

SURGERY TO SAVE HORSES.

An operating theatre for horses is the latest achievement of the Research Station near Newmarket, where the Queen came to open a surgical wing. 4-footed "patients" included a donkey and one of Prince Philip's polo ponies, Main Light, due for treatment on the ligament of a stifle. Here at Balaton Lodge scientists work exclusively on the health problems of horses. Now the place has added a surgical department, more advanced, perhaps, than any other in the world. New anaesthetizing technique puts minimum strain on the heart, and it's hoped that operations previously unthinkable will now be successfully performed.

Mr. James Roberts, head of the Clinical Department, explained that many horses which break a leg will in future have it mended, and not have to be destroyed, as used to be done, as a matter of course. Welcome news for all horse lovers.