Coming Events.

[By Borderer.]

V.R.C. GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLEOHASE.

OUR Melbourne friends will be continuing their Grand National meeting at Flemington on Saturday next, and there will be no doubt a certain amount of New Zealand speculation on the Steeplechase. Local interest would have been keener if we had had Norton to battle for us, and with him out of it we will have to depend upon Mutiny, who has been weighted at 10.9. According to recent reports he is said to be not in the best of condition, and the general opinion on the other side is that he will come to grief, as was the case in New South Wales. The opinion appears to be general that he is not forward enough and that another month would put him in much better trim. The weighting for Saturday's Steeplechase is high enough, seeing that no less than nine horses have been given burdens over 12 stone. Although Mikado II. is called upon to carry the crusher of 13.1, I do not think he can with safety be ignored. He is a great horse at weight-carrying, and as I hear T. Corrigan will have the mount on him it may be taken for granted that he will have the best of piloting and will be carefully saved in his big task. With Foxtail out, Busaco comes next with 12.11, and from what I can gather he will be a very dangerous candidate. He is one of the best steeplechasers on the other side, and is said to be doing his preparation famously. Confidence I know little of, but I believe little danger need be apprehended from this quarter; and Trojan, although under suspicion of lameness, will have to be watched. In the cross-country race at, I think, Mentone (Victoria) I notice he ran last, but if one judged his chance through that performance he would fall into a grievous error. His connections are the wrong people to show their hand, and I shall be surprised if he does not show a good race next Saturday. The Actress is said to have a more than fair chance of scoring, and Corangamite comes over as a strongly supported middle weight. Dondi is a goodish horse, and with 11.2 may be expected to show up well, and of the light weights Medicine, Mutiny, and Daimio appear to be the pick. Respecting Daimio, who is second last on the weight list with 9.3, it may be said that he once won a three-mile steeplechase with 11.2 in the saddle and on a previous occasion finished third in crack hunting company in a four mile and a half race. Good horses have come from the hunting field, and as I know Daimio to be a staunch, staying horse, and a clever jumper to boot, I shall alter my tip of last week. inasmuch as I shall substitute Daimio's name for Dondi's. I think the three best horses in the race are

BUSACO, MIRADO II., DAIMIO.

MELBOURNE AND CAULFIELD CUPS.

Australian Writers' Opinions. APPEND the selections of the various Victorian sporting writers respecting the Melbourne and Caulfield Cups. "Cran brook," of the Melbourne Sportsman. writes enent the Melbourne Cup:—
"From a hasty glance through the weights I think the following have a chance of providing the winner:—Port-sea, Paris, Patron, Loyalty, Sternchaser, Oxide, Sunshine, Rosefeldt, Lord Ran-dolph, Alpine, Ronda, Havoc, Tellus, Dreamland, Nobleman, Birinji, Mala-chite, Honour, Bright, Glephynthy chite, Honour Bright, Glenhuntly, Conflict. To still further reduce them, I'll go for a bold predicton—Sternchaser 1. Ronda 2, Nobleman or Portsea 3." Concerning the Caulfield Cup the sam-writer after analysing the weights remarks:- "To boil the lot down now and go for a straight out selection I would name Lord Randolph, 1, Birinji 2, Launceston or Amadeus 3." The well-Launceston or Amadeus 3." The well-known writer "Sterling," of the same journal, writes, "Out of the forty which seem to my mind to have a little the best of the weights I fancy the winner will come from Malvolio, Tarcoola, Cullo-den, Gaillardia, Loyalty, Tellus, Cobbitty, Tim Swiveller, Capstan, The Possible, Shotbolt, Aquarius, Donation, and if obliged to pick three would select Culloden, Capstan, and Tarcoola. Writing of the Caulfield Cup, which he considers is a much more open event than the Melbourne one, he remarks :-"Brockleigh is well treated here, as is Tarcoola and Loyalty. Cressy, at 8.7. has a chance, and Sainfoin is not crushed about.

