the Heathcote Cup also knocked backers off 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. 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 Butler, as has also done Grown Jewel, and did luck in racing only rest in judgment Butler 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 trotters 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:

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/tems:

The Victorian legislators 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 Pinfire is nominated for the President's Handi-

cap at the Gisborne Racing Club's meeting, which is held on the 19th and 20th January.

Collelo, who rode Tirailleur in the New Zealand and Canterbury Cups, has left the employ of Mr. Paul, of Wanganui, with whom he has been connected 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 "good 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 highest 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 10th December last. This would point to the fact, that it does not necessarily require a firstclass performer 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 persists in adding the extra 11 per cent, tax to the usual totalisator charge of 10 per cent.-

The V.R.C. balance sheet shows a profit for the season of £3,843 6s. 4d. 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.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING. FIRST DAY.—SATURDAY, DEC 26, 1891.

AL STAKES of 80 sovs. Second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Weight for age. For three-year-olds and up-wards. Maidens, if three-year-olds, allowed ölbs; four-year-olds, 10lbs; five years and upwards, 14lb. One mile.

359 484 Won cleverly by a neck. Time, 1min 43\(\frac{1}{2}\)sec. Dividends—inside, £1 18s; outside, £1 18s.

661 779
Won in a canter. Time, 1min 16sec. Dividends—inside, £8 5s; outside, £7 8s.

THE AUGKLAND CUP (Handicap) of 600 sovs., added to a sweep-stakes of 10 sovs. each. Second horse to receive 100 sovs., and third horse 25 sovs. 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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62 Mr. W. Walters' b h Pinfire, by Torpedo—Yatterina, 5yrs, 6:10, Wright.

54 83 Major F. Nelson George's chim Coalscuttle, by King Cole—Florence, 4yrs, 6:5, F. Davis

88 90 Mr. J. Forth's b h The Dreamer, by Somnus—Sweet Alice, 4yrs, 7.0 J. Cotton.

406 393 Mr. T. Morrin's blk m Hilda, by Musket—Onida, 6yrs, 8:11, J. Gallagher.

406 345 Mr. W. Wilson's b c Fraternite, by The Dauphin—Sissie, 3yrs, 7:13, W. Holmes.

5155 160 Mr. J. D. Ormond's ch m Queen of Trumps, by Leolinus—Maid of Athol, 4yrs, R. Ray

5169 1171 Mr. W. Robertson's ch m Leorina, by Leolinus—Yatterina, aged, 7:0, W. Smith

1059 1171
From the fall of the flag Pinfire led all the way, winning easily by a length; The Dreamer three lengths away third. Dividends—inside, £17 14s; outside, £16 14s. Time, 3min. 32 sec.

HANDICAP HUBDLE RACE of 100sovs. Second horse to re 10sovs out of the stakes. Over eight flights of hurdles.

miles.

139 156 Mr. John Rae's b g Lonely, by Cap-a-pie-dam unknown, aged, 10.6. owner 118 160 Mr. H. H. Hayr's br g Fishmonger, by Izaak Walton-Accident, aged, 10.7, S. Fergus 27 180 Mr. A. E. Byers' b g Orakei, by Billingsgate-Lalla Rookh, 5yrs, 10.8, owner 38 33 Mr. J. Maitland's b m Capella, by Cap-a-pie-Xantippe, aged, 9.5 including 2lb over, A. Williams 0 Mr. N. Dickey's blk g Try Fluke, aged, 9.0, R. Ryan 0 497 628 Won in a canter. Capella fell. Time, 3min 56 sec. Dividend—Inside, £3 3s.; Outside, £3 11s.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 70sovs. Second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Six

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252 297 Major F. Nelson George's ch h Reprisal, by First King—Memphis, 4yrs, 8.7, W. Brown.

40 42 Mr. John Lynch's rn c The Dancer, by Sword Dance —Vivandiere, 5yrs, 6.10, F. Davies —Vivandiere, 5yrs, 6.10, F. Davies —Vivandiere, 5yrs, 6.10, F. Davies —Mr. D. McKinnon's b g Scott Free, by Sterlingworth —Dainty Ariel mare, aged, 7.0, Gall —Dainty Ariel mare, aged, 7.0, Gall Mr. W. Bobbett's ch h Quadrant, by Robinson Crusoc—Raidance, 5yrs, 9.0, J. Fletcher —Grand Duchess, 5yrs, 9.0, J. Fletcher —Grand Duchess, 5yrs, 9.0. T. Taylor —Grand Duchess, 5yrs, 9.0. T. Taylor —Hippona Syrs, 7.12, Pyne —Hippona Syrs, 7.12, Gallagher —Hippona Syrs, 7.1, Gallagher —Hippona Syrs, 7.7, J. Gallagher —Hippona Syrs, 7.7, J. Gallagher —Hippona Syrs, 7.7, J. Gallagher —Hippona Syrs, 7.7, Moore —J. Mr. H. Windsor's b m Helen McGregor, by Captivator—Hannah, 4yrs, 6.12, Wright —Fanny Fisher, 5yrs, 6.12, Wright —Fanny Fisher, 5yrs, 6.10, Golding —Fanny Fisher, 5yrs, 6.10, Golding —Mystery, 8yrs, 6.7, Hammond —Mystery, 8yrs, 6.7, Hammond —Ividend—I

618 623 Won by a length. Time, Imin 16sec. Dividend—Inside £2 3s., outside £1 17s.

