Onslaught, Engeroop, Almoner, Kilkee, Fochow, Killowen, Eleus, Sunny Loch, Melee, Adial.

Oreti Harness Trot, £220 (one mile and half)—Outcast, John Redmond, Lady Prince, Colchester, Golden Age, Downcast, General Joffre, Bell Wallace, Ngare, Oaknut, Rothmond, Flower o' Turi, the Sheik, Tahawia, Rothbell, Laura Child, Lady Adonis, Greystone, Peterville, Moonglow, Greenstripe, Promenade, Dark losine, Little Pointer, Croydon Chimes, Norma Dillon, Irish Imp, Kentucky Wood, Sunridge, Wild Flower, Vitalis, Miss O'Neill, Coldwater, McGrath, Moor Chimes, Princess Peter.

Waikivi Handicap, £150 (seven furlongs)—Reproachful, Bothnia, Blue Admiral, Filigree, Mettle Drift, Mirza, Jazz, Reddown, Flag Lieutenant, Barley Rigs, Roniform, M. on Rouge, Red Mac, All British, Wild Night, Morodino, Sunlit, Osriman, Kokowai, Lady Links, Greenie, Botanist, Volkovo, Post Haste, Killory, Lady Pallas, Sartolite, Bright Spot, Reton Marching Order.

Waihopi Handicap, £250 (one mile), andrade, Marianne, Algidus, Thaddeus, Twinkle, Linden, Don Pacifico, Moonglow, Miss Muriel, Caverock, Hineamaru, Marching Order, Barley Rigs, Roniform, Cashmere, Mazama, Tin Soldier, Red Admiral, Engeroop, Almoner, Glenshine, Fochow, War Hawk, Eleus, Sunny Loch, Melee.

—Second Day.—

Gladstone Hurdles, £200 (one mile and three-quarters)—Mandrake, Compulsion, Hard Hit, Sed-el-Bahr, Gowanbrae, Barrister, Tutin, Moonglow, Killboye, Achilles, Red Tape, Awahou, Calma, Goodstart, Jack Symons, War Hawk, Darcy Sam, Staff Officer.

Roslyn Harness Trot, £270 (two miles)—Red Empress, Country Queen, Wild Queen, Colchester, Nellie Scot, Golden Age, General Joffre, Eros, Quick March, Wahlers, Seaward Spot, Cross Battery, Lower o' Turi, St. Mihiel, Until, Haroldson, Biddy Tracey, May Tracey, Mountain Wood, Thea, Wakanui, Malice, First Roll, Rothstar, Lady Marvin, Gladiola, Blue Chimes, Sobriquet, Harold's Treasure, Hectdale, Coldwater, Lenamhor, Vallroon.

Shorts Handicap, £250 (six furlongs)—Algidus, Michaela, Satisfaction, Bothnia, Helicon, Rokelaine, Link Up, Miss Muriel, Jazz, Buller, Barley Rigs, Borodino, Kilkee, Redshire, Volkovo, Killowen, Kilbrogan, Mantua, Pyjama.

Summer Handicap, £150 (seven furlongs)—Wartone, Reproachful, Night Alarm, Filigree, Mettle Drift, Mirza, Necessity, Flag Lieutenant, Marching Order, Royal Admiral, Barley Rigs, Roniform, Etti, Corn Rigs, Mazama, July Spark, Strowana, Wild Night, Markella, Kokowai, Volkovo, War Hawk, Post Haste, Killory, Sartolite—Rosahiegelding, Lady Pallas, Sartolite, Clothilde, Soldier Boy, Breton.

Southeast Handicap, £500 (one mile and a distance)—Malaga, Jock, Marianne, Warlove, Thaddeus, Michaela, Twinkle, Linden, Satisfaction, Whipcord, Link Up, Miss Muriel, Caverock, Necessity, Hineamaru, Rorke's Drift, Cashmere, Tin Soldier, Red Admiral, Warlike, Onslaught, Engeroop, Almoner, Kilkee, Fochow, Killowen, Silver Peak, Eleus, Sunny Loch, Adial.

Electric Saddle Trot, £200 (one mile)—Country Queen, Kaloon, Wild Queen, Lady Prince, Hecteroo, Jessie Scott, Fenbald, Thronage, Bell Wallace, Nightcaps, Francis Derby, Eppie Adair, Intolerance, Hetty King, Polygon, Tahiti, Queen's Lane, Albert Mac, The Sheik, Fashion Plate, Tahawai, Lora Child, War Chimes, Greystone, Satin Boy, Moonglow, Green-

stripe, Bessie Mac, Mascot, Enid, Maile, South Star, Little Pointer, Norma Dillon, Kentucky Wood, Kapuka Lass, Eric Rothschild, Marvendale, Vitalis, Spotswood, Hectdale, Miss O'Neill, The Badger, McConachie, Moor Chimes.