with 8.6 Elswick reads nicely, and so does Donizetti. Salient is harshly used, but Donation has a big look in, and Launceston will get the journey, and Tim Swiveller must be hard to beat. Solon sounds dangerous, and Capstan reads nicely. Theodore, Shotbelt, Galant, Brilliant, Athata and Chesterman look best of the others, and if forced to pick three I should select Brockleigh, Capstan and Tim Swiveller." The third tipster of the Sportsman, "Warrior," writes of the Caulfield Cup; "Judging from past performances, breeding, and so forth, I cannot see anything in the race worth backing better than Paris, Ascot Vale, Lady Trenton, Lord Randolph, Little Bernie, Launceston, Ronda, Gallairdia, Bel Giorno, La Gloria, Steadfast and Moscow. To sum up the dozen I must go for Ascot Vale 1, Lord Randolph 2, Patron 3." His opinion of the Melbourne Cup is that the best dozen will be found to be Carnage, Loyalty, Lady Trenton, Little Bernie, Launceston, Sword bearer, Ronda, Havoc, Straightfire, Dreamland, Moorite and Capstan, and to sum up the lot he places them-Carnage 1, Loyalty 2, Dreamland 3, with Little Bernie and Launceston the best outsiders.

Australian Racing.

THE V.R.C. Grand National Meeting opened at Flemington on July 7th, and the fine field of 18 saddled up for the leading attraction, the Grand National Hurdle Race of 750sovs, about three miles. Apsley went out favourite at 3 to 1. Ixion was next in demand at 10 to 1, and 12 to 1 was on offer about Neli. The result was:-

Apsley, 9.8 .. Neli, 10.11 ... Ixion, 10.8 .. The favourite won easily in 6min olsec.

Sporting Review Coupon.

THE proprietor has decided to publish weekly a list of Coupons received for the treble—Caulfield, New Zealand, and Melbourne Cups. The fol-lowing are the list for the present week. Each Coupon as received has the date and time marked on it and is filed :-

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W.J.B.—Oxide—Au Revoir—Loyalty
W.J.B.—Lady Trenton-Impulse—Loyalty
W.J.B.—Sternchaser—Au Revoir—Loyalty
R.P.K.—Loyalty—Lottie—Carnage
R.P.K.—Loyalty—Lottie—Dreamland
S.L.—Jonathan—Pinrose—Sunshine
F.M.M.—Hova—Skirmisher—Dreamland
J.M.—Hova—Au Revoir—Dreamland
R.H.—Oxide—Merganser—Carnage
J.R.—Gaillardia—Pinrose—Ronda
G.T.Q.—Delaware—Impulse—Swordbearer
T.F.—Bruin—Lottie—Dreamland
W.H.—Saintoin—Scot Free—Delaware
J.F.—Hova—Skirmisher—Carnage
J.F.—Hova—Skirmisher—Carnage
J.F.—Hova—Prime Warden—Carnage
A.L.—Lady Trenton—Pegasus—Lady Trenton (in-tormal)

