the Heathicote Cup also knocked backers of her in the Midsummer-Handicap, and my impression is that she was backed by few people not in the know in regard to her merits. She was not pulled by any means in the Cup, but Ilium made the pace a cracker. and she and Regina' fairly wore down Lady Zetland ere the winning post was reached.
Missile has proved a very cheap purchase for Butier, as has also done Crown Jewel, and did Juck in racing only rest in judgment Butter would long ago have been a rich man, what cattle he has had of late years, and what kind of luck he has had with them.
I know of a good few dark troters about Canterbury now that will win sooner or later. When in conversation with a very shrewd racing man to-day he remarked, "you can do nothing but hold them back if you want to win anything with them;" and there is no doubt that a great majority of trotting owners run their trotters for profit only. I believe in the rule that obtains in Australia to the effect that stewards, should-they have any suspicion of malpractice, can change riders and drivers at their discretion immaterial of the wishes of owners
I It appears to me that the Plumpton Park trotting and racing track will eventually prove one of the best minor courses in the disirict: It is very well laid out, and the going will commonly be first class. I have a serious fault to find with the management, however, and that is that a fairly Whitechapel class of people are employed in minor official positions.

## Sporting Iems:

The Victorian legislato s' have shelved their totalisator bill for the present.
An old and well-known breeder of horses (Mr.John Pendergast) died recently in Victoria. One by one the old landmarks are disappearing.'
We notice that' the 'Auckland Cup winner We notice that the Auckland Gup winner cap at the Gisborne Racing Club's meeting; which is held on the 19 th and 20 th January.

Collelo, who rode Tirailleur in the New Zealand and Canterbury Cups, has Ieft the
employ of Mr. Paul, of Wanganui, with whom employ of Mr.: Pasi, of for several years.
It is probably a good job those accidents happened in the Steeplechase last Saturday, or otherwise, a meeting of the stewards might have been deemed necessary, to save their "gond name and reputation," about which some parties are very particular.
We notice that the locally-owned Satyr, won the A.J.C Hurdle Race at Randwick, on Saturday last Miss Letty, a two-year old, by St. Leger-Necklace, ran second to Moonray in the December Stakes at the same meeting. She is owned by Mr. L. D. Nathan of this city.
If we may judge by the results of the sales of racehorses recently in Melbourne, that class of animal is falling considerably in value. At a sale of some very well bred ones, the other day, the tighest price realised was 90 guineas. The next highest'price was $£ 45$.
The disappointing Archie, who was such a red-hot favourite for the V.R.C. Derby some years back, has sired a good colt named Realm, who won the Queensland Cup in good style on roth December last. This would point to the fact, that it does not necessarily require a firstclass performet on the turf to sire racehorses.
We hear that the rails at the top of the hill in the Auckland steeple course had been sawn nearly through shortly before the start for the Maiden Steeple, but Rae', discovering the trick, informed Ruddy, who soon put matters right.
The Licensing Committee of the district in which the Cromwell racecourse is situated have decided to charge a fee of $£ 35$, instead of $£ 1$ : 10s., for a temporary license to sell on the course, so long as the Cromwell Jockey Club perrists in adding the extra $1 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent tax to the usual totalisator charge of 10 per cent.Wellington Post.
The VR.C. balance-sheet shows a profit for the season of $£ 3,8436$. 4 d . Compared with an ordinary club, this shows leviathan business. They began the season with an overdraft of about $£ 2,900$, but finished up as above, with something to the good.

A pretty little surprise came off at the Thames Races on Boxing Day. It appeared at one time as if one of the races would result in a walk over, but a supposed outsider was pre-; vailed upon to start to enable the " dead bird" to draw the full stake. The outsider consented for a "fiver,"' that would pay his jockey, and he could put a little bit on the " moral." They started. The outsider took the lead and kept it, winning the race by half-a-length. The surprise of both parties can be better imagined than described, and the chagrin of the clever party was complete.

## TURF RECORD.

AUCKIAND RACING CLUBS SUMMER MEETING. FFIRST DAY.-SATURDAY, DEC 28, 1891.

Griat Norprbiris Foal Stakes of so0 sovs, added to a sweep-
gtake of 10 sovse each. The second hoxse to receive 50 sovz., stake of 10 sovs. each. The second hoxse to receive so sove,
and the third horse 25 sovs. from the stakes. For two-year-
olds. Colts, B.10; fillies and geldings, 8.5. Six furlongs.

