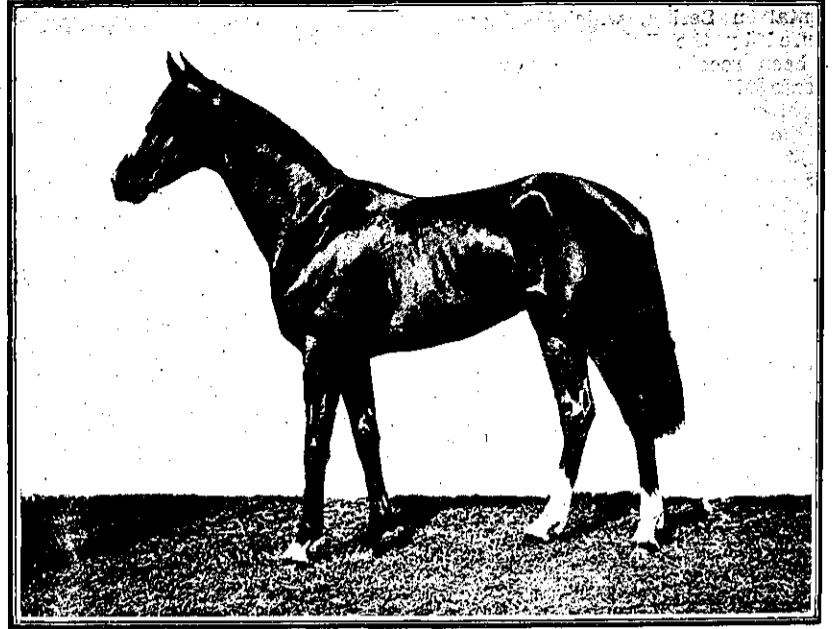


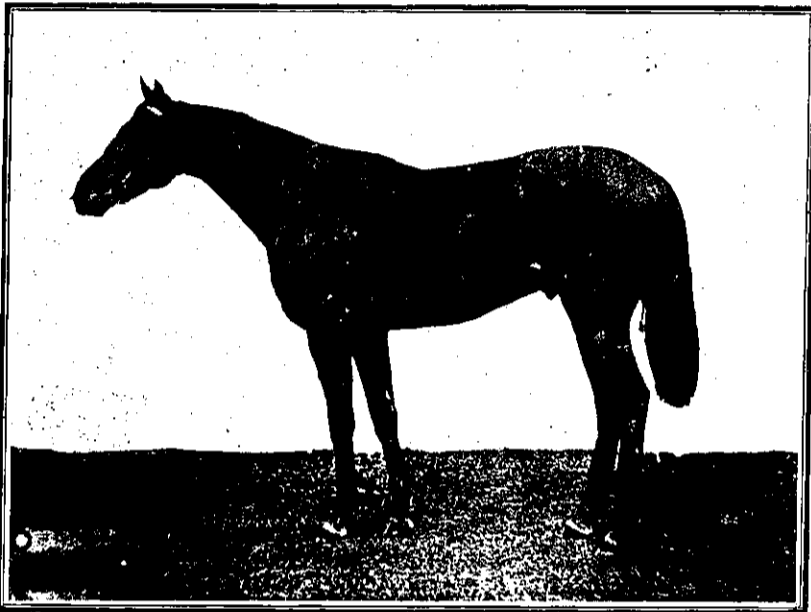
## SOME USEFUL MEMBERS OF THE WELL-KNOWN HIGHDEN TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT AT AWAPUNI.



Three-year-old brown colt CROWN IMPERIAL (imp.), by Martagon—Macaroon.



Brown two-year-old colt NYSTAD, by Finland—Pas Seul.



Chestnut horse PANMURE (imp.), 4yrs., by Forfarshire—Panacea.



A WELL-KNOWN PERFORMER—Brown horse EXPECT, 6yrs., by Advance—Endeavour.

## THE TREATMENT OF YEARLINGS.

The "Bloodstock Breeders' Review" for October contains an interesting chat with Sir John Robinson, one of England's leading breeders. Sir John believes in giving foals and yearlings plenty of air and freedom, and says fresh air is a cure for most of the ills to which horseflesh is heir. "Of course," he remarked, "if yearlings are cooped up they will grow better for a time, but they are bound to suffer from such treatment in the long run. They become soft and cloggy, and stop growing sooner than they should do." Until within six weeks of the Doncaster sales the Worksop Manor yearlings are out day and night, and then after they are 'taken up,' are allowed to be in the paddock for three or four hours each day in addition to having daily walking exercise for two hours. He added that there was no doubt

that the few days yearlings were at Doncaster, confined in boxes 14ft square, did them a lot of harm. In Sir John's opinion English racehorses of the present day are superior to those of 30 or 40 years ago, the greatest advance perhaps being made during the past ten years. Fewer bad horses and cripples are bred, and a much greater proportion of the yearlings now sold at Doncaster see a racecourse than was the case in the earlier days. He attributes the improvement in this direction to more natural methods being adopted in the rearing of bloodstock. Yearlings are no longer sent into the ring as fat bullocks, their preparation for sale being conducted on commonsense lines. During the past 11 years the 179 yearlings sent from Worksop Manor have averaged £20gs. The "fat" yearling may have gone out of favour in England, but it is not so in Australia, and sellers here see to it that

buyers get plenty of meat for their money. In most cases they would probably have difficulty in disposing of their stock on advantageous terms if they failed to adopt that course. At different times I have heard leading owners and trainers condemn the practice, but when it came to buying, they, like everybody else, wanted the sleek youngsters, not those sent up in anything approaching "the rough."

It is very evident says the Victorian correspondent of the "Referee," that if the "Infernal machine," as one cleric designated the Totalisator, is to become legal in Victoria, it will not be by the efforts of the committee of the V.R.C. At an informal discussion by the members of that body on Friday last over the bill brought before the House by Mr.

Farthing, it does not (they consider) fulfill the conditions essential to the committee giving its support to the legalising of the Totalisator. The committee have a mandate from the members of the Victoria Racing Club to support the Totalisator so long as it can be legalised on conditions that will be of benefit to racing, and a preliminary perusal of the bill does not bear out that necessary advantage.

Mr. J. Robson, best known to the sporting world as the breeder of Pink 'Un, Gatenby, Maupai, Teviotdale, Sir Daniel and Falstone, has a two-year-old half sister to the above horses, by King's Guest, running on his nephew's property at Te Mahanga. Mr. Robson has quitted the sport from the owning point of view, and he, therefore, intends to dispose of the filly:

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