165. W.H.—Sainfoin—Scot Free—Delaware
166. J.F.—Hova—Skirmisher—Carnage
167. J.F.—Hova—Prime Warden—Carnage
168. A.L.—Lady Trenton—Fegasus—Lady Trenton (informal)
169. A.L.—Tim Swiveller—Pegasus—Loyalty
160. D.W.—Havoc—Skirmisher—Dreamland
162. W.T.—Hova—Lottle—Loyalty
163. W.T.—Jo—Hippomenes—St. Albans II.
164. J.A.—Loyalty—Three Star—Launceston (informal)
165. J.A.—Hovs—Pinrose—Dreamland (informal)
166. W.N.L.—Labour in Vain—Westmere—Little Bernie
167. A.A.—Moscow—Beadonwell—Tim Swiveller
168. A.A.—Moscow—Beadonwell—Port Admiral
169. W.L.A.—Hova—Magazine—Carnage
170. P.C.F.—Paris—Saracon—Light Artillery (informal)
171. P.C.F.—Marvel—Lake Shell—Bonnie Sootland
172. S.G.—Pilot Boy—Outpost—Fatron
173. A.G.—Elswick—Skirmisher—Carnage
174. J.W.—Delaware—Artilleur—Ronda
175. J.W.—Brockleigh—Prime Warden—Aquarius
176. F.S.—Brockleigh—Prime Warden—Aquarius
176. F.S.—Brockleigh—Prime Warden—Aquarius
176. F.S.—Brockleigh—Prime Warden—Light Artillery
180. R.G. P.—Swordbearer—Lake Shell—Light Artillery
180. R.G. P.—Swordbearer—Lake Shell—Light Artillery
181. E.P.R.—Lady Trenton—Mahaki—Carnage
182. E.P.R.—Lady Trenton—Pinrose—Carnage
183. R.E.H.—Lady Trenton—Pinrose—Carnage
184. E.W.—Argent—Au Revoir—Havoo
186. W.H.—Quality—Three Star—Selim
186. J.W.R.—Hova—Prime Warden—Loyalty
187. J.C.—Jeweller—Au Revoir—Havoo
186. W.H.—Quality—Three Star—Selim
186. J.W.R.—Hova—Prime Warden—Paris (informal)
189. G.W.—Loyalty—Rangipuhi—Carnage
189. A.R.—Marvel—Skirmisher—Carnage
189. A.R.—Marvel—Skirmisher—Dreamland
190. G.W.—Loyalty—Rangipuhi—Carnage
191. G.W.—Loyalty—Rangipuhi—Carnage
192. G.W.—Loyalty—Rangipuhi—Carnage
193. G.W.—Moss Rose—Liberator—Patron
194. H.A.H.—Swordbearer—Outpost—St. Albana II.
195. J.M.—The Possible—Skirmisher—Carnage
206. D.J.—Tim Swiveller—Searchlight—Carnage
207. D.J.—Tim Swiveller—Searchlight—Carnage
208. W.S.D.—Loyalty—Britain—Elswick
209. D.J.—Tim Swiveller—Beanchight—Carnage
201. D.J.—Tim Swiveller—Beanchight—Carnage
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The Wellington Park studmaster has twentyeight splendidly grown youngsters wintering at his breeding establishment.

Mr Seddon would like to see some action taken to stop so many thousands of pounds leaving New Zealand every year for sweep tickets. It will take a smarter man than Mr Seddon to cope with that form of gambling.

The Wellington Park sires have covered themselves with honour this year. Mr Morrin put fifty of his brood mares to them and not one single miss has occurred, all the mares being heavy in foal. That's a record worth being proud

Auckland Coursing Club

THE June Meeting of the Coursing Club was opened at the Avondale Plumpton yesterday under favourable auspices. The results are as follows :-

LADIES BRACELET. Sweep of £2; 10s. to expenses. First dog £17, runner up £7, third dog £3, two dogs £1 10s. eash.

FIRST ROUND.

Maori beat Hermitage Herlish beat Spring Nelson beat Okarite Rubina beat Rock Cushla beat Ding Dong Roseberry beat Golden Cloud Rover beat Despised Snowdonia II. beat Rebel Miss Wyatt beat Hurricane Pat beat Pacemaker

SECOND ROUND. Herlish beat Maori Rubina beat Nelson Cushla beat Roseberry Snowdonia II. beat Rover Miss Wyatt beat Pat

AVONDALE CUP. Sweep of £2 10s.; 10s. to penses. First dog £13, runner up £6, third og £3. With Silver Cup presented by the Comexpenses.

> FIRST ROUND. Stormfiend beat Carbineer Shylock beat Punch Kotero beat Iveria Rockbail beat Tasman The Rambler beat Imp Major a bye

TITIRANGI STAKES.

FIRST ROUND.

Snowdrop beat Marble Rock Hardcase beat Nelson Griffiths beat Colonel Blue Bell beat Okarite SECOND ROUND. Snowdrop beat Hardcase Griffiths beat Blue Bell FINAL

Snowdrop beat Griffiths

Turf Topics.

By REVIEWER.

Sydney people say Donizetti has one chance in

the Melbourne Cup – Buckley's.

Sharp, the Southern jockey who rode Adamant to victory in the Dunedin Cup, has been engaged

by Mr Reany, of Gisborne.

I notice Mr D. A. McLeod has nominated Osculator (by Hotchkiss—Pungawerewere) for the V.R.C. Derby.

Busaco, Mikado II., or Daimio should repay a backer's attention in next Saturday's V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase,

George Wright will stay in Australia and train Three Star for the Melbourne Cup. This looks like business.

