

A visitor to the city just now is the veteran sportsman, Mr. J. Lenard, of Falcon Lodge, Waihou.

Seventeen clubs have made further application to the Racing Conference for totalisator permits. Seven of them want two days' meetings.

Nothing definite is to hand regarding the condition of F. Howard, who was injured when Pleiades fell in the Wanganui Steeplechase, though it is said he is still in a serious state.

Rangi Thompson had one of his arms broken when Otupai fell with him at Hawke's Bay last week.

J. M. Cameron has had his team at Hastings strengthened by the addition of St. Elm, by St. Ambrose—Maude. The colt is therefore a half-brother to Mahutonga, Mangaroa and opu.K

The rising two-year-old full brother to Evaane will be known as Sir Moseley and a younger full sister as Lady Fulda.

Mangaroa is said to be wintering well and she is to be specially prepared for the New Zealand Cup. Her owner's father, Mr W. Douglas, won the race in 1903 with Rosefeldt, while he also bred another winner of the race in Tortulla.

At a meeting of the South Canterbury Jockey Club a remit to the Racing Conference was adopted that the Government be asked to amend the tax on clubs to one on the net profits instead of on the gross returns.

C. Brown and J. Buchanan, two prominent Ellerslie horsemen, will be riding at the Gisborne meeting.

Lord Derby presented Frank Wootton with a massive silver cup engraved with the names of winners ridden by Wootton for the Stanley House stable.

Mr. J. Hogg, a well-known West Australian sportsman, at present on a visit to Auckland, returned to town on Monday after spending a few days at Roturua with Mr. H. H. Hayr. Mr. Hogg returns to Australia on Monday next.

The steeplechase at the Ballarat (Victoria) meeting on Friday week was a sensational affair, each of the four competitors making a mistake of some sort. Ricardo, after refusing a fence twice, won by half a mile.

At the last meeting of the West Australian Turf Club, a filly named Kaluwiri won the Trial Handicap and brought off a surprise. There was only one 10s ticket invested on her for a win and the holder received £175 10s. On the place machine the dividend was £20 11s for 10s.

Rarely do backers have such a good time as was experienced at the recent Rockhampton (Q.) meeting. It is reported that seven first favourites got home on the first day, five were successful on the second day, and on the concluding day they all won, thus 19 out of 21 races fell to the "fancied article," which is probably a record in its way.

Long Set, who acted as runner-up to Eton Boy in the Royal Hunt Cup at Ascot, filled a similar position behind Moscato in the same race last year. At his own distance Long Set would appear to be about the best handicap horse in England this season. In March, he won the Lincolnshire Handicap with 8.2, and the following month he carried 9.0 to victory in the Newbury Spring Cup.

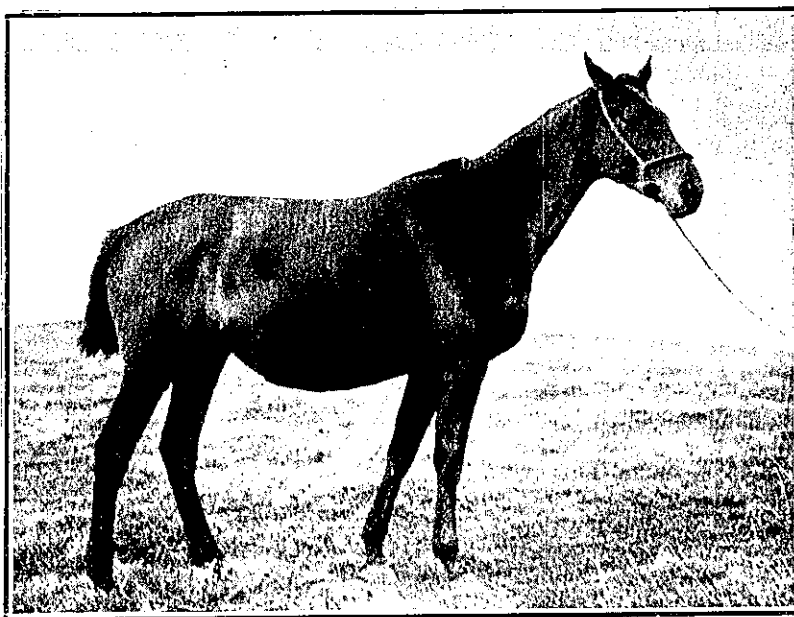
A discussion arose the other night (says the "Pall Mall") as to the wittiest name ever given to a racehorse, in view of parentage. Various instances were quoted, but by general acceptance the prize was awarded to a horse which Lord Dudley owned and raced a good many years ago. It was by Sentinel out of Beggar Maid, and he called it "Present Alms."

