

HUNT CLUB RACES.

A Most Successful Inaugural Meeting at the Woodbine Track.

John T. C. Patterson.
Associate Judges—George W. Torrance, C.
W. L. Stanton.
Assistant Starter—R. Myers.
Clerk of the Course—Lyndhurst Ogden.
Jacks of the Scales—C. T. Mead, W. P. Power.
Times—R. C. Strath, E. W. Cox, Charles
Taylor, G. A. Hoger.

The first racing meeting of the new Country and Hunt Club, held at the Woodbine track, on Saturday, was such a decided success that every member of the organization must be happy. The day was fine though the track was slightly heavy after the recent rains. Over two thousand spectators were present and nearly as many more would have been on the lawn but for an unfortunate accident to the street railway service, which stopped all traffic for over an hour just when the rush was greatest. There was not a hitch in the proceedings, which reflects the greatest credit on the officials, and especially upon the active and energetic secretary, Mr. F. S. Howe.

The gathering was distinctly fashionable. The greatest interest was taken in the races, and five bookmakers could not accommodate the crowd of betters.

The Races.

Five races were on the card, one of them a heat event, and the horses went to the post seven times during the afternoon. The sport was very good. The only all round of course was not high, but except in the first handicap race, in which no one entry appeared to outdo the others, so that the speculation and racing were lively throughout. Knives were not numerous, and in all cases where a horse was struck out of one race he was a starter in another.

The open steeplechase was the best race of the day, and it is doubtful if there ever was a better racing in the Woodbine field. There certainly never was a better exhibition of cross-country riding than was given by the clever horseman who rode Idaho under the name of Matlocks. The fact that H. Wilson gave old Barrak in the same race was another capital piece of luck. Nobody ever was to get so much out of the old fellow, and the finish of this race was a real treat.

Of the nine entries in the opening six furlong dash, Tippecoe, Blue Wing and Mr. Bend's second string, the two-year-old favorites, were withdrawn. Foam looked like the best of the lot, and he opened heavily at 8 to 5, but was backed to even money. Beefeater had a good deal of support, and B-wresting was played both ways. The others were practically forgotten, and went back to 15 and 20 to 1 at its post. Foam collared his horses before they had gone far on the journey, and looked like a winner entering the stretch. Douglas drew the whip on Beefeater, and he came along in good fashion. Foam raced with him most of the journey home, but Douglas's energetic riding and Beefeater first past the post. Matlocks, the two-year-old, was not punished, but showed great speed at the finish, and was a good third. She is something better than the average, and a chance for her own age will take a lot of beating. Malign, Lorna Doo, Belle, Chulax and Lassie were withdrawn from the club steeplechase, leaving seven starters.

Hornpipe was favorite, but Dodo was always supported by the well-informed. Towards the close there was a strong tilt, too, on Maritana. Hornpipe, in the capable hands of Mr. Cream, made most of the running until he went out at the rail fence. Sarcophag had been doing very well up to this time, but he apparently did not like to run in front, and he stopped in the open field. With those out of the way Dodo, carefully placed throughout by her owner, had an easy thing the remainder of the journey. She would probably have won anyway, as she was always under a strong pull and the going just suited her. Laddie finished with a fine burst of speed that he will do to watch for in the hunters' flat race next Saturday. Mr. Geo. Carruthers got a nasty-looking fall, but he was up and mounted again very quickly, and was fortunately unhurt. All the starters finished the course.

Couette so far out-classed her field in the open handicap that she opened a 1 to 2 shot. None of the others could live with her when it came to racing, and she spread-eagled the field in the stretch. Maid of Ellerslie and Foam were scratched.

Wilson was the only non-starter in the open steeplechase. Baromet's high run, though he had to wiggle to carry, made him the favorite, while Idaho got a second choice. Lexington, with Flair up, was a tip, and was moderately plain edged, while Dodo's performance in the club class brought her not a few supporters. George Matlocks let the others go in a bunch most of the journey, and kept out of trouble, but within a safe distance all the way. Old Speculator, after losing his lay at the second jump, ran the whole course with the leading horse, taking all the jumps and coming back to weigh in after the winning post was reached. Barrak was hustled along in capital style by Wilson. Idaho was only fourth getting to the stretch, where Matlocks utilized his fine burst of speed, and sailed by the others in a style that created the greatest enthusiasm. Wilson and Idaho rode desperately, but Idaho would not be downed. The Piper was the speediest of the heat horses, but he was out of the whip, and Flint had not much to spare at the end of the first heat. In the second he got into a pocket at the head of the stretch, and was only third at the finish. With only Maid of Ellerslie starting against him in the final heat he ran to the front and won as he liked, making the second victory of the day for the brown and yellow. Lakeview, who did not come up from Montreal, was the only scratch in this race.

The Summaries.

First race.—The Country Plate Open flat race; purse \$200, of which \$40 to second and \$20 to third; for all ages, selling allowances, six furlongs.

O. L. Hall, ch.g. Beefeater, 3, by Vassal—18 pounds, Douglas 1
J. Duggan, ch.g. Fourth, 4, by Ocean Wave—22 pounds, 12 pounds over Harrow 2
Newmarket Stables h.f. Carnation 2, by Imp. Cheviot—Runaway, 71 pounds, Sonar 3
W. Hendrie's ch. B-wresting, 3, by Linden-Gutter, 108 lbs, 2 pounds over Flair 4
A. Smith's ch.f. Maid of Ellerslie, 3, by Knight of Ellerslie—Pondus, 102 lbs, 12 pounds, inc. 3 1/2 pounds over Murray 5
George Decker's ch. f. Handietta, 3, by Bonnie Ian—Elletts, 80 pounds, Nait 6
Time, 1:18 1/4.

