

V.R.C. GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE RACE.

The result of the Victoria Racing Club's Grand National Hurdle Race, run on Saturday last, shows that Sandule (10.2), a five-year-old by imported Sands of the Orient (son of Rock Sand, winner of the Two Thousand Guineas, Derby, Leger, etc.), beat 18 others, and won in the record time for the three miles, over 15 brush hurdles, of 5min. 41sec., the previous best being 5min. 42sec., registered by Jullunder (10.9), in March, 1916, and Marahnong (9.0), in July, 1918. We can only conjecture how Lochella would have been getting on had he started, carrying 10.5, the weight he had with his penalty, but the performance of Sandule appears to have been a distinctly creditable one, though, at Caulfield on June 19, he only ran fairly in a hurdle race, as did Bright Plume, who carried the ex-New Zealander, H. Cairns, and was second with 9.13. The third horse, Tullilah (9.7), was also a starter at Caulfield, but had an abscess on the jaw, and, being a hard horse to control, was at a disadvantage. It was a creditable performance on the part of the ex-Auckland-er, Beltane, that he got fifth with his weight in such a big field. Mneon, who was a very much fancied candidate, fell, and broke his neck.

ENGLISH YEARLING SALES.

We look to Newmarket for high prices to rule for bloodstock brought under the hammer there. Big money has sometimes been obtained at auctions in other parts of the world for thoroughbreds, but most of the record sales have been made in England, and Newmarket continues to be the leading emporium of the world. At one time 1000 guineas for a yearling was reckoned a big sum even there, and it only seems a few decades back since buyers who went above the sum named were referred to as reckless. There have been many high-priced failures, but some of the highest-priced yearlings have justified their purchase, and with the prospect of owning something good enough to win classic honours, good races and distinction, sportsmen with wealth behind them are ever in the field. The first of the regular yearling sales held at Newmarket this season, according to a cable last week, confirmed the general belief that prices for English bloodstock would not likely drop, but on the contrary, were likely to be maintained at the high standard of pre-war times. Last year the result of the Newmarket sales was such as to support such a view. So far, a Sunstar colt at 7000 guineas heads the list, and a filly by The Tetrarch realised 5100 guineas, a colt by Pemmern making 3100 guineas. As we have some of the same strains of blood in the colonies, breeders who keep in touch with such matters will be interested in the brief message referred to.

AUCKLAND AMATEUR PROVINCIAL BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The revival of the Auckland amateur provincial boxing championships after a lapse of six years, is keenly appreciated by patrons of the fistic art, and the Northern Boxing Association's tournament on Monday and Tuesday next (July 12 and 13) at the Town Hall is certain to receive a wide measure of patronage. The standard of boxing witnessed in amateur bouts decided at recent tournaments in Auckland augurs well for the success of next week's carnival at the Town Hall, and as the entries in the various divisions are well up to expectations some interesting and spirited contests are promised among the contenders for the respective championship titles. The best of the local amateurs will be seen in action, and boxing followers may look forward with confidence to a couple of first-rate entertainments on Monday and Tuesday evenings next.

On the second night of the carnival additional interest will be given to the proceedings by the fifteen rounds lightweight professional contest, which is to be decided between B. Jarvis and T. Keenan, two capable exponents of the art. Their encounter should be productive of a skilful display, and with the amateur contestants who have survived the eliminating bouts of the previous evening on hand to dispute their claims to the various championships Tuesday evening's carnival should prove a noteworthy one in many respects.

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Battle Song is reported to be showing proficiency in his essays over the schooling hurdles at Trentham.

Mr. A. B. Williams has named the two-year-old sister to Humbug (Absurd—Eulogy) Fulsome.



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LAND TRANSFER ACT NOTICE.

Evidence of the loss of Certificate of Title Volume 104 folio 177 of the Register Book in favour of Annabella Donaldson for Lot 2 Block 15 and Lot 13 Block 16 on Plan 410 Part Allot. 24 Parish of Waitemata having been lodged with me and application made to issue a Provisional Certificate of Title.

Notice is hereby given of my intention to issue a Provisional Certificate of Title accordingly at the expiration of fourteen days from the Eighth day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty.

Dated the Second day of July, One thousand nine hundred and twenty, at the Land Registry Office, at Auckland.

THOS. HALL, District Land Registrar.

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THE THOROUGHBRED STALLION,

WINKIE (IMP.), 1.

By WILLIAM THE THIRD (winner Ascot Gold Cup, Alexandra Plate, Doncaster Cup, etc.)—CONJURE (dam of Winkipop and half sister to dam of Santoi), by JUGGLER (brother to Necromancer)—CONNIE, by PERO GOMEZ (Middle Park Plate, St. Leger, etc.).

WINKIE comes in a direct family tail from PENELOPE, by TRUMPATOR (the dam of Whalebone and Whisker).

Winkie's sister, Winkipop, won over £12,000 in stakes, and produced at the stud that great colt, Blink. His brother, Piliwinkie, with only six starts, won the Triennial Produce Stakes at Newmarket, beating Cantilever and Arda, and the Ascot Derby, beating by four lengths a large field, which included Augur and Sun Yat.

A few nominations available at 25 guineas, and 10s. groom's fee. Grazing of dry mares £1 per week, wet mares 30s. per week.

Mares not proving in foal will be taken free the following season, provided they have not changed owners in the meantime, in which case no allowance will be made. Every possible care taken, but no responsibility of any kind accepted. For further particulars apply to

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THE THOROUGHBRED STALLION,

SUNNY LAKE (IMP.), 10.

(CHESTNUT HORSE, FOALED 1912.)

By SUNDRIDGE (fastest horse of his time, and sire of SUNSTAR, Derby, etc.)—PEARL OF THE LOCH (winner of July Stakes and Granby Plate, by PERSIMMON (Derby, St. Leger, Ascot Gold Cup, and sire of SCEPTRE and PRINCE PALATINE, etc.)—LOCH DOON (winner of six races), by BREAD KNIFE—THE DOON, by BEAUCLERC (Middle Park Plate)—BOUVARDIA, by HERMIT.

SUNNY LAKE won the Grantham Stakes at Newmarket, beating such horses as Land of Song; the Wood Ditton Stakes at Newmarket, carrying 9.5, beating Son-in-Law, etc.; the Triennial Stakes, at Ascot, beating Polycrates (Newmarket Handicap).

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THE THOROUGHBRED STALLION,

SOLFERINO (IMP.), 4.

By SOLIMAN (son of St. Simon), dam LITTLE RED SPINNER (half sister to SWIFT CHLORAN, dam of Irish Elegance), by BONNET ROUGE, by ISONOMY, etc.

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