ther the rules gave them power to deal with the case. At the recent conference power was given to the president to appoint judges to hear this appeal, and also that of Norman Cunningham, who is applying for the removal of the life sentence imposed by the Avondale J.C.

The report of the committee of the N.Z. Racing Conference upon the number of days' racing showed no increase in the number of totalisator meetings, during a period in which the population of the Dominion had risen from under 750,000 to an estimated 950,000; so that, even allowing for some additional days added to the larger meetings, there had been no proportionate increase. There had been an actual decrease in the number of days' racing held by registered non-totalisator clubs.

In moving at the recent Conference that the following be added to the rules: "The programme of every meeting held on any day from June 1 to September 1, inclusive, shall include at least one maiden or hack steeplechase," the mover, Mr. G. Hunter, said: "This is a sporting proposal, and therefore I can hardly expect this conference to favour it." He thought the conference usually showed more interest in £ s. d. than in sporting questions. The motion, however, was carried.

The annual meeting of the Auckland Racing Club is fixed for Monday, August 1. The whole of the retiring members of committee are seeking re-election, while Mr Davies, a former member, is also seeking election. The attendances of committee at meetings during the year are: Messrs. H. T. Gorrie 20, W. C. Somers 18, E. A. Price 17, Hon. E. Mitchelson 16, G. W. S. Patterson 15, R. W. Duder 13, P. Dunnet 14, H. O. Nolan 12, N. A. Nathan 10, S. Bradley 10, F. Earl 7, O. Nicholson 7. Twenty meetings were held during the year, Messrs. Nolan and Nathan being granted leave of absence.

Our Masterton correspondent wires:—How important the totalisator and bookmakers' licensing are to a racing club is shown in the annual report of the Wairarapa Racing Club. During the past years £3541 was received from these two sources alone by the club, and when it is noted that the stakes amounted to £3560, it will be seen that the receipts from the totalisator and bookmaker just about equal the stakes. The club have spent £587 on the race track and improving the course, and the debit balance amounts to £1011. Though some may deplore racing, a racing club spends a lot of money locally. For instance, the Wairarapa Racing Club spent £1455 in the past year in wages alone, and another £60 in material, all of which money is spent locally.

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TURF TALK FROM THE SOUTH.

CHRISTCHURCH, Friday.

The Wellington Meeting has robbed Riccarton stables of their principal representatives, but there are still many horses making use of the tracks, and it looks as if Riccarton will be exceptionally well represented in the hunters' events and minor flat races at the Grand National Meeting. Unfortunately, the weather shows no disposition to become settled, and trainers still find very great difficulty in securing proper facilities for exercising their charges.

It is stated that Wimniera is a sure starter for the Winter Cup, and he is likely to carry a substantial backing.

Tyrannic has arrived at Riccarton from the North Island with a view to fulfilling his engagements at the Grand National Meeting.

White Cockade's recent victories have brought him into prominence for the Grand National Hurdles, and a good deal of business is said to have been done. The son of Finland by Miss Lochiel has won good races on the flat, but was somewhat inconsistent. His recent form, however, shows him up in more attractive colours, and it is by no means improbable that he will go out favourite for the big hurdle race at Riccarton.

The nominations for the Metropolitan Trotting Club's August Meeting are large and thoroughly representative, and some good racing may be expected, but the club is still suffering at the hands of the clerk of the weather. The recent rains have retarded the improvements to the ground so seriously that it is now improbable that the club will be able to race on its own course in August.

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N.Z. TROTTING CONFERENCE.

WELLINGTON, Tuesday.

The New Zealand Trotting Conference decided, with the object of minimising the possibility of obstruction during a race through the unfair use of whips, to reduce the lengths of whips for saddle horses to 2ft 6in and those for sulkies to 4ft.