Nyssery Handicar of 80sovs. Second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stakes. For two-year-olds. Winner of Great Northern Foal Stakes to carry 10lbs extra. Five furlongs.

128 113 Mr. T. W. Hungerford's b c Wyvern, by King Cole
— Wai, 2yrs, 74, R. Ray
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— Rosarina, 2yrs, 6.9, D. Wright
— Rosarina, 2yrs, 6.12, Golding
— Os

14 Major 2 Nelson George's ch f Swiftsure, by Nelson
— Phe Maid, 2yrs, 6.12, Golding
— Os
— Bird, 2yrs, 6.7, Gall.

536 496; Won by two lengths. Time, Imin 4,sec Dividends Inside E8,148., outside £3 17s.

Won easily by 20 lengths. Yardman stopped at first jump; Orakei fell; Tommy baulked. Dividends—inside, £2 4s; outside £1 15s. Time, 7min. 22sec. Christmas Handicar of 100sovs. Second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any handicap after publication of the weights to carry 61bs penalty. One mile and a quarter.

40 53 Major F. Nelson George's ch m Fiesole, by Ingomar Florence, 5yrs, 8.0, Golding.

48 18 Mr. W. Bobbett's b c Morion, by Captivator—Madcap, 3yrs, 7.5, W. Smith.

27 1 58 Mr. J. Forth's b h. The Dreamer, by Somnus—Sweet Alice, 4yrs, 7.5, J. Cotton.

245 232 Mr. D. McKinnon's blk h Loch Ness, by Ingomar Albatross, 5yrs, 7.12 (including 51b penalty), J. Gallagher

294 80 Mr. J. Kean's ch m Dolosa, by Leolinus—Lure, 5yrs

7.7, R. Ray.

50 65 Mr. J. McHugh's b h Master Pat, by King Cole—Eileen Allanah, 4yrs, 7.0, Moore.

25 283 Mr. L. Ward's br c Tulloch, by Sword Dance—Wellow Come Katie, 3yrs, 6.8, F. Davis

26 33 Mr. R. Williams' b h Glaucus, by Somnus—Fish—woman, 4yrs, 6.7, R. Wright

27 Wom by a short head. Time, 2min 123sec. Dividends—inside.

Woman, 4yrs, 6.7, R. Wright

Wom by a short head. Time, 2min 12\sec. Dividends—inside,
£13 6s; outside, £9 8s.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB.—First day, December 26. MAIDEN HANDICAP of 25sovs. Second horse to receive 5sovs out stakes. Distance, 1 mile. For three-year-olds and upwards.
45 Mr. J. Hatton's Megoulet, 6.7, Quarterman 124 Mr. J. Teddy's Orena, 6.7, R. Teddy 274 Mr. N. Dickey's Bulrush, 7.4, 8. Dickey 38 Mr. H. Windsor's Mistake, 7.10 0

277 Won easily by three lengths. Dividend, 10s. tickets, £2 15s. FIRST HANDICAF HURDLES OF 3580Vs. Second horse to receive 580Vs out of stakes. Distance, about two miles, over eight flights of hurdles.

154 Mr. W. H. Wight's Platch, 9.2, Hatton 1
146 Mr. J. Clements' Scalthleen, 9.6, Weal 2
141 Mr. S. Dufty's Maccaroni, 9.0, McCluskin 8
133 Mr. J. H. Walsh's Argyle, late off Chance, 9.0. 0

374 Won by short neck. Dividend, £1 1s.

THAMES HANDICAP of 45sovs. Second horse to receive 5sovs out of stakes. Distance, 14 miles.

67 Mr. J. Hatton's Megoulet, 6.7, Quarterman 1 1 108, Mr. J. Hill's Ingorina, 9.2, J. Kean 2 175 Won by half-a-length. Dividend, £1 3s.

837 Won by a head. Dividend, 19s.

453 Won by half-a-length. Dividend, £2 2s.

133 Won easily by four lengths. Dividend, 13s.

SECOND DAY-

348 Won easily. Dividend, £1 10s.

THAMES HANDICAP HURDLES of 60sovs. Second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stakes. Distance, about 2 miles, over eight 10sovs out of the stakes. Distance, about 2 mues, over en flights of hurdles.

96 Mr. J. Clements' Scaltheen, 9.9, Weal

120 Mr. W. H. Wight's Platch, 9.9, Hatton

287 Mr. J. Rae's The Colonel, 11.5, Rac

503 Won by a length. Dividend, £2 7s.

584 Won by a length. Dividend, £1 8s. 584 Won by a length. Dividend, £1 88.

Selling Race of 40sovs. Distance, 11 mile. Weight for age. The winner to be sold for 30sovs; half of the proceeds over selling price to go to second horse, and the balance to the Club, funds. If entered to be sold for £26, allowed 71b; if for £20, 141b; if for £15, 211b; if for £10, 281b; and if for 111, 351b allowed.

104 Mr. H. Windsor's Mistake, 7.9, £20, Windsor 166 Mr. J. Teddy's Orena, 7.2, £15, Teddy 22.

170 Won by a neck. Dividend, 14s.

671 Won by two lengths. Dividend, £2 5s.

Free Handicap of 20sovs. Distance, 1 mile.

Mr. J. Rae's The Colonel, 7.7, Donovan 1

Mr. J. Hatton's Megoulet, 6.10. 2

Mr. W. Robertson's Leorna, 9.10 3

Mr. J. Teddy's Orena, 6.7 6

Mr. J. H. Walsh's Argyle, 6.7 0

205 Won by half a length. Dividend, £7 13 10s. tickets throughout.