Second race.—The Club Steeplechase; purse \$50, of which \$20 to second and \$10 to third; for horses that had never won a race, and are the property of, and are ridden by members of the Country and Hunt Club; short steeplechase course, about 1 1/4 miles.

W. Forester's ch.n. Dodo, 4, by Northland, 105 pounds, Mr. Forester 1
F. N. Hardmore's h.g. Laddie, 4, by Prince—105 pounds, Mr. R. 2
R. O. McCulloch's br.n. Maritana, 3, by Sharpshooter, 105 pounds, Mr. McCarthy 3
R. B. Skinner, h.g. Sarcophag, 4, by Butcher's Royal George, 105, Mr. Skinner 4
A. Darling's h.g. Hornpipe, 4, by 108, Mr. Cream 5
Geo. Carruthers' h.g. Grey Friar, 4, by Galway, 105, Mr. Carruthers 6
Time, 3:26 1/4.

Third race.—Open Flat Handicap; purse \$200, of which \$40 to second and \$20 to third; all ages, 1 1/4 miles.

Hendrie's ch.f. Couette, 4, by Imp. Boston Belle of Nantara, 105 pounds, Flint 1
A. Smith's ch.g. B-wresting, 3, by Douglas 2
G. R. Hall's ch.g. Beefeater, 3, by Vassal—18 pounds, Douglas 3
W. Forester's h.g. Tippecoe, 4, by Geo. Exell—Lady Green, 105 pounds, Johnson 4
Time, 1:23 1/4.

Fourth race.—Open Handicap Steeplechase; purse \$200, of which \$40 to second and \$20 to third; full course about 2 1/2 miles.

A. Darling's h.g. Idaho, 4, by Miss Asquith—147, Matlocks 1
J. W. Murray's ch. B-wresting, 3, by Bullion—Lida Gates, 114, Wilson 2
J. Duggan's ch.g. Lexington, 3, by Long Tav—Mollie Seabrook, 111, Flair 3
F. Deane's ch.g. Baromet, 4, by Baron Rothschild—Trills, 125, Nait 4
W. Forester's ch.n. Dodo, 4, by Northland—Lakewood, 125, Douglas 5
Ontario Stables h.g. Speculator, 4, by Ten Bells—Anne Boley, 112, Hunt 6
F. A. Campbell's h.g. Waterford, 4, by Strachino—Fanny Wiser, 148, Wood 7
Time, 6:32 3/4.

Did not finish.
Fifth race.—The Fresh Purse—\$100, of which \$40 to second, \$20 to third; selling allowances; five furlongs, three times.

W. Hendrie's h.g. The Piper, 3, by Falsotto—Made Bayles, 105, inc. 4 pounds over Flint 1
A. Smith's ch.f. Maid of Ellerslie, 3, by Knight of Ellerslie—Pondus, 105, Johnson 2
C. Phair's imp. h.n. Ochone, 4, by Trapezoid—Malone, 102, Murray 3
E. Phair's ch.g. Blue Wing, 3, by 104 1/2, inc. 2 1/2 pounds over Harrow 4
J. Duggan's ch.g. Merrythought, 3, by 105, Randall 5
Time, 1:50, 1:50, 1:50.

The meet next Saturday at the same place will be an improvement even on the above.

MONTREAL HUNT CLUB RACES.

The annual steeplechases of the Montreal Hunt Club were held on Thursday and Saturday last, at the Bel Air track. There was good sport both days. Results.

Green Steeplechase, Royal Bob, W. Hendrie 1; Ellis, F. P. Phelan, 2; Dr. McSachran, 3; Friar, Capt. Hamilton, 4; Mearns, R. Montagu Allan, 5; Bruce, J. R. Smith, 6.
Half-bred Steeplechase, Mars, Col. Strath, 1; Rapid Star, F. H. Pennington, 2; Bob Lee, H. Melles, 3; Cupid, H. Allan, 4; Allen, Thos. E. Hunt, 5.
Breeders' Handicap Steeplechase, Silkworm, J. L. Col. Strath, 1; Mammoth, H. Montagu Allan, 2; Maiden, Dr. McSachran, 3.
Open Harebell Handicap Steeplechase, Tom Flynn, 1; Col. Strath, 1; Royal George, R. P. Hawes, 2; Laurel, J. P. Hawes, 3; Chambliss, H. Montagu Allan, 4; Henry Brown, James Minoga, 5.

Open Handicap Steeplechase—Tom Flynn, 1; Ellis, 2; Harry Brown, 3.
Hunt Club Plate—Royal Bob, 1; Minden, 2; Farmers' Race—Dianthus, Chas. F. Finnie, 1; Little Cat, Finnie, 2; Rapid Star, F. H. Pennington, 3; Bob Lee, H. Melles, 4; Rapid Queen, A. G. Pennington, 5; Quiz, R. Brown, 6.
The Members' Plate—Major, 1; Bruce, 2; McGregor, 3; Friar, 4; Magic, 5.

RACING AT STAYNER.

At the fall show of the Sunnidae and Nattawassag Agricultural Society, held last week, there was some good racing. A heavy rain prevented more than one race the first day and that on a very heavy track, but the last day was better. The races were:

Farmers' trot—
Farling's, black, 2:12 1/2
Emmery's, grey, 2:13 1/2
Cowan's, brown, 2:13 1/2
Best time, 2:05.
Dead heat.
2:35 trot—
Nellie, 2:35
Barrie, 2:35
John Halifax, 2:35
Best time, 2:37.

Green race—trot and pace—
Jim Dodge, 1:11
Mollie May, 1:12
Track, 1:13
Billy Go Easy, 1:13
Best time, 2:33.

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