1915. N E W _ Z E A L A N D.

GAMING COMMISSION

(REPORT OF THE), TOGETHER WITH MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AND EVIDENCE.

Laid on the Table by Command of His Excellency.

COMMISSION.

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

To all to whom these presents shall come, and to George Hunter, Esquire, Member of Parliament, of Porangahau, and Thomas Henry Davey, Esquire, of Christchurch : Greeting.

WHEREAS by the Gaming Amendment Act, 1914, it is provided that the Minister of Internal Affairs may, on the application of any racing, trotting, or hunt club not being a holder of a totalizator license, grant to that club a license to use the totalizator on one day, but that not more than thirty-one licenses may be granted under the provisions of the said Act in any year, and of that number not more than fifteen may be granted to racing clubs, nor more than eight to trotting clubs, nor more than eight to hunt clubs : And whereas the Minister of Internal Affairs caused public notice to be given that applications under the said Act would be received at any time until the tenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and applications have been received pursuant to such notice, and the number of such applications for racing clubs, trotting clubs, and hunt clubs largely exceeds the number authorized to be granted as aforesaid : And whereas it is expedient that a Commission should be appointed to inquire into and report upon the questions hereinafter set forth relating to the administration by the Government of the said Act :

Now, therefore, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, and of all other powers in anywise enabling me in that behalf, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, do hereby appoint you, the said

GEORGE HUNTER, ESquire, M.P., and THOMAS HENRY DAVEY, ESquire,

to be a Commission to inquire and report upon the following matters :---

(1.) To consider the several applications so received as aforesaid for the several classes of totalizator licenses.

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