

When a dividend amounts to 100, the odd shillings are retained by the club, and this is called broken money. In South Australia this odd or broken money is distributed among the members, but the Government now has a new scheme for the benefit of its own benefit. Well, the Tasmanian House of Assembly agreed to the Government proposals—and they were reasonable enough—and all went well until the Attorney-General wanted to extend the rule to the totalisator at athletic sports meetings. This he numbers would not agree to, and the Attorney-General, "apparently in a fit of pique" at his proposal being rejected, carried a resolution abolishing the totalisator system. However, his own Attorney-General came to his senses. The exact says: "The Attorney-General attempted to explain why he had proposed to abolish the totalisator altogether, and stated that he would be prepared to withdraw his amendment and insert it in another bill by and by." After a "sarcastic" discussion the Premier put things right, and the bill was passed through all its stages. If the Legislative Council approves of the bill as it left the Assembly, the Government will meet £100,000 a year out of their share of the percentage money.

One of the events on the card during a meeting at Stockton (England) in 1877 was a selling race, for which the numbers of seven runners appeared on the board. When the starter called out the names of the seven, however, he was objected to only half a dozen had assembled there, the missing one being Mr Deighton's Mak'scar. Just as the field was about to go, however, the tardy one was seen making the best of his way towards the starter, and he, not waiting to wait longer, gave the word and the horses were despatched on their journey without him. Gwendoline was the winner, but as the jockeys filed past the judge's box on returning to the weigh-room a remark to the effect "where was the judge who was not there?" was rumoured that the race would have to be run over again, and in the course of a few minutes came the explanation of the basis. The previous winner had been objected to by an alleged cross, and the several witnesses who were examined complicated matters to such an extent that the man in the box was called upon to give evidence, with the result that the affair was so long to decide that the engrossed official did not notice how the time had passed, and was thus not in his place to adjudicate upon the following event. When the horses started again for the race in question, with the same strength of the easy victory, was made favourite at 5 to 2 on, while a lot of money went on Mak'scar at ten. On finding that his animal had not taken part in the first contest, Mr Deighton objected, but was wisely arguing that he must be fresher than the others. Mak'scar won rather easily, and landed for his party a sum that was simply due to the jockey falling to reach the post in time, for he never won another race.

The appeal case, McKinnon v. the Auckland Racing Club, was argued by the Appeal Board of the N.Z. Racing Conference last Thursday, opened up a very big question. The Messrs L. D. and N. A. Nathan acted for some time without registering their partnership with the Racing Conference, purely an oversight, as the Messrs Nathan entered all their horses in their own name, and their partnership was registered with the A.R.C. but they omitted to register the registration fee, 2/6, to the Racing Conference. According to the strict reading of the rules, this must be done before a horse is eligible to start for any race, and if a claim for the stakes had been made at the time, it would have been successful. Rule 117 gives the limit for which an objection for fraudulent entry or wilful misstatement or omission in the entry under which a horse has run can be lodged, as twelve months after the race in which the claimant did not consider that his case came under the heading of the above, and to test the matter, claimed the stake won by Beddington in the Sylvia Handicap in 1900, and contended that as the rules gave a vested right to judge, and provided an appeal, and that for any such claim, an objection could be lodged at any time. In deciding the Gladstone case, the Wellington stewards took the view that in the absence of express limit, the claim could only be made within such time as they considered reasonable, and were evidently guided by rule 16, which gives the stewards power in the absence of any rule bearing upon any case before them. Such case may be decided in such a manner as the stewards consider to be just. Mr McKinnon's reply to this was that if the stewards of each club had that power the main object of the conference rules, viz., uniformity, would be done away with, as the limit for lodging claims was not specified by rule 117, and was different in each place, and that in such a case as Gladstone's, the claim could be made in Wellington, and possibly thrown out elsewhere, although the grounds of each case might be identical. The telegraphed report only gives the bare result, but the official judgment will probably appear in the next calendar, when I think that it will be found that the Board have decided that the case was covered by rule 117.

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Aylebury was a favourite meeting with this undoubted sportsman, and it was here that while watching his brother, who was cap and neck the evening, Lord Verulam suddenly saw it disappear. Neighbouring the anxious nobleman saw a jockey in brown was leading the field, and to his surprise recognized his relative, who had been chasing his colours by falling into a muddy ditch. Though holding such a prominent place, the horse was beaten at the time, and, falling at the last fence, rolled on his rider, hurting the latter so severely that he was quite unable to rise.

"It's a right," the proprietor once called out, as Lord Verulam hastened to his assistance; "but what a lark it has been! I never enjoyed myself so much in all my life!"

It was at a meeting over the same course that "Bob" met a friend who was too indisposed to ride himself, but wanted his horse to run.

"I'm qualified," the Hon. Robert said, "and I'll ride him; but someone must lend me a cap and jacket, as I haven't one with me."

A argument that would fit the gentleman rider's broad shoulders could not be found, however, but he forced himself into one corner, though the unwieldy strain caused him to spit up the back, and with his handkerchief twisted round the lead was substituted for the necessary cap.

