

courses, and respectfully beg that you will give this petition your earnest consideration, with a view of submitting our proposal to the Racing Conference.—I am, sir, yours respectfully,
J. H. POLLOCK.

PROPOSED CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH BOOKMAKERS MAY BE LICENSED.

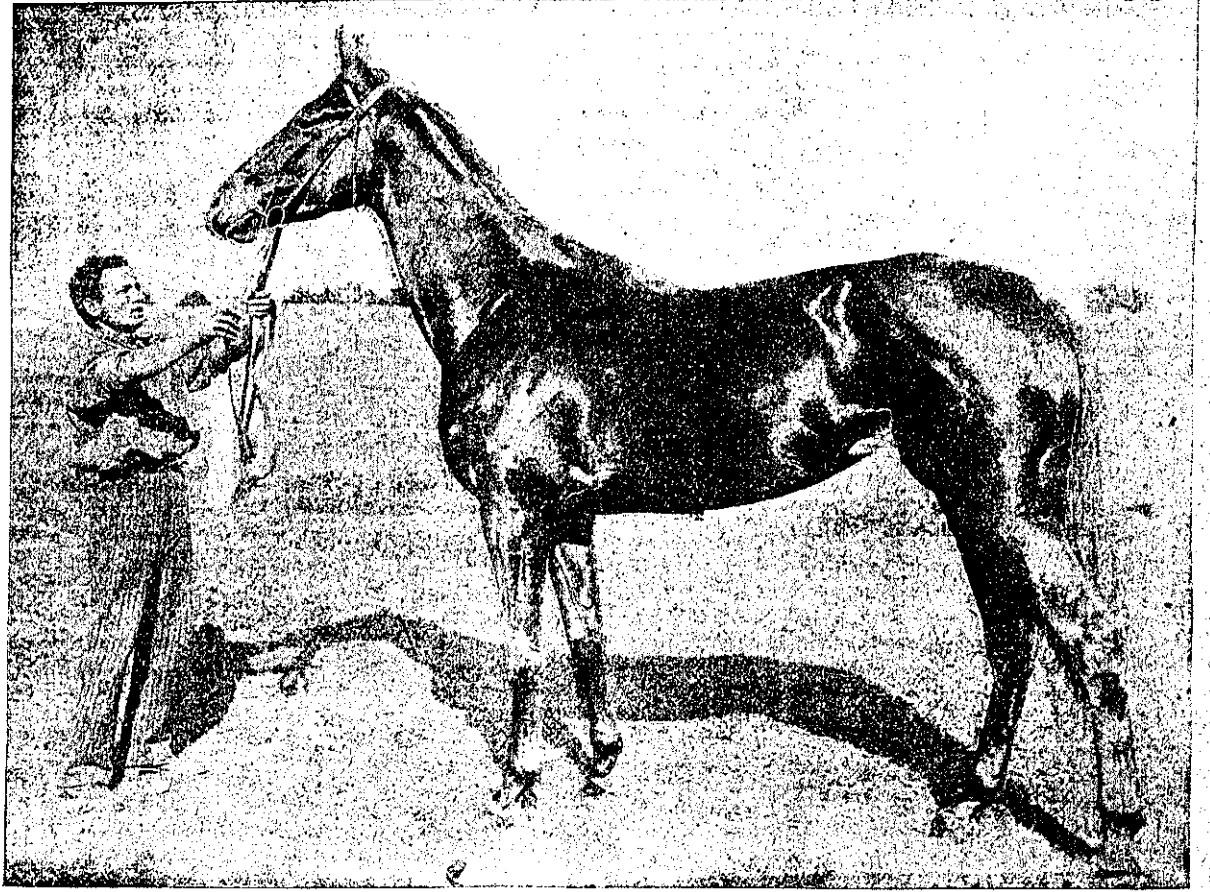
1. Bookmakers requiring licenses to bet straight-out odds, to make application to the metropolitan club of the district in which they reside, such application to be accompanied by a reference, and signed by at least five members of the local metropolitan racing club.
2. License fee to be one pound (£1).
3. License to entitle the licensee to bet straight out odds in the bookmakers' enclosure only of any racecourse under the control of the metropolitan clubs.
4. Bookmakers to pay the sum of five pounds per day for the privilege of following their calling within such enclosures.
5. Licenses to hold good during the pleasure of the metropolitan club issuing the same.
6. Any complaint of illegal betting to be investigated by the club on whose racecourse the alleged offence is said to have occurred. The sworn testimony to be laid before the metropolitan club issuing the license to be finally dealt with by them, and bookmakers to be allowed the opportunity of defending themselves before the metropolitan club on paying the costs of such hearing.
7. Any bookmaker proved to the satisfaction of the metropolitan club to have infringed their rules, to have his license cancelled and be warned off all racecourses during the pleasure of the metropolitan club issuing such license.