The two-year-old filly Bonnie Bird, a half sister to Mr. E. J. Watt's stallion All Black, won two more races just before the last mail left England. On each occasion she showed exceptional speed and had her opponents in trouble from the start. Bonnie Bird is already being compared with Pretty Polly, on account of the way in which she wins her races.

The Torpedo gelding Thrave, by winning the Final Handicap at Hastings, proved that his success on the first day of the meeting was no fluke, as he had 12lb additional weight in the saddle. Thrave is a four-year-old brown gelding, and was bred by the Messrs. Douglas, his dam, Carnelian, being a daughter of Cyrenian and the Ingomar mare Aegyptilla. When in a galloping mood he is decided useful.

Among the winners at Moonee Valley (Victoria) on June 12 was Was-ecca, by General Symons or Formosan, from Helen. The New Zealand-bred gelding is trained by "Lou" Robertson, who is better known as the trainer of trotters, but who has done well with the hurdle racer Merry Monarch (also from New Zealand), and recently won a race at Sandown Park with the American mare, Dewberry.

A couple of years ago the V.R.C. struck off the seventh race it used to run on Melbourne Cup day, but it has again reverted to that number. It is doubtful whether there was any special call for the extra race, particularly on Cup Day, when the interest really centres on one event, and a goodly proportion of visitors start homewards immediately it is decided. Perhaps (says an exchange) this may be an idea of the committee to bring about departures from the course in gradual fashion, and thereby assist in avoiding any marked congestion of the railway traffic.



MR H. R. MCKENZIE'S brood mare LADY HESTER, dam of Master Soult, Dearest and Prince Soult.

The V.R.C. committee have decided that all bookmakers plying their calling at Flemington shall be warned against employing "runners," or "tick-tackers." Notices have been posted at Flemington for a considerable time to the effect that runners or tick-tackers are not permitted to operate at race meetings there, but the regulation has hitherto been more honoured in the breach than in the observance.

After her victory in the One Thousand Guineas, a well recognised English authority wrote thus of the subsequent Derby heroine:—"Tagalie had matters all her own way in the last furlong, and I cannot see how any of the others—unless it be Bill and Coc—are ever to catch her. It is very true that they run in all shapes, and Tagalie is a plain, mean-looking, rather spiry filly, with a goose rump, but she is all wire and whip cord, a thoroughly varminty type, and probably a thorough stay-er."

L. H. Hewitt was riding very well indeed, when the last mail to hand left London. At Newmarket on April 30 he rode a filly called Santonique into second place behind the favourite, Thistleton (F. Wootton) in a field of twenty-eight starters. Hewitt's mount was not mentioned in the betting. In a break-away fifteen of the competitors ran the course (five furlongs), and only one of these returned to the post for the actual race; but the others were considered runners, as they were under the starter's orders. None of the favourites were concerned in the unfortunate break-away.

The Chester meeting is one of the oldest in England, and at one time the Chester Cup was one of the big races of the year. Although possessing nothing like its former popularity, it is still an interesting event. It carries

£2050 stake money, and is run over a distance of two miles and a quarter. Rathlea, who won last month, covered the distance in 3min 57.4-5sec, which is 4 2-5sec slower than Signor's record time for the Canterbury Cup. Rathlea is trained by Couthwaite, who has the distinction of having sent out three Grand National winners in the last seven years.