After all this trouble to secure the custom of the Fortune might have favoured Glimstone, but his mount after a somewhat distance fighting for his head, suddenly bolted, and finished up by pitching his rider out of the saddle with sufficient force to severely injure him, and once more he had to be "brought home on a hurdle."

"Look here," the frequently-fractured sportsman said on one occasion to the physician who invariably attended him, "you'd better have my skeleton when I die; then you'll be able to see how nearly you've pitched it up."—Sporting Sketches.

ELLERSLIE TRAINING NOTES.

The course proper outside the trevies was opened last Sunday, and several interesting races were witnessed. Scotty was first out, and assisted by Dunmore over the last six furlongs ran a mile in 1:50 3/5. Austertiz finished in front of Kama over six furlongs in 1:22, and after a somewhat distance fighting for his head, suddenly bolted, and finished up by pitching his rider out of the saddle with sufficient force to severely injure him, and once more he had to be "brought home on a hurdle."

After breakfast, Orange and Blue ran five furlongs on the tan in 1:6. Whawhal and Fashionable on the course proper sprinted four furlongs in 55. Solo and Sunblinn covered five furlongs in 1:8. Lady Bobs taking 1:0 to do a similar journey. Morpeth had the best of Serlius over six furlongs, run in 1:24. Manqueuro and Justification were together at the end of five furlongs in 1:36. Scamper and Glimstone over five furlongs in 1:9. Revealer and Gilead did a similar task, the last four taking 55. Papatu finished in front of Hippo over a mile and a half in 2:58. Bothe, alone, ran six furlongs in 1:25, and Avatia did a similar task in 1:53. A large number of other horses were out and did useful work.

On Saturday afternoon a large crowd was present to witness the schooling at the Athletic Club, and Akia Akia being about two miles and a distance over the hurdles on the course proper. Tahae, who had a very light weight up, finished in front, Akia Akia being a little in front of Mars, who pulled up a bit lame, and was very sore when he walked away. The time registered was fast, but Tahae could not have had more than 8.9 in the saddle. Haydn and Dingo went about two miles over the hurdles on the course, giving over the hill. Haydn jumped a little slower than usual, but otherwise went well. Dingo shaped in good style and fenced well. Revealer and Needle went about a mile and a half over the schooling hurdles, Revealer having the best of the gallop.

On Saturday morning, at Takapuna, some interesting schooling was inaugurated in Princess of Thine's was seen around the racecourse, and the Stockman going with her over the fences on the flat. Princess of Thine jumped in good style, but Stockman fell at one of the hurdles, neither horse nor rider being hurt. Kaitiaki, the English country, gave a son twice around over the big fences, the trio fencing well. Swagsman went about a mile and a half over the schooling hurdles, Pungarehu assisting the last round. Swagsman shapes well for a beginner.

CONVOY-GLADSTONE APPEAL CASE.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

NAPIER, Thursday.

The Appeal Board of the Racing Conference delivered judgment to-day in the case submitted to them. The appeal in the Conroy-Gladstone case was upheld, the

board giving as reasons that rule 143 expressly states that only holders of jockeys' and apprentices' licenses are qualified to ride, and the judges held that this rule supported by other subsections, an apprentice is only qualified to ride after he has served one year of apprenticeship, and after he has applied for and obtained a license. The board also upheld the appeal in the Platypus-Benefactor case on similar grounds.

D. McKinnon's appeal in connection with the registration of the ownership of Beddington, when he won the Sylvia Handicap at the A.R.C. summer meeting, 1900, was dismissed.

The decision of the Appeal Board in the Gladstone-Conroy case will be received with interest by all sportsmen. It will be remembered that Mr W. Young, the owner of Conroy, lodged an objection against Gladstone, owned by Mr J. E. Reid, being awarded the stakes in the Wellington Cup and the Wellington Racing Club Handicap, won by that mare, on the grounds that if Jones, her rider, did not hold a license, and consequently was not qualified to ride. After hearing the evidence the stewards of the Wellington Racing Club dismissed the objection, and gave a lengthy judgment setting out their reasons for so doing. Against this result, Mr Young appealed, with the above result. The decision of the Appeal Board will have a far-reaching effect, and we may expect to see some complications arise.

The appeal of Mr D. McKinnon against Beddington was based on the grounds that at the time that horse won the Sylvia Handicap, the partnership of his owners, the Messrs L. D. and N. A. Nathan, was not registered as required by the rules.

TURF TALK FROM THE SOUTH.

(By Telegraph—Own Correspondent.)

CHRISTCHURCH, Tuesday.

Djin-Djin is none the worse for his fall in the Winchester Handicap at Ashburton.

Galsley is absent from Blenheim on a short holiday in the country.

Count Gordon is lame; that is why he did not fulfil his engagements at Ashburton.

Blunderbus and Miss Hamilton have been thrown out of training; the latter has been sent to the stud at Mr Friedlander's farm at Ashburton.

Merryraker has also been turned out for a spell.

Manjess, who won a double at Ashburton, comes within the pony standard; he would be an exceptionally smart pony.

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