Port Admiral's owner is said to be disgusted with his animal's Melbourne Cup weight, and it is on the card that he may scratch him.

Mostyn has earned 3lb extra in the Melbourne Cup for his South Australian victories. His weight in the big Flemington handicap is now 7.6.

The Hon. D. S. Wallace had the bad luck recently to lose a brood mare named Damsel, by Gloucester by Debris, who was in foal to Carbine.

The wound in Morag's leg, which reopened during the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase, is greatly improved, and all going well the horse will start in the Christchurch Grand National Steeplechase.

Corangamite holds the position of favourite for the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase to be run at Flemington next Saturday. His price is

In one of the Wellington Park paddocks, Lady Walmsley, the full-sister to the great Carbine, is heavy in foal to Castor. The result of that union should be worth something.

Linburn's scratching for the Caulfield Cup was due to lameness. Hova, the Newmarket winner, who is under a cloud, has also been struck out of the race.

To take two long shots for the Melbourne Cup and the New Zealand Cup I would select Havoc for the Victorian event and Casket for our own

I see by the Bulletin that Hova was written out by nearly every bookmaker in Melbourne straight out for the Caulfield Cup, so the pencillers have doubtless scored heavily by his scratching.

According to the Sydney representative of the Sportsman, I oyalty is the best "Sydney" horse in the Melbourne Cup. He is also the first pick of the same writer for the Caulfield Cup.

The Chief Justice of Western Australia has unset the disqualification of nine months placed on Carbine's (not the great) owner, by a Club, on the ground that he was not allowed to give evidence when before the committee.

Once again the Totalisator Bill has been rejected by the Victorian Parliament. On the 6th inst. the second reading of the measure was negatived by 28 votes to 16. But it's only a matter of time for the Bill to pass.

Par. from the Melbourne Sportsman:—
"Wright and his friends feel badly over Acone in the Flying Handicap. They backed the gelding for pounds, shillings and pence." But they had a more than fair win over him in the Canterbury Stakes.
I saw the Tasman—Rubina colt which Mr Kidd

bought at the last Wellington Park Sale at Frank Macmanemin's establishment last week. St. Clements' trainer has put a fine appearance on the youngster, who ought to show fine galloping when worked in earnest. If as good as his relation Florrie he will soon pay his way.

The silver cup presented by Mrs E. C. J. Stevens, which accompanied the prize of 25 sovs offered by the Lancaster Park Trotting Association for any horse breaking the world's record under American conditions for any distance was won by Specification. He was given a flying start and after breaking once or twice lowered the world's record by 5% seconds. -

The Napier people lost heavily by back a Conranto for the V.R.C. Grand National.

Wakawatea, who I stated last week was in the

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market, has been withdrawn from sale.

Mr E. D. O'Rorke's gelding by Cocksure has found its way to Christchurch.

The stallion, Tasman, has been leased to Mr. Marshall for service in the Waikato.

Taranaki people fancy Swordbearer for the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups. Wanganui backers are declaring for Rosefeldt

and Merganser for the New Zealand Cup. Samoa has been sold to Mr A. H. Barron, the owner of Hukatere.

The Hawke's Bay Trotting Club made a profit of 550 over their Winter meeting.
Kopere has been bought by Mr B. Denehey,

the owner of Somnambulist.

Mitrailleuse's filly by the Melbourne Cup win-

ner, Mentor, has been named Akarini.

The man who purchased Quadrant is Mr H.

Garratt. The last number of the Canterbury Times to

hand states that there is absolutely no betting over the N.Z. Cup in Christchurch. Major Mair's Beanstalk is in the market. Particulars respecting him may be obtained at this

Mr D. A. McLeod's Hotchkiss—Pungawera-wera colt Osculator will accompany George Wright when he goes to Australia next week. The sum of £1,846 was put through the totali-sator at the Gisborne Park Steeplechase Club's

weeting.

W. H. Keith is getting a team together for the purpose of making a descent on Australia. He has been trying to buy Waiuku.

The weights for the New Zealand Grand National Meeting will be found in another

It is said that Morag cost his present owners a little under \$50. At that figure he was a decided

bargain.

