

Emancipation was done with, and Cooya went on from Little Maid, while Newton, Sternchaser, and Graduate improved their positions. Cooya led into the straight, but Graduate and Newton passed her below the distance. The latter quickly drew away from his companion, but 100 yards from home Sternchaser, who had stumbled rounding the turn, came with a great run and rapidly made up his leeway. A great finish between the pair took place, Newton securing the judge's verdict by half a head. Graduate was third, two lengths and a half away. John S., who came with a late run, and Marco were together next, with the favourite sixth. Time, 2min 38 1/2 sec.

Mr Gollan's filly Bessie Macarthy, 9.7, was started for the Two Year Old Handicap of 300sovs, 5 1/2 furlongs, and the strength of her form in the earlier part of the season caused backers to support her down to the position of first favourite but to the cognoscenti it was evident that she had been a "waster" lately, so it was hardly surprising that she did not get a shop behind La Gloria 8.7, Valala 7.13, and Excel 8.0. La Gloria, who belongs to Mr. M. Jacobs, the bookmaker, is by Glorious (sire of Cremorne) out of the Lucifer mare Hope.

What an unlucky horse Swordbearer seems to be! When taking part in the V.R.C. Derby the son of Grandmaster and Cerito fell. Then in Malvolio's Melbourne Cup he was interfered with when Megaphone, Cobham, Prelude, and G'Naroo fell. Then again, on Queen's Birthday he had the misfortune to come to grief when taking part in the V.R.C. Birthday Handicap. The accident occurred at the five furlong post, and his rider T. Brown is of opinion that the horse was tiring at the time, and no wonder, seeing that the first six furlongs of the journey were left behind in 1min 17sec.

"Freelance," in the Melbourne Sportsman, alluding to Sternchaser's running in the V.R.C. Birthday Handicap, says:—"After being badly blocked more than once he pulled around his field, and coming on the outside, was only just beaten by the shortest of short heads by Newton, who was favoured with a clear run right through. White is, unquestionably, a vigorous horseman and a powerful finisher, but I fancy that even he will agree with me in my assertion that with better luck he or Cusdin could have managed to get home on Sternchaser in both the Australian Cup and V.R.C. Birthday Handicap.

Kallistos, the two-year-old son of Robinson Crusoe and Bellissima, carried 8.7 to the front in the Kensington Stakes, 5 furlongs, at the Adelaide Racing Club's Birthday Meeting. This colt's dam Bellissima was bred by the N.Z. Stud Co., and is a full sister to the Hon. G. McLean's stallion St. Clair, being by Musket out of Pulehra.

Bushman, who won the Steeplechase at the Sydney Turf Club's Meeting, not long since appeared nightly on the stage of Her Majesty's Theatre in "The English Rose."

Another of the progeny of Trenton figured as a winner at the Newcastle Jockey Club's Queen's Birthday Meeting, Lady Trenton, by Trenton—Black Swan, 7.7, showing her heels to 11 others in the Birthday Handicap, one mile.

The Richmond Pony Club (Vic.) has passed the following rule:—"That an owner of any pony running in any race shall have the power of calling up any pony in such race to be remeasured, providing notice of such intention be given to the secretary before 12 noon on day of race, and upon depositing the sum of £1 sterling for each such pony. Should the pony called up measure its registered height, one-half of the amount deposited shall be given to the owner of the pony called up, the other half to be retained by the club. Should such pony measure above its registered height, such pony to be prohibited from running in the race for which it was nominated, and the deposit to be refunded."

The peculiarly-named Chaund Bee Bee, who has been running in Sydney and the neighborhood, is an English-bred mare, by Royal Hampton from Missy Baba, by Springfield.

Racing men generally will be sorry to hear that amongst the latest victims to Melbourne financial depression is Mr A. F. Bradshaw, of Mordialloc, who has been compelled to file his schedule. "The Professor," otherwise "Sterling" or "old Brad," is one of the best known amongst Australian turfites, having been identified with racing in various capacities for many years. For several years he fought a hopeless task in trying to keep on racing at Richfield, near Melbourne, but the

picturesqueness of the spot and the beauty of the surrounding country were not sufficient recompense for the unpleasant drive over bad roads from Mordialloc station, and racing at Richfield at length became a thing of the past, the proprietor, by permission of the V.R.C. committee, very wisely holding his last couple of meetings on the more conveniently situated Aspendale Park course of his neighbour, Mr J. R. Croke. Mr Bradshaw was a heavy loser by the flood of 1891, the severity of which cut him off from communication with Mordialloc for some time, and for a couple of days great fears were entertained for his safety. The devastation of his farm at a critical time was, however, a blow from the effects of which he never recovered financially, and it is cited as the primary cause of his having to seek the protection of the court. Mr Bradshaw's liabilities are set down at £11,042 and his assets at £5,564.