Rosdale Handicap, £150 (six furlongs)—The Weaver, Wartone, Reproachful, Herbert, Bothnia, Blue Admiral, Barrister, Morraki, M. Jazz, Glenaruin, Flag Lieutenant, Royal Admiral, Brownie, Etti, Corn Rigs, Cattach, Frenchman, Red Mac, All British, Rockhampton, Lady Winston, Sunlit, Markella, Osterman, Kokowai, Lady Links, Red Pal, Volkovo, Hard Cash, Post Haste, Killory, Mantua, Lady Pallas, Lady Blissful, Destined, Kilmeedy.

Final Handicap, £250 (one mile)—Mandrake, Jock, Marianne, Algidus, Thaddeus, Twinkle, Linden, Blue Admiral, Helicon, Don Pacifico, Moonglow, Miss Muriel, Caverock, Hineamaru, Marching Order, Roniform, Cashmere, Mazama, Tin Soldier, Red Admiral, Wild Night, Awahou, Borodino, Sunlit, Bengeroop, Almoner, Kilkee, Glenshine, Fochow, War Hawk, Eleus, Sunny Loch, Melee, Radial, Sartolite.

ANGLING NOTES.

(By "Creel").

THE HERO.

His mind is set, and his features grim,
Depict a master strong, success to win;
Grim purpose blazeth from his very eye;
A hero he to fight, to do, to die.

(Perhaps).

Who is this noble creature so endowed?
Whose nobleness enshrines him like a shroud,
Whose knowledge great, unrivalled, has no peer;
Is he some great and clever-minded seer?

(Perhaps).

Surely such a hero great as he,
Shall have noble worship from posterity!
Alack, I do not wish to cause you pain,
An angler ("mad"), to fish out in the rain.

(Perhaps).

—By "Creel."

Conditions for last week-end were some what better for those disciples of Isaak Walton, who leave the trammels and tribulations of the city and seek recreation on the banks of the babbling brook, amid the cleanliness and wholesomeness of Nature, pure and free. I sometimes wonder whether man can worship God under His blue sky, with the canopy of the heavens as his church, and the song of the sweet birds filling the air, like some grand celestial choir. I venture to say he can, and further, man feels within himself full reverence for Him who made this universe of ours, and offers thanks in an unostentatious and duly reverent manner. To the true angler it is a grand world.

A party of four local fly fishermen on Wednesday, December 1st, creeled some seventy small fish on the Aparima for an afternoon's catch. The following ones were the popular killers. Hardy's Favourite, Stone fly, Owaka red tag, red body Waipahi and McKay's Fancy. On the same day fishing the Makarewa below Underwood another exponent of the popular fly fishing secured a splendid bag of fifteen fish, amongst the take being two beautifully shaped fish, weighing 2½lbs each. Jessie No. 4 and Purple Gronse were the most effective flies. The latter pattern "tempted" the heavier fish.

Fishing the Waiau Messrs Aitken and Olsen made the fine catch of 21 fish on the minnow. The heaviest fish weighed 8½lbs, and fish 7lbs, 6lbs and 5lbs were also included in the bag. They report the trout to be in beautiful condition. There is no doubt that the Waiau is one of the best rivers in New Zealand for large fish.

A case of interest to those holding trout fishing licenses came before the Magistrate's Court at Wellington on Friday, states the "Dominion," when Edward B. Gardiner was charged with failing to produce his fishing license when requested to do so by a ranger. The defendant was fishing the Hutt river between Hayward's and Belmont with another man. A ranger came on the scene, and asked Gardiner to produce his license. Gardiner, it was stated, refused to do so, and told the ranger to bring a test case against him. It was contended for the defendant that he was fishing for eels, and did not therefore need to produce a license. Furthermore the ranger could not demand to see his license until he had a trout in his possession. Mr R. Cooke, who appeared for the Acclimatisation Society, said the defendant was under a misapprehension as to the interpretation of the regulations,

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and the society did not press for a heavy penalty. Gardiner was fined 40s and costs 43s.

SOUTHLAND ANGLING CLUB.

From noon Saturday, December 4th, until weigh-in at 9 a.m., Monday the 6th, the above club held a week-end roving competition, any legal bait. Conditions were not "perfectus" and some six bags only were weighed in. The up-country anglers were the successful contestants, and the following is the result. All fish are "cleaned" weight:—

Name.	No. fish.	Tl. wght.	lb. ozs.
1. H. Hammond (Centre Bush)	39	22	0
2. E. Durry (Lamsden) ...	38	22	8
Handicap 25 p.c. 16 14			
3. G. Braxton (Invercargill) 21	12	6	
R. Jones (Invercargill) ...	9	12	0
J. A. Nisbet do	5	8	11

Mr Nisbet won the prize for the heaviest fish with a beautiful specimen of sea-run trout, weighing 7lbs (cleaned weight). This fact makes all anglers think seriously of injustice meted out to them by the Government in allowing the continuation of netting trout at the river mouth. Let's hope that this grave injustice will be abolished by next season.