In the matter of the appeal by R. Jellie against the decision of the Hawke's Bay Metropolitan Committee endorsing the decision of the judicial committee of the Tologa Bay Jockey Club in dismissing a protest lodged by Jellie, owner of Game, that McLeod, rider of Auldearn, jostled Game in the Uawa Stakes Handicap, the Racing Conference judges, in their judgment, state:—"We are of unanimous opinion that the decision of the Hawke's Bay Committee in upholding the decision of the Tologa Bay Committee cannot be disturbed. We therefore dismiss the appeal, and order the deposit to be refunded." The judges were Messrs R. H. Nolan, J. W. Abbott, and W. E. Bidwill.

Omitting his New Zealand victories, Carbine won 25 races at set weights, and if they had approached the value of those of the present day his stake winnings would have been fully £40,000, instead of the total of £29,476 for the whole of his 33 victories. It may not be generally known, but Carbine only won five weight-for-age events for which the added money

chine Gun (1904) and Isolt (1906). Since migrating to Europe L. H. Hewitt has for several years ridden successfully on the Continent, where he held a retainer as first horseman to the Gratz Stud, a concern run by the German Government. Hewitt was "discovered" by the Warrnambool owner-trainer Mr W. Moran, who prepared Alva for the Toorak Handicap and other winning races.

Thirty-one youngsters are engaged in the next Avondale Stakes, while 42 still remain in the Guineas.

The Chief, winner of the Hunt Cup at Hastings, was afterwards purchased by the Waikato sportsman, Mr C. D. McLaren.

C. Brown will ride Admiral Soult and Necktie in their Gisborne engagements. Next season Necktie will be mated with Multifid.

From the South comes news of the death of Handsome Jack who was responsible for a few good horses, the best being perhaps Roseal, who defeated Treadmill and others in the C.J.C. Derby.

F. Stenning is getting a strong team together and with Jack Delaval, Dunborve, Ruatangata, Devastation, Monojack and a filly by Soult—Carusa to battle for him he should secure some stake money for his patrons next season.

Basse Point, who ran second to Prince Palatine in the Ascot Gold Cup, had done most of her racing in France, where, on May 9, she won the Prix Dollars at Paris, a race decided over eleven furlongs, and the most important of the meeting.

The Royal Hunt Cup is one of the big events of the June Meeting at Ascot, and is run over a distance of seven furlongs and 166 yards. It is an old established race, dating back to 1843, when Knight of the Whistle beat twenty-four runners. Some good horses figure on the list of winners, notably See Saw, Lowlander, Sweetbread, Gay Hermit, Morion, Victor Wild, Jacquemart, and Lally. It has nearly always attracted very large fields, the biggest being in 1862, when Canary defeated 37 runners. Eton Boy, the winner of this year's event, is a four-year-old brown colt, and is trained by Carter. His performances have only been moderate, whereas the second horse, Longset, is one of the best handicap horses in England, and was doubtless conceding his conqueror a tremendous lot of weight.

A romance of the turf is recalled by the resignation of Mr J. F. Awbery as master of the Warrington (Cheshire) Workhouse. In May last Mr Awbery was the lucky winner of about £19,000 in the Calcutta Club's Derby "eweep." The story of his god fortune sounds like a chapter from the pages of fiction. Several weeks before last year's Derby Mr Awbery, hearing that three tickets for the sweep were to be obtained, purchased these for £1 19s 6d. With one of the tickets he drew Steadfast, and sold a half share to a Dundee syndicate for £1200. The offer of a well-known peer to buy the remaining share of the ticket was declined with thanks. On the afternoon of the Derby Mr Awbery had to make a hurried journey to Scotland, with his solicitor, to secure signature to a document in connection with the sale of the ticket, and it was only after a very exciting motor car race across country against time that the papers were lodged safely at a bank, thereby enabling him to establish his claim to the ticket. Mr Awbery won the second prize in the sweepstakes, which was worth about £38,000, and by his lucky speculation he became the richer by £19,000. Since October Mr Awbery has been suffering from a serious illness, and has been ordered to Lucerne for a change of climate. He is giving up the superannuation to which he is entitled in order to assist deserving cases which cannot be relieved out of the rates.

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