REASONS FAVOURABLE TO LICENSING BOOKMAKERS.

1. Racing clubs will benefit to the extent of the fees collected—say, seven days' racing per annum, at £5 per day, from twelve bookmakers—£420.
2. Racing clubs will also benefit indirectly, inasmuch as owners' commissions, now executed on credit away from the course, would be executed with the licensed bookmakers on the course, at straight-out prices, and large portions would be re-invested on the totalisator for cash, without reducing the odds previously received by such owners.
3. Illicit betting in towns being largely commissions and money that the followers of such commissions invest, numbers of persons who are now continually on the alert to follow such commissions would, from lack of information, not be tempted to bet, and practically would cease to bet.
4. Licensed bookmakers would for their own protection be compelled to report to the officials of the club all illicit bettors who might attempt to bet totalisator odds on the club's racecourses, thus directly aiding the stewards to rid the course of totalisator bettors.
5. The great friction which at present exists between racing clubs, bookmakers, and those horse-owners who prefer to wager on credit, would be obviated; also, much unpleasantness between owners and their friends through the former's reluctance to divulge stable secrets, as once an owner had his money on at fixed odds he could candidly inform his friends of his horse's chance, and they would invest freely on the totalisator without reducing the owner's odds, and large sums, would thus find its way to the machine that under the present state of affairs remains uninvested; through intending backers getting unreliable or no information.

Mr W. H. Keith now has Docility, (Foul Shot—Treason mare) in hand. Keith's team have been removed from Hawera to Wanganui during the winter months. The best track and surroundings in New Zealand for good winter work is at Foxton. A trainer can work his horses there even if it is raining.

A FAST BUT UNLUCKY MARE.



Mr G. Wright's ch m DORIS, 4yrs, by St. Leger—Ophelia.

Inter-Provincial.

WELLINGTON.

The Steeplechase course—Indications for successful meeting—Large attendance of horses expected—The Government House party to be present.

A complete transformation has been made in the Wellington Steeplechase course and jumps, and viewed from the ground the obstacles, which include three post and rail fences (four rails), brush fence, well-erected log fence (not a formidable barrier), a sod wall (about 4ft), which cannot be jumped through, double hurdles, and a fair-sized water jump, with brush in front. The going generally will be sound, and the steeplechase straight from one fence to another.

Crawley arrived from the West Coast on Monday, in charge of Joe Scott.

Mr Jos. Prosser will have half-a-dozen horses at the Steeplechase Meeting.

Mr W. H. Keith has secured accommodation for five horses at McNabs.

J. McTaggart will ride for Keith's stable.

Lord Byron (by Barbarian), in A. Peters' stable, who was engaged in the Hunters' Hurdles, has gone wrong and will not start.

Austral is looking well.

Paddy McGrath, who is now connected with Peters' stable, will ride Austral in the Hurdles, while Harry Peters will have the mount in the Steeplechase.

Mizpah, a two-year-old filly by Lord Mandeville, who is in the same stable as Austral, and is engaged in the next Wairarapa Hack Guineas, will be amongst the starters in the Maiden Handicap race.

Mr Hira Parata, I understand, starts a two-year-old colt named Tu Kengi (by Flintflock) in the same event. The conditions of the race do not provide for juveniles, but there is nothing in the rules of racing to bar them starting.

Fletcher has King Wai in good trim.

The loose-boxes at McNab's and McTaggart's are all engaged, so that it looks as if we are going to have a tip-top meeting.

Lord and Lady Glasgow and party will be present at the Wellington steeplechase meeting both days.

Stewart Waddell is bringing three horses, C. Siddells two, and W. Edwards one.

