

Coming Events.

[BY BORDERER.]

V.R.O. GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE.

Our Melbourne friends will be continuing their Grand National meeting at Flemington on Saturday next...

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...

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...

Sporting Review Coupon.

THE proprietor has decided to publish weekly a list of Coupons received for the treble—Caulfield, New Zealand, and Melbourne Cups.

- 143. W.J.B.—Oxide—Au Revoir—Loyalty
144. W.J.B.—Lady Trenton—Impulse—Loyalty
145. W.J.B.—Sternchaser—Au Revoir—Loyalty
146. R.P.K.—Loyalty—Lottie—Carnage

MELBOURNE AND CAULFIELD CUPS.

AUSTRALIAN WRITERS' OPINIONS.

I APPEND the selections of the various Victorian sporting writers respecting the Melbourne and Caulfield Cups. "Cranbrook," of the Melbourne Sportsman...

The Wellington Park studmaster has twenty-eight 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.

Auckland Coursing Club

THE June Meeting of the Coursing Club was opened at the Avondale Plumpton yesterday under favourable auspices.

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

- FIRST ROUND.
Maori beat Hermitage
Herlish beat Spring
Nelson beat Okarite
Rubina beat Rock

- SECOND ROUND.
Herlish beat Maori
Rubina beat Nelson
Cushla beat Roseberry

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

- FIRST ROUND.
Stormfiend beat Carbineer
Shylock beat Punch
Kotero beat Iveria
Rockball beat Tasman

- TITIRANGI STAKES.
FIRST ROUND.
Snowdrop beat Marble Rock
Hardcase beat Nelson
Griffiths beat Colonel

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.

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 Cup.

I see by the Bulletin that Hova was written out by nearly every bookmaker in Melbourne straight out for the Caulfield Cup, so the pencilers 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 Napier people lost heavily by backing Cour-anto for the V.R.C. Grand National.

Wakawatea, who I stated last week was in the market, has been withdrawn from sale.

Mr E. D. O'Rourke'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 £50 over their winter meeting.

Kopere has been bought by Mr B. Denehey, the owner of Sonnambulist.

Mitralleuse's filly by the Melbourne Cup winner, 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 office.

Mr D. A. McLeod's Hotchkiss—Pungawerewera colt Osculator will accompany George Wright when he goes to Australia next week.

The sum of £1,846 was put through the totalisator at the Gisborne Park Steeplechase Club's meeting.

W. H. Keith is getting a team together for the purpose of making a descent on Australia.

He has been trying to buy Waikuku. The weights for the New Zealand Grand National Meeting will be found in another column.

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 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 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 owner, at the last Wellington Park sale has been placed in J. Monaghan's hands.

The name of True Blue has been given to the youngster. "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 Truth.)

The United Hunt Club 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 Melbourne Cup, receives strong support from a far from insignificant Australian turf writer.

All the other tipsters in N.Z. dont give Portsea a chance. "Cranbrook" of the Melbourne Sportsman hesitatingly declares however that Portsea is one of the best four horses in the race.

"Cranbrook" of the Melbourne Sportsman is early in the field placing them 1, 2, 3, for the Melbourne and Caulfield Cups. In the big Flemington 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, are Birinj, Launceston, and 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 something, anyhow he didn't turn up when wanted, and so the prosecution went by the board.

E. Roden who went to Sydney last spring as private trainer to Mr Hungerford is back at Christchurch 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.