On the initiative of the New Zealand Trotting Association it was decided that, in the event of heat racing, all the starters' names shall be displayed on the totalisator before the decision of the first heat, and speculation shall be confined to it, irrespective of the second and final heats. The totalisator shall be finally closed on the event before the start of the first heat.

A motion by the New Zealand Trotting Association, "That no totalisator club shall at any meeting give in stakes less than £200 per diem or less than £250 per diem where two meetings are concerned," met with opposition from representatives of the smaller clubs, one stating that the Stamp Duties Amendment Act of last session was pressing heavily on the small clubs. They would be eventually crushed out without anything else. The motion was withdrawn to see how many totalisator permits will be granted under the proposed amended gambling legislation.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr J. W. Rowe (Auckland); vice-president, Mr J. Colvin M.P. (Westport); executive, Messrs G. B. Hitchie (Christchurch), F. T. Pannell (New Brighton), W. J. Gore (Dunedin), and the president and vice-president ex officio.

The Chairman stated, in reply to a question, that if there was any drastic alteration in the number of totalisator permits granted, the conference would probably be called together to consider the matter.

The South Canterbury Trotting Club applied for a totalisator permit for its future meetings if one was open for allocation. No action was taken in the meantime. Permits for the use of the totalisator were allotted the same as in former years.

Mr Solly said that the time might come when they would be forced to review the position, and probably redistribute the permits. An attack was being made on the totalisator by representative people. He thought it was generally admitted that while there was horse-racing there would be a certain amount of speculation, and those persons who considered that the totalisator was the safest and best means of betting should be up and doing. He suggested that those who wanted to retain the totalisator should form a sporting league outside of politics. Members of the league should then only vote for those candidates for Parliamentary honours who were in favour of the totalisator.

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THE AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report of the Auckland Racing Club, to be presented to the members at the annual general meeting on Monday, 1st August, is as follows: Your committee herewith present the annual statement of accounts to 30th June, 1910, by which it will be seen that the club has had another successful year. The amount given in stakes last season amounted to £29,215, being an increase over the preceding year of £3930, but the liberal response of horse-owners fully justified this step, and the surplus on the various meetings was well up to that of the season 1908-9. During the period under review nearly £3000 has been spent on improvements, amongst which may be mentioned the formation of a slope for patrons on the hill, a new wall on Morrin-street, filling beyond the Derby stand, and numerous other conveniences for the outside public; while several new buildings have been erected, including an extension of the free stand and Derby dining room; also new workshop, stables and motor shed. After writing off the whole of the improvements account (£2078 19/) and a large sum for depreciation of buildings, fencing, furniture and plant (£2376 18/6), there remains an amount of £1607 2/2 to be carried to capital account. In the 1909 session of Parliament increased taxation was imposed on racing clubs, which first took effect at the Autumn Meeting, and which will mean extra expense to this club, equal to from two to three thousand pounds per annum. It is with regret your committee refer to a heavy death-roll of members, which contains, amongst others, the name of Mr A. Kohn, who for many years has been hon. timekeeper. The Hon. E. Mitchelson and Mr H. T. Gorrie being the only nominees for the offices of president and vice-president respectively will be declared duly elected. The following nominations have been received for the five vacant seats upon the committee: Messrs S. Bradley, F. Earl, O. Nicholson, H. O. Nolan, G. W. S. Patterson (retiring members) and W. Davies.