### Foreign Items.

Formerly it was the custom in England for any jockey or trainer or anyone connected with the stable to enter horses belonging to other owners in the stable and the entries were taken as good. Now, however, not even a trainer can enter a horse trained by himself belonging to an employer unless that employer authorises, in writing to Messrs Weatherby, the trainer to act in his behalf.

The New York Spirit of the Times for April 15 contains the following pretty piece of poetry concerning Mr "Abington" Baird:—

A flash of life. Riches untold;  
A youth misspent—a glitter of gold;  
A winning mount, a two-ounce glove,  
An actor's rôle, a woman's love;  
A luckless trip to a foreign shore;  
A ring, a chill—the Squire's no more.

The Derby winner Sir Hugo landed the odds of 11 to 8 on him for the 34th Biennial Stakes, 1 mile 7 furlongs and 203 yards, run at the Newmarket Spring Meeting. He carried 9.5 and won in a canter by three lengths. Bushey Park, 9.0, was second, and Babrow, 9.0, third.

It is not often that a horse starts in a hurdle race at 3.10 p.m., gets beaten a head, and then comes out again at 4.15 p.m. and wins a £1000 steeplechase over three miles and a half. But this is what Horizoandid at Sandown Park in April. His win was in a weight-for-age steeplechase, for which a supporter of Cloister laid 2000 to 100 on the National winner bar a fall.

At the Newmarket Craven Meeting, which commenced on April 18, Ravensbury (who subsequently ran up in the Two Thousand and Derby) was second with 9.5 to Watchtower, 9.5, in the 35th Newmarket Biennial Stakes, Rowley Mile. Lord Rosebery's Tressure, 8.5, was third, with a quintette behind her. Odds of 6 to 4 were laid on Ravensbury, who was beaten by only half a length. Watchtower is by Muncaster (son of Doncaster) out of Mizpah, a daughter of Macgregor.

Particulars are to hand of the race for the Claygate Handicap, run at Sandown Park on April 14, and which was annexed by the Australian-bred Martindale, a son of Martini-Henry and La Princesse. The starters numbered five, and Martindale, who carried 9.5, won easily by three parts of a length from Raglan, who started favourite. The Australian horse was steered by Mornington Cannon.

In referring to the marked falling off in heavy betting that has taken place in the old country of late years a well-known English writer says he can call to mind eight or ten men who annually made books extending from £10,000 to £50,000 each on the Derby—indeed in the year 1856 the late Mr Davis laid Mr Clark £100,000 to £1000 against each of the three horses he had in that race. The combined books of all the members of Tattersall's over this year's Derby probably did not amount to what was laid by one man in 1856.

There lately died in America a gelding named Monitor, who ran for eight successive seasons, and shared with Parole, who won so many good races in England for the Yankees, the reputation of being the best gelding ever reared in the States. Monitor was bred at the Preakness stud by the late Mr M. H. Sandford, and was sold as a yearling to Mr George L. Lorillard, who retained him until the day of his death. He was by Glenelg from a Lexington mare, and as the Glenelgs had a reputation for temper Monitor was gelded. During his early career he was only a fair performer, but he improved with age, and at four years the celebrated

Luke Blackburn was his only superior. Next year he could beat everything bar the three-year-old Hindoo, who succeeded, like Luke Blackburn, in keeping him in second place for the Champion Stakes. At seven years he was better than ever, and at this stage of his career he met and defeated such good animals as Eole, Miss Woodford, Drake Carter, Parole, and Iroquois. Finally he won the Champion Stakes, beating Eole and Parole after one of the grandest races ever seen at Monmouth Park. He did fairly well in 1884, but in 1885 his powers were plainly waning, and Mr Lorillard decided to pension him off. Altogether he ran 117 races, of which he won 42, was second 38 times, and third 19 times.

### Coming Events.

[BY SIR LAUNCELOT.]

