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in every case there was convincing evidence of a sincere and earnest desire to carry on the sport with credit to the club and the district concerned. Invariably, where a country club was found to be notably well conducted, with its racecourse in exceptionally good order, those directing the affairs of that club, or otherwise actively supporting it, were recognized as the very best settlers of the district. Certain country clubs in the Auckland racing district are entitled to special mention. These clubs have, by joint effort, imported from England two valuable thoroughbred stallions, specially selected by the late Mr. O'Rorke, for the purpose of improving the breed of horses in their district. This action is worthy of all praise, and sets an example which might be followed in other districts with advantage to the Dominion.

K. The work of which this report is the result has occupied a longer time than was anticipated, and has entailed considerable expense. It is, however, respectfully submitted that it is work that was urgently required, and ought not to be again necessary for many years to come. The information acquired, which includes a complete dossier in respect of every racing, trotting, and hunt club in the Dominion, is now at the service of the Ministerial Department dealing

with racing affairs, and, for reference purposes, should be of value.

We desire to express our appreciation of the services of Mr. P. J. Kelleher, the departmental officer acting as secretary to the Commission. His special knowledge, zeal, and energy facilitated our inquiries, and largely assisted us in obtaining the information we sought for.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this fifteenth

day of June, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one.

Fred Earl, Chairman. Wm. E. Bidwill. W. H. Sefton Moorhouse. James H. Williams. Stanley Rice.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

RACING CLUBS TO WHICH LICENSES ARE TO BE GRANTED UNDER SECTION 50 OF THE GAMING ACT, 1908, IN THE RACING-YEAR COMMENCING ON THE 1ST AUGUST, 1921, AND THE NUMBER OF DAYS TO BE AUTHORIZED BY EACH OF THOSE LICENSES.

First Column. Name of Club. Racing Clubs.				Second Column. Number of Licenses.	Third Column. Number of Days to each License.		Fourth Column. Aggregate Days.
					Auckland Racing Club		
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Bay of Plenty Jockey Club	••	• •	• •	1	1	1	1
Franklin Racing Club	• •	• •		1	1	2	2
Hamilton Racing Club	• •			2	2	2 ea.	4.
Kawakawa Racing Club	• •	• •	• •	1 1	1	1	1
Matamata Racing Club	• •	••		1	1	1	1
Northern Wairoa Racing C	lub			1 1	1	2	2
Ohinemuri Jockey Club		• •		1	1	2	2
Opotiki Jockey Club				1	1	1	1
Rotorua Jockey Club				1	1	2	2
Takapuna Jockey Club				2	2	2 ea.	4
Taumarunui Racing Club				1	1	2	2
Te Aroha Jockey Club				1	1.	2	2
Te Kuiti Racing Club				1	1	2	2
Thames Jockey Club				1 1	1.	2	2
Waipa Racing Club				2	2	1 ea.	2
Waipapakauri Racing Cluk)			1	1	1	1
Whangarei Racing Club				2	2	2 ea	4.
Dannevirke Racing Club				2	1	$\overline{2}$	
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