 Tre Aucklind Cup (Handicap) of 600 sovs., added to a sweep-
stakes of 10 sove. each. Becond horse to receive 100 sovs., and stakes of 10 sovs. each. Becond horso to receive 100 sovs., and
third horse 25 sove. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds
and upwards. Sweep to be paid half-an-hour before the race.
Two miles.




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From the fall of the flag Pinfine led all the way, winning easily
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Handigap Hurdle Race of 100sors. Second horse to receive
10sove out of the stakes. Ovor eight flights of hurdles. Two ${ }_{89}$ miles. Mr. John Rae's b g Lonely, by Cap-a-pie-dam un-


 $\overline{497} \overline{628}$ Won in a cainter, Capella fell. Time, 3min 56łsec.
Dividend-Inside, $£ 3$ 3s. ; Outside, $£ 3$ 11s. , Railway Handigap of 70sovs. Second horse to receive 10sovs
out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Six
 618. 623 Won by a length. Time, 1min 16 sec . Dividend-In-
side $£ 2$ Sa.; outside $£ 1$ lifs. Nypersy Hondicap of 80sovs. Second horse to receive 10sovs
out of the stakes. For two-year-olds. Winner of Great Northern Foal Stakes to carry yolbs extra.: Wive furlongs. 128 Northern roal 13 Mrakes to $\mathbf{W}$. Hungerford's b e Wyvern, by King Cole






Christmas Handicar of 100sovs. Second horse to receive 10sovs
out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winnet out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winnet
of any handicap after publication of the weights to carry $51 b s$
penalty. One mile and a quarter. penalty. One mile and a quarter.
$\mathbf{5 3}$ Major F. Nelson George's ch miesole, by Ingomar


 Won by a short head. Time, $2 \min 12$ sec. Dividends-inside,
$£ 1368$; outaide, $£ 988$.

## THames Jockey club.-First day, December 26.

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|  | Handicar Hurdles of 35sovn. Second horse to receive bsovs out of stakes. Distance, about two miles, over eight flights of hurdles. |
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| 54 | Mr. W. H. Wight's Platch, 9.2, Hatton |
| 146 | Mr. J. Clements' Scalthleen, 9.6, Weal. |
| 41 | Mr. S. Dufty's Maccaroni, 9.0, MeClusk |
| 33 | Mr. J. H. Walsh's Argyle, late Lff Chance |
|  | Won by short neek. Dividend, fl 1s. |
|  | mes Handicap of 45sove. Second horse to receive 5 of stakes. Distance, $1 \frac{1}{2}$ miles. <br> Mr. J. Hatton's Megoulet, 6.7, Quarterman |
|  | Mr. J. Hill's Ingorina, |
|  | Won by half-a-length. Dividend, $\mathrm{E1} \mathrm{3s}$. |
|  | al Handicap of 25sovs. Second horse to receive 3eove ont stakes. Distance, 1 mile. |
| 155 | Mr. J. Teddy's Orena, 7.4 |
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$\overline{453}$ Won by half-a-length. Dividend, $£ 2$ 2s.

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| out of stakes. Distance, It mile. |
| M Mr. J. Hill's Tngorina, 9.2, Kean.................................. |
| Mr. Jas. Hatton's Megoulet, 7.0 , Quarterman |

138 Won easily by four lengths. Dividend, 138.

> Second Day-

Midsummire Handicap of 30sovs. Second horse to receive suovi

Mr. J. Hill's Ingorina, 9.4, Kean................................................
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1 Won easily. Dividend, $£ 1$ 10s.
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Mr. J. Clements' Sceltheen, 9.9, Weal
0 Mr. W. Wight's Platch, 9.9, Hatton
7 Mr. Jae's The Colonel, 11.5 , Ree ...

ceive 10sovs out of stakes. ${ }^{\text {Mistance, } 1 \frac{1}{2} \text { mile. }}$. Mr . Hills Ingorina, 9.3 , Kean...........

Won by a length: Dividend, el 8s.
mile. Weight for age.
 nil, 351b allowed.
66 Mr. H. Windsor's Mistake, 7.9, £20, W. Weddy's Orena, 7.2 , £15, Tedd
70 Won by a neck. Dividend, 148.
Thames Handicap Streplecfase of 80sovs. Becond horse to re-
ceive 10 sovs out of stakes.. Distance, about 21 miles.
Mr. J'Hements 'scaltheen, 9.12 , Weal ................


${ }_{571}$ Won by two lengths. Dividend, $\mathbf{f 2} 5 \mathrm{ss}$.

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25 Wr by half $\&$ length. Dividend, $E 7$ 13. 10 . ticketk