Included in Mr Hammond's bag was a "freak" trout with an extra fin, directly situated at the back of the fish's head. It was otherwise quite a normal trout.

GORE ANGLERS' CLUB.

A public meeting was held at Gore on Friday night for the purpose of forming an Anglers' Club. The convenor, Mr J. Wyllie, was voted to the chair, and the following gentlemen were present: Messrs B. Smith, D. M. Collett, Hoffman (2), D. Graham, C. Richardson, Beattie, W. J. Hayles, J. Winning, J. P. Wyllie, C. Steans, J. McArthur, and B. Ward. Apologies were received from Messrs J. M. Gillies, F. Young, F. Wallis, Jr., and A. J. Grant. It was decided to form a club, and the following office-bearers were appointed.—President, Mr D. McArat; vice-presidents, Messrs Winning, Collett, and Graham; secretary and treasurer, Mr G. Richardson; auditor, Mr F. Young; committee, Messrs Smith, Hoffman (2), Beattie, Steans, Ward, Hayles, Wyllie, and the office-bearers.

It was decided to adopt the rules and regulations of the Invercargill Society, except the clause regarding subscriptions

which was fixed at 2s 6d, the subscription to be 1s for all boys holding a 5s license.

It was decided to accept Mr W. J. Hayles' offer of the use of his shop for the meetings of the Society, and he and Mr Richardson were thanked for their offers. It was also decided to procure members' tickets, and letter-book and stationery as required by the secretary. Mr Winning moved a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, Mr J. P. Wyllie.

The above report from the "Ensign" makes "Creel" very glad, as he has consistently agitated for the formation of a club, and he wishes the "infant" club in the Southland Acclimatisation Society's district long life and prosperity.

REPATRIATION.

SOLDIERS' REPAYMENTS.

The Hon. D. H. Guthrie, Minister in Charge of Repatriation, expressed great satisfaction to the "News" correspondent at the manner in which soldiers who had been assisted to purchase businesses and to secure furniture and tools under the Repatriation Department scheme have repaid advances. We have, he said, already spent over £630,000 on the repatriation side of our work from land settlement and have received over £130,000 in repayments. This is very promising indeed, and shows both that what the Government is doing in safe lines in its administration and that it is appreciated by ex-soldiers who obtained the benefit of the homestead system tenure for poor lands. Though what is called the homestead system of land settlement has been on the Statute Book many years and was revived a few years ago by the Massey Government nothing has been done under its provisions. There was considerable criticism from leaseholders last session when the Government took power to set aside portions of the national endowment land for homestead tenure providing that the freehold be eventually available to settlers who complied with the conditions. As most of this poor land to which this tenure is specially applicable is in North Auckland the Hon. Guthrie proposes about the middle of next week to visit Auckland for the purpose of discussing with the Lands Department officers the selection of a suitable area whereon the homestead system can be started. The conference will go into the whole question. Another subject which the Minister will investigate is the extraction of gum from North Auckland lands and payment of roy-

alties on the gum thus obtained. It is possible that a commission may have to deal with the matter.

RETURNED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION.

PRIVILEGE RAILWAY TICKETS.

The following has been received and is published for general information:— Arrangements have now been completed with the Railway Department, whereby the period of availability for four weeks' privilege rail tickets is extended to 28th February, 1921, in lieu of 30th instant as previously fixed, and telegraphic advices accordingly have been issued to all Group and Area Offices, etc. This means of course, that four weeks' tickets must, to have full availability, be drawn on or prior to 3rd January.

Tickets already issued for a lesser period than 4 weeks so as to expire on 30th November, will be extended to cover four weeks from date of issue of ticket on personal application to any railway stationmaster. Guards on trains are not empowered to extend these tickets.

Men who have not applied locally to Group Offices for their four weeks' tickets by the 30th instant, will require to make application to the Officer-in-Charge, War Accounts and Records, Wellington, after that date.

The present provisions in regard to men undergoing hospital treatment will now apply as from 28th February, viz., those who, owing to health, have been unable to travel, may draw their tickets within one month from date of discharge from hospital, the necessary medical certificate to support claim for ticket being issuable by the hospital medical officer.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS: MEDICAL TREATMENT.

The Defence Department will provide medical treatment for discharged soldiers who are suffering from a recurrence of illnesses arising out of and directly by their service in the forces, such as the reopening of a wound, muscular rheumatism, neurasthenia, pneumonia, or any other ailment which renders them unfit to follow their daily avocation, and also for any other disabilities for which the Director General of Medical Services may grant treatment, on consideration of each individual case.

Before an aeroplane is considered perfect, it has to pass through 200 tests.