The balance-sheet for the year ending 30th June shows: Liabilities—Capital, £34,708 1/; creditors secured, £8307; forfeits for classic races to come, £101; bad debts reserve fund, £290 9/; sundry creditors, £307 3 2; overdraft at Bank of New Zealand, £607 10/11; total, £44,541 10/1. Assets—Racecourse, £28,100; Shortland-street property, £2000; buildings (£9772 7/10, less 20 per cent written off £1954 7/10), £7818; members' stand, furniture and fittings (£5576 10/8, less 10 per cent written off £557 10/8), £5019; workshop, stables, cart-shed, etc., £573; totalisator machines (£327, less 20 per cent written off £65), £262; sundry debtors, £761 15/10; stock, £7 14/3; total, £44,541 10 1. Capital account—Dr.—June 30, 1910—To balance as per balance-sheet, £34,708 1/. Cr.—July 1, 1909—By balance, £33,100 18 10; June 30, 1910—by profit and loss account transfer for year ending June 30, 1910, £1607 2 2; total, £34,708 1/. The profit and loss is—Dr.—To salaries, secretary and office, £807 13/6; handicapper, £300; pension, £100; wages, £844 15 9; interest £504 12 8, insurance £151 1 9, legal expenses £74 3 4, periodicals £25 10 8, rates and taxes £825 9 7, printing and stationery £296 6/4, advertising £439 17/, donations £142 10/, tan and sand £228 9 9, horse feed £129 16/4, gardening account, £858 17/2, repairs and maintenance £957 1/5, charges account £983 3 10—£5088 19/10; amount expended on improvements, £2078 19/; 20 per cent depreciation on buildings and plant £2019 7 10, 10 per cent depreciation members' stand, furniture and fittings £557 10 8—£2576 18 6; balance transferred to capital account, £1607 2 2; total, £14,304 8 9. Cr.—By members' subscriptions, £1287 5/; fees, disqualifications removed, etc. £35, rent of course, etc. £57 16 4, track fees £282 15/—£412 11/4; profits, Spring Meeting £2163 16 6, Summer Meeting £7449 5 5, Autumn Meeting £741 19 4; Winter Meeting £2309 11 2—£12,664 12 5; total, £14,304 8 9.

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WELLINGTON WINTER MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

On the second day of the Wellington Racing Club's Winter Meeting there was some good racing. The totalisator receipts for the day amounted to £14,126, as against £13,553 for the corresponding day last year. Bookmakers licensed numbered 25. Results are as follows:—

Glasgow Handicap of 135sovs, five furlongs.—Dogger Bank, 10.2, 1; Advantage, 10.0, 2; Scotch Plaid, 9.2, 3. Scratched: Multiple. Won by half a length. Time, 1.8.

Karori Handicap of 100sovs, six furlongs.—Elfish, 10.0, 1; Gold Battery, 9.13, 2; Niwaru, 9.0, 3. Scratched: Magneto. Won by a length and a-half. Time, 1.23 2-5.

Victoria Hurdles of 100sovs, 1½ mile.—Master Paul, 10.0, 1; Kremlin, 9.9, 2; White Lie, 9.5, 3. Scratched: Oxton and Arecilight. Won in a walk. Time 2.59.

WELLINGTON STEEPLECHASE of 650 sovs. About three miles and a-quarter.

Mr J. Twohill's ch g Capitol, aged, by Leolantis—Jean, 11.0 (Brady) 1
Mr C. Shaw's ch g Red McGregor, aged, 11.1 (Windsor) 2
Mr C. E. Brewer's b g Sir Lethe, 10.2 (Cochrane) 3

Also started: Klatere 11.10, Audax 11.9, Loch Fyne 11.8, Eurus 11.1, Northern Star 10.7, Corazon 10.0, Lovell 10.0, Waiome 10.0, Full Cry 9.7, Mabil 9.7.

Waiome lost his rider at the brush fence at the back of the course. After going a mile Northern Star came to grief, and the second time round saw Lovell at the head of affairs. Corazon fell at the top corner, Audax toppling over shortly after. Entering the home turn Sir Lethe was leading Lovell by a length. Capitol, coming up strong from the front of the stand, put in a fine spurt, and got home by a length, eight lengths separating Red McGregor and Sir Lethe. Lovell finished fourth and Klatere fifth. Time, 7.16.

WATERLOO HANDICAP of 250sovs. Seven furlongs.