Skirmisher is said to be a trifle on the big side, and in tip-top health and full of life. He should be ready for racing in the very early spring.
"Mazeppa," of the Witness, declares that the
best four in the New Zealand Cup are Au Revoir,

Skirmisher, Pegasus, and Pompom.
George Wright laughs at the rumour that he

George Wright laughs at the rumour that he has been appointed head man at St. Albans. He is, however, booked for a twelve months' stay on the Australian side.

The Canterbury Jockey Club's representative at the Racing Conference will be Sir George Clifford. By the way, when is the date of the Conference going to be fixed?

"Borderer's" review of the New Zealand Company. "Borderer's" review of the New Zealand Grand

National weights will not appear until next week's REVIEW owing to want of space. The completion of his Melbourne Cup article has also been

crowded out, but will appear next week.

The Hotchkiss—Rose of Wellington colt which was bought by Mr A. Hooke, Jeweller's o wner, at the last Wellington Park sale has been placed in J. Monaghan's hands. The name of True Blue

"George Wright ought to re-christen Acone
Pride'—because he came before a fall! If he
hadn't 'come' before that fall in the Park Stakes last week he would not have landed the little Scotchman that lovely £1,800." (From Sydney

The United Hunt Club stewards have considered the United Hunt Chib stewards have considered the Timothy case, with the result that the trainer of the animal, Kenneth McKenzie, has been disqualified for six months, and the jockey, Gravestock, and the horse have been placed under a similar ban for three months. "Mr Henry," the owner, has been completely exonerated.

Mr J. B. Reid has informed a representative of

the Canterbury Times that he considers Skirmisher has been so well treated in the Caulfield Cup that unless he fancies the colt's prospects for the New Zealand Cup very highly, he will send Vanguard's son to Melbourne in the spring.

"Borderer's" expressed opinion that, top weight and all, Portsea cannot be far out in the Mel-

bourne Cup, receives strong support from a far from insignificant Australian turf writer. All the other insignmeant Australian turt writer. An the other tipsters in N.Z. dont give Portsea a chance. "Cranbrook" of the Melbourne Sportsman unhesitatingly declares however that Portsea is one of the best four horses in the race. "Cranbrook" of the Melbourne Sportsmen is early in the field placing them 1, 2, 3, for the Melbourne and Caulfield Cups. In the big Flemington hardison has the Startchaser to win, and

ington handicap he tips Sternchaser to win, and takes Ronda, Nobleman and Portsea, as the next best. In the Caulfield Cup he takes Lord Randolph to win, and considers the next best three, re Birinji, Launceston, anp Amadeus.

The third volume of the "New Zealand Centaur" is in the printer's hands and will be published early in August. It contains a quantity of interesting racing matter in the shape of the performances of all the leading racers in New Zealand and Australia, and as it contains all the pedigrees, performances, and weights of the competitors for the New Zealand Cup, punters should appreciate the small price at which this handy little volume is published.

From "Mazeppa's" notes in the Witness I gather that the retrenchment effected by the Dunedin Jockey Club's special committee amounts to about £350 a year. My Sydney James' salary is reduced to £200, and the handicapper, Mr Dowse, will in future receive £210. The many valuable services rendered by these officers were freely acknowledged by the members of the committee, and regret was expressed that necessity compelled a reduction of their salaries.

The Sydney double shops have once again, writes the Bulletin, scored a clever victory over the authorities. After the conviction last week of one of their number who was prescribed a month's hard, others who had been summoned, hastily got their cases adjourned for three days. In the interim—well, the informer—who happened to be the same in each information, fell ill, or some-thing, anyhow he didn't turn up when wanted, and so the prosecution went by the board. A

E. Roden who went to Sydney last spring as private trainer to Mr Hungerford is back at Christ-church on a holiday. He has informed "Castor" that if New Zealand horses do not win immediately on going to Australia, there is no chance of their proving victorious until they become thoroughly acclimatised. For the first few months his horses did well in point of health, and Whakawatea was quite at his best just at the time he ran in the Newmarket Handicap. Then, however, he commenced to go off, and although looking well enough, seemed to have lost his dash.