#### V.R.C. WINTER MEETING.

I FANCY that I was the first turf scribe in New Zealand to give publicity to the fact that Mangere would be entered for the Victoria Racing Club's Grand National Steeplechase. The full list of entries is now to hand, and reads thus:—Mangere, Royal Oak, Brodie, Carlisle, Coral, Confidence, Kalydor, Medicine, Rebecca, Clarion, Macduff, Frantic, Busaco, Dondi, Expectation, Tyro, Ernie, Mikado II, Tayforth, Raven, Ouida, Waterloo, Quilp, Lonnen, Password, Schoolboy, Kremlin, Puzzle, Redleap, Sir Wilfred, Trojan, Acrobat, Shylock, Wellington, Albert, Leap Year. Of these Mikado II. and Tayforth rank with Mangere as New Zealanders. In the Grand National Hurdle Race are to be found the New Zealand-bred Pygmalion, Omaha, Captain Webb, Satyr, Kapo and Donald. There is a falling off in the entries as compared with the previous years. The figures are:—Hurdle Race: In 1889, 35; in 1890, 38; in 1891, 64; in 1892, 53; and in 1893, 33. Steeplechase: In 1889, 26; in 1890, 37; in 1891, 44; in 1892, 49; and in 1893, 36. The weights were due on Monday last, but had not come to hand at the time of writing.

#### MELBOURNE CUP.

INSTEAD of 128 entries for the Melbourne Cup, as cabled over, there were 129, the one not telegraphed being John S. Only on eight occasions has this entry been exceeded, the figures being—1875, 88; 1876, 98; 1877, 113; 1878, 109; 1879, 122; 1880, 109; 1881, 120; 1882, 128; 1883, 150; 1884, 134; 1885, 160; 1886, 143; 1887, 128; 1888, 139; 1889, 127; 1890, 149; 1891, 163; 1892, 135; 1893, 129. Weights are due on Monday week, the 26th.

#### CAULFIELD CUP.

THE entries for this event, received on the same day as the Melbourne Cup, totalled 117, which is 17 less than in 1892, 37 less than in 1891, and 23 less than in 1890. The weights are due on the same day as the Melbourne Cup, Monday week, the 26th inst.

#### WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

FOLLOWING on the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's gathering, the Wellington Racing Club will hold their annual steeplechases on July 8th. The nominations received on Tuesday night are very satisfactory, there being 15 in the Trial Steeplechase Handicap, 24 in the Hurdles, 26 in the Wellington Steeplechase, and 17 in the High Weight Handicap on the flat; but there are only 7 in the Ladies' Bracelet? Can it be that we are short of gentlemen riders nowadays? Perish the thought! The South Island horses engaged are not remarkable for number, and I am sorry to see that neither Norton nor Kulnine have been nominated. The pick of the North Island nags are, however, in the Hurdles and Steeplechases. The weights are due on the 26th inst.

#### HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB.

THE weights for the Hurdle Race of 100 sovs, 2 miles, and Hawke's Bay Steeplechase of 3 1/2 miles, were due according to the advertised programme on or about the 8th inst, and considering that the Auckland Racing Club had to postpone their Grand National Hurdle Race and Great Northern Steeplechase, the H.B.J.C. might as well have waited till after the Auckland running for Mr Evett's handicaps. Mr Evett tells me that he made strong representations to the Club on the subject, but they declined

to wait for the handicaps till Monday, though that would only have involved a delay of one publication in a morning daily, while it would have given the weight-adjuster every opportunity of forming his calculations as to the running in the Great Northern Steeplechase. As the acceptances do not close till tomorrow, I fail to see where the necessity for the quick declaration of the weights came in.

Mr Evett starts his Hurdle adjustments with 12.0 on Couranto, which he is quite entitled to do, considering the time that this nag has been in retirement. Kulnine, 11.10, is dropped 2lb on his Grand National weight, never the less he meets Tiritea on the same terms, viz., giving the Napierite 7lb. Mr Evett is consistent herein, but why does not Aorere get taken down in the scale accordingly? In the A.R.C. Grand National Hurdles Aorere had 10.9, but with Kulnine and Tiritea lowered, why should not similar treatment have been dealt out to the son of Castoff? Waterbury's running here was so bad that I must pass him by. Gondolier has been under a cloud for some time past, but I like Kapua at 10.0, and I think, considering his victory in the Maiden Hurdles at Ellerslie that Mr Evett might have given him a few pounds more. Glenelg, 9.12, has a reputation, but he has not run up to it. Criminal, 9.10, had to be handicapped before the second day of the A.R.C. Meeting or otherwise he would have had a bit more weight to carry after his victory in the Hurdle Race on that day. The Hawke's Bay correspondent of the SPORTING REVIEW, who knows more about Jack, 9.7, than I do, seems to regard him as having a chance. Chester, at 9.7, reads well, and should beat all those below him, and I hardly understand how Mr Evett arrives at the conclusion that he is so much inferior to Kapua and Criminal.