HAWKES BAY.

The Plug gives Wooley a buster—The latter is rendered unconscious—Morag and Zaccho turned out—Napier Park horses doing good work—Purchase of property—Hawke's Bay Hunt Club races—An enjoyable meeting—The "gentlemen" riders have a day out—Wooley pulls round—Fred Collins meets with good friends.

The Plug (Wooley), in company with Rangipunehu, while doing a good working gallop on the steeplechase course at Hastings on Thursday morning, fell when negotiating the gorse fence. Wooley, upon being picked up, was found to be unconscious, and was immediately removed to his home, where medical assistance was speedily on hand. Later on he regained consciousness, and at the time of writing is in a fair way to recovery. The Plug got out of the tangle without any injury.

Morag and Zaccho have been turned out, and Forest Rose, the other occupant of the stable, will take up quarters at Ellingham's stable at Hastings.

Kauri Gum, Tenby, and Waitangi have been putting in good serviceable work at Napier Park during the week. The latter two were sent over the steeplechase course on Friday morning, and got through their task in a tradesmanlike manner.

Mr T. Quinlivan, sen., has purchased Mr W. Douglas' training stables, along with about five acres of land, at Hastings, for £850. The latter gentleman will remove his team to the adjoining stable.

The result of the Hawkes Bay Hunt Club Annual Steeplechase Meeting, held on Wednesday last at Onga Onga, must have been highly gratifying to the committee. The weather was bright and mild, and good going was the order of the day. The attendance was a bumper one, the settlers near and far patronising the affair, and a good contingent of visitors arrived by train from Hastings and Napier. Although there was no totalisator on the ground, those wishing to back their fancies were easily accommodated by the large number of bookmakers present, who, by the way, had been licensed by the club.

Mr T. B. Rhodes had charge of the starter's flag, and discharged his fields in first-class style. Through the secretary, Mr D. D. Evans meeting with an accident on Pyramus in the first event, the events were not despatched so punctually as they might have been.

Mr W. H. J. Bennett kindly officiated as his substitute for the remainder of the day. I had forgotten to mention the Waipawa Band, which during the day discoursed selections of pleasant music.

Proceedings opened with the Maiden Hurdle Race, for which six faced the starter. Mr S. R. Donnelly's Lighthouse, ridden by Mr Langley Shaw, had a big pull in the betting, and he quite justified public opinion by easily annexing the event.

Three was the main for the Hunter's Flat Race, Flirt (Mr H. Russell in the saddle) starting an odds-on chance, and winning in a canter.

In the Hunt Club Cup eleven lined up, The Shearer and Lighthouse being the favourites, but neither had anything to say at the finish, Mr J. B. A'Deane's Coatguard (owner up) landing the stake.

The Ladies' Bracelet attracted seven contestants, the prize falling to Miss Groome's Monsieur (who was wrongly described on the card as Moe), Mr Hassell in the saddle, and a nice comfortable win he had.

Out of eight starters in the Farewell Steeplechase, only Waiwaima, the winner, who was a two to one chance, and Mr Sunderland's Gift, managed to get over the country, the remainder of the field baulking at intervals, which caused no end of fun to the onlookers.

The concluding item of the day, the Hurry-Scurry, half a mile, brought together the big field of twenty. Greenstone (Mr Hickey up) beat the flag, and got home a winner by four lengths, Molly Riley and Miss Drummond filling the places.

Wooley, who got knocked out last week at Hastings, by The Plug falling on him, was on the training track on Tuesday morning, and rode July's son a good working gallop over the steeplechase course.

It is rumoured that Mr W. Douglas has made an offer for The Plug.

At a meeting of the creditors of F. Collins, trainer, held on Monday morning, Mr Moeller moved and Mr Glassford seconded, and it was carried, "That the assignee be asked to facilitate the bankrupt's discharge, as the bankruptcy was caused by misfortune." I hope this will prove the turning point in Collins' luck. It is about up to him now to have a smile or two from Dame Fortune.

THE PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB HOUNDS.



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"CAM" SELBY (Whip)

MR A. SELBY (Huntsman) JACK SELBY (Whip)

Geo. Fowlds sells rowing sweaters from 5s 6d each