Mr C. L. Lagos's ch h California, 5yrs, by San Fran-Dazzle, 11.2 (Gray) 1
Mrs M. Moore's Sir Frisco, 11.0 (C. Jenkins) 2
Mr J. McLaughlin's Multiple, 9.13 (Oliver) 3

Also started: Senator 11.4, Morris Zealand 11.0, Rollin 10.10, Electrakoff 10.9, Tiptoe 10.4, Pilgrot 9.9, Tranquil 9.8, Iney 9.4, Royal Marine 9.3, Moloch 9.2, Rose Noble 9.2, Matasri 9.0, Pinui 9.0, Marathon 9.0.

California won by a length and a-half. Multiple being three lengths away, third Time, 1.36 2-5.

JUMPERS' FLAT HANDICAP of 130sovs. One mile and a-half.

Mr J. Westerman's b g White Cockade, 6yrs, by Finland—Miss Lochiel, 9.13 (Heller) 1
Mr J. Casseley's Compass, 10.12 (Tate) 2
Mr J. Cress' Gaelic, 9.4 (Kirk) 3

Also started: Stayboy 10.7, Waitapu 9.13, Hydrant 9.10, Arc Light 9.9, Tua Kitua 9.4, Waiwareware 9.0.

White Cockade won easily, two lengths separating Compass and Gaelic. Time, 2.53 4-5.

THORNDON HANDICAP of 100sovs. Five furlongs.

Mr H. W. Parata's b g Rongomai, 3yrs, by Conqueror—Parawai, 9.6 (Pritchard) 1
Hon. J. D. Ormond's Contendent, 11.9 (F. D. Jones) 2
Mr J. Melville's Valentine, 9.6 (Nodder) 3

Also started: Stourton 10.12, Tina Toa 10.4, Magneto 9.10, Manchester 9.9, Moreykoff 9.0, Portcullis 9.0, Merrie 9.0, Fighting Maid 9.0, Sea Wind 9.0, Stepalong 9.0, Seraphic 9.0.

Stourton got away from a good start, but was displaced at the distance by Rongomai. Contendent came up with a great run, but was unable to supplant the Conqueror gelding, who won by half-a-length. The race was run in semi-darkness. Time, 1.8 4-5.

THIRD DAY.

TRENTHAM, Saturday.

Onslow Handicap of 130sovs, six furlongs.—Multiple, 10.8, 1; Electrakoff, 10.8, 2; Miss Advance, 9.0, 3. Scratched: Mundic and Valentine. Won by a length and a-half. Time, 1.26.

Crofton Handicap of 100sovs, 7 furlongs.—Inchbonny, 9.0, 1; St. Lumsden, 9.2, 2; Elfish, 10.10, 3. Scratched: Stepalong. Won by half-a-length. Time 1.42 3-5.

Coronna Hurdles, of 100sovs, 1½ mile.—Kremlin, 10.2, 1; Maharanui, 10.5, 2; Gaelic, 9.10, 3. Scratched: Millennial. Won by four lengths. Time, 3.10 1-5.

July Steeplechase of 300sovs, 2½ miles.—Waiome, 10.8, 1; Sir Lethe, 10.9, 2; Beeline, 9.10, 3. All started. Won in a walk. Time, 6.11 2-5.

Winter Cup of 250sovs, one mile.—California, 11.13, 1; Sir Frisco, 11.4, 2; Rollin, 10.7, 3. Scratched: St. Lumsden. Won by two lengths. Time, 1.54 3-5.

Final Hurdles of 300sovs, 1½ mile.—Paisano, 11.11, 1; Stayboy, 10.2, 2; Mahuta, 10.2, 3. Scratched: Compass, Oxton, and Xavier. Won by two lengths. Time, 3.44 3-5.

Kia Ora Handicap of 100sovs, six furlongs.—Tina Toa, 10.2, 1; Valentine, 9.10, 2; Niwaru, 9.2, 3. Scratched: Woolnoth. Won by two lengths. Time, 1.26 3-5.

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