

In several cases, certified copies of naturalization papers were issued to persons who had lost their original documents and required some evidence to prove their national status.

### XVII. WAR MEMORIALS

Further progress was made in advancing the war-memorial policy, and a number of schemes have been received and were under consideration at the close of the year.

### XVIII. RACING

For the current racing year ending on 31st July, 1948, the allocation of totalizator licences is again at the maximum of 240 days for racing and hunt clubs and 80 days for trotting clubs.

Non-totalizator permits for meetings on 136 days were issued for the year ended 31st March, 1948.

Several non-totalizator meetings were abandoned on account of the outbreak of poliomyelitis.

Inspectors of the Department attended all totalizator meetings to ensure compliance with the law regarding the operation of the totalizator.

Investments at these meetings have continued to increase, and a number of clubs are faced with the necessity of providing more adequate facilities for their patrons.

Particulars of these investments and details of the taxation thereon are published in the *Monthly Abstract of Statistics*.

The Royal Commission on Gaming and Racing submitted its report in December, 1947. Its principal recommendations are on the following matters:—

Legalization of off-course betting through the totalizator.

Legalization of the doubles totalizator.

Setting up of a Racing Advisory Board.

Publication of dividends.

Non-totalizator meetings—financial help from totalizator clubs.

Broadcasting—certain restrictions with respect to racing.

Additional nineteen trotting totalizator days.

Redistribution of existing racing and trotting totalizator days.

Amalgamation of racing clubs.

Judicial proceedings

Government inspection of the totalizator.

Hunt clubs—pooling of profits of totalizator meetings to help all hunt clubs.

### XIX. WAR FUNDS, 1914-18

There is no change in the number of funds registered under the War Funds Act, 1915.

The assets, according to the balance-sheets received, are summarized as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
23 incorporated societies .. ..	227,875	14	8
7 Red Cross organizations .. ..	46,550	0	3
2 blind soldiers and veterans' homes funds ..	64,778	1	1
11 unincorporated societies .. ..	5,912	13	10
6 returned soldiers' clubs .. ..	16,861	7	2
1 National War Funds Council .. ..	71,062	8	2
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50 funds .. ..	£433,040	5	2
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This represents an expenditure of £26,267 5s. since the last report.