Mr Evett starts the handicap for the Steeplechase at 12.8, the same as he gave Norton at Auckland. Whalebone, with 6lb below the Southerner, has his full deserts, and I do not fancy Couranto at 12.0. Tiritea, 11.4, did not sample the heavy going at Ellerslie under the same weight as he has now got. Bootles ran unplaced in that race, and yet he is raised 3lb on what he then carried, while Tiritea is left at the same weight. Why is this? Then again, neither Aorere nor Gondolier started in the Great Northern Steeplechase in which Mr Evett gave them 10.7 and 10.5 respectively, but according to this, his most recent adjustment, Aorere meets Gondolier on the same mark. Parnell is kept at 10.0, and then comes Otakeho at the same weight, and this I am told is a good horse of his class. I must again express an opinion that Chester has a bit the best of the weights, but the only one of those below him that I have a liking for is Worth. When, however, the acceptances see the light there will be more opportunity of discussing probabilities.

### Weights, etc.

#### HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE OF 100 SOVS. About 2 miles. Weights. st lb

Couranto	12 0	Chester	9 7
Kulnine	11 10	Disturbance	9 7
Tiritea	11 3	Free Lance	9 5
Aorere	10 9	Tontine	9 3
Waterbury	10 8	Spinfield	9 3
Gondolier	10 7	Zanzibar	9 3
Kapua	10 0	Auroa	9 0
Glenelg	9 12	Pomoana	9 0
Criminal	9 10	Unity	9 0
Jack	9 7	Inanga	9 0

#### HAWKE'S BAY STEEPLCHASE OF 300 SOVS. About 3 1/2 miles.

Norton	12 8	Scalthen	9 10
Whalebone	12 2	Disturbance	9 9
Couranto	12 0	Auckland	9 9
Tiritea	11 4	Criminal	9 8
Bootles	10 11	Gladius	9 8
Waterbury	10 8	Woi-hi	9 7
Aorere	10 7	Shearer	9 7
Gondolier	10 7	Pomoana	9 7
Parnell	10 0	Zanzibar	9 7
Otakeho	10 0	The Dromedary	9 7
Chester	9 12	T Rose	9 7
Glenelg	9 10	Manaena	9 7
The Master	9 10		

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#### WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S STEEPLCHASES. NOMINATIONS.

TRIAL STEEPLCHASE HANDICAP OF 70 SOVS, two miles.—Worth, Active, Oakland, Cleveland, Flywheel, Rex, Nanika, Warlock, Liberty, Mutineer, Moonraker, Review, Judas, Union Jack, Allegretto.  
HURDLE HANDICAP OF 100 SOVS, one mile and three quarters.—The Idler, Bideaway, Freelance, Worth, Auroa, Oakland, Otakeho, Langley, The Devil, Chester, Iroquois, Unity, Empire, Viola II., Houpla, Disturbance, Manga, Sir Gurney, Gondolier, Jacob, Wanderer, Karawa, Kapua, Mutiny.  
WELLINGTON STEEPLCHASE HANDICAP OF 200 SOVS, three miles.—Cytus II., Bide-away, Worth, Active, Rex, Auckland, Dromedary, Aorere, Whalebone, Bootles, Disturbance, Sir Gurney, Empire, Gondolier, Jack, Victrix, Parnell, Waterbury, Couranto, Union Jack, Allegretto, Otakeho, Flywheel, Chester, Caloola, Iroquois.  
LADIES' BRACELET HANDICAP OF 50 SOVS, two miles on flat.—Waikawa, St. Anthony, Cleveland, Mariner, Margrave, Joker, Novice.  
HIGH-WEIGHT HANDICAP OF 60 SOVS, one mile and a quarter, on flat.—Thalia, The Idler, St. Anthony, Auroa, Auckland, Langley, The Devil, Dromedary, Houpla, Manga, Stockfish, Jacob, Prince Cole, Margrave, Waterbury, Couranto, Joker.