

A question placed on the order paper by Mr Poole, M.H.R., re the Premier's new Gaming and Lotteries Bill, and suggesting the cutting down of the number of racing days of the principal clubs, and the total extinction of a number of others, elicited on Wednesday last the following reply by Sir Joseph Ward: "I hope to have the Gaming Bill circulated in a few days, and the hon. member then in possession of the proposals of the Government, the hon. member will then be in possession of full information upon the whole subject, and will recognise that under the circumstances it was desirable to wait for the Bill."

The prospects of the Government's Gaming Bill making the appointment of totalisator inspection imperative, is causing a number of estimable gentlemen to take a keen interest in the doings of totalisators; as is usually the case they all consider that they were just created for such a billet. In the past the public have been sole inspectors (and very good inspectors too), there have been lapses, certainly, but considering the big sums handled, the public have little to complain of; nevertheless, racing clubs no doubt will welcome any system of supervision, provided such is a charge on the tax imposed on the totalisator by the Government.

That the totalisator is quite safe is the opinion vouchsafed in the best informed circles, Racing Clubs may have to confine all totalisator investments to persons on their racecourses; somewhat illogically a set has been made against the double totalisator, the latter machine has become very popular with the small better who can stand to win a fair stake for a small outlay; that it diminishes instead of increases betting is more than probable, owing to much cash being locked up for a considerable portion of the afternoon. The absence of the double totalisator will provide greatly increased business for the bookmakers, and they are fortunate in having such powerful advocates in the Hons. Samuels, Geo. McLean, the Rev. North, and last but not least, Sir Joseph Ward.

The metalicians have mostly taken wing to the C.J.C. Grand National Meeting, where they have free access to the racecourse, reports say they have splendid double books on the National double; many treble books were opened on the Winter Cup, and the two jumping events and almost every possible combination found supporters. The New Zealand Cup betting is stagnant; the scratching of Achilles will probably alter the appearance of the whole handicap, as the weight adjuster will have to look elsewhere for a top weight

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS.

WAIKATO HUNT CLUB'S MEETING.

HUNT CLUB HURDLES.—Baritone, Tera, Glasgow, Golden Gem, Tui, Cornwall Park, All Fours, Capital, Bonnie, Aldershot, Flying Scud, Kia Ora, Rouseabout.

MAIDEN WELTER.—Nebula, Tui, Cornwall Park, Moment, Te Taniwha, Ngawiro, Romantic, Anna Lombard, Alarm, Master Crespin, Rosette, Tarakina, Golden Gem, Toheroa, Derringer, Ottoman, Ngakapa, Sabine, Flying Scud, Rouseabout, Bonnie.

HUNT CLUB STEEPLECHASE.—Baritone, Tui, Glasgow, Tera, Flourish, Waioma, All Fours, Crespin, Capital, Mozart, Bonnie, Leopold, Aldershot.

BARDOWIE HANDICAP.—Mary Ann, Leonette, Napenape, Miss Crispin, Tarakina, Ottoman, Wauchope, Lady Regal, Sabine, Waihou, Soul, Tawa.

LADIES' BRACELET.—Eblis, Nebula, Tera, Glasgow, Tui, St. Crispinian, Cornwall Park, Mignon, Ngawiro, Romantic, Napenape, Tarakina, Toheroa, Cornwall Park, Leonette, Rosette, Sunshine, Lady Regal, Sabine, Waihou, Flying Scud.

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE.—Mary Ann, Nebula, Tera, Flourish, Tui, Waioma, Muskerdale, Crespin, Capital, Bonnie, Leopold, Aldershot, Flying Scud, Rouseabout.

HANDICAPS.

C.J.C. NATIONAL MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

HUNT CLUB CUP of 100sovs, two miles and a-half.—Starlight 11.13, Craigmore 11.11, Albury 11.4, Rosemorn 10.13, Deerslayer 10.10, Gnat 10.7, Sir James 10.6, Post Haste 10.2, Hinemoa 10.0, Wahine 9.9, Stormy Petrel 9.9, Pitcher 9.7, Purimu 9.7.

SUMMER HANDICAP of 100sovs, one mile.—Ben Jonson 11.9, Outer 10.8, Silkweb 10.6, Fandango 10.5, Czar Kolokol 10.5, Hinupai 10.3, Ruapehu 10.0, Petard 9.9, Iceland 9.9, Monkey Puzzle 9.7, Giovanni 9.0, Ancycle 9.0, Spinning Flight 9.0, Tahu 9.0, Mangrove 9.0, Westwind 9.0, Steplink 9.0, Ayesha 9.0, Thyrus 9.0.

BEAUFORT STEEPLECHASE of 250 sovs, two miles and a-half.—Klatere 13.2, Phaetonitis 11.10, Haydn 11.7, Eclair 11.4, Slow Tom 10.11, Romany

Lad 10.10, Inniskillen 10.6, Irish 10.5, Nadador 10.5, Loch Fyne 10.3, Needlework 10.2, Pipi 10.2, Evenlode 9.13, Rangitoto 9.7, Hutana 9.7, Hikairoa 9.7, St. Kooringa 9.7, John Peel 9.7, Comfort 9.7, Silica 9.7, Kelpy 9.7, Stormy Petrel 9.7.

SPREYDON HACK HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100sovs, one mile and three-quarters.—St. Albert 10.13, Stronghold 10.9, Kaipitipeti 10.4, Golden Comb 10.0, Waipu 10.0, Top Rose 9.13, Royal Shell 9.9, Magical 9.9, Kelpy 9.7, Catch-em 9.5, Fleka 9.4, Kakui 9.3, Vizier 9.0, Crispinot 9.0, Kaikomako 9.0, Design 9.0, Roan Banner 9.0.

AUGUST HANDICAP of 250sovs, six furlongs.—Buccleuch 11.1, Lady Annie 10.13, Helen Portland 10.13, Medalist 10.11, Aeolus 10.9, Idealist 10.9, Jolly Friar 10.8, Pas Seul 10.0, St. Bill 9.13, Ivanoff 9.12, Probable 9.8, Grandstand 9.8, De Witte 9.7, Bons 9.7, Tessina 9.6, Chatterer 9.5, Ingleneuk 9.5, Gwendolina 9.5, Don Orsino 9.4, White Cockade 9.3, Waihuku 9.3, Czar Kolokol 9.3, Somateria 9.2, Volodia 9.2, Blythemaid 9.2, Jolly Roger 9.2, Jack Ashore 9.0, Heorthen 9.0, Fandango 9.0, Vardo 9.0, Sunburst 9.0.

ISLINGTON HANDICAP of 150sovs, one mile.—Seaman 10.11, Helen Portland 10.10, Buccleuch 10.9, Aeolus 10.7, Lady Annie 10.5, Medalist 10.5, Idealist 10.5, Pas Seul 9.10, Montigo 9.8, Lapland 9.7, Probable 9.5, Whakawehi 9.5, Ivanoff 9.5, Clanchattan 9.3, Chatterer 9.3, Tessera 9.3, Gwendolina 9.2, Mataari 9.2, Czar Kolokol 9.0, White Cockade 9.0, Te Rahui 9.0, Fandango 9.0, Fancywork 9.0, Iceland 9.0, Giovanni 9.0.

SCRATCHINGS.

MELBOURNE CUP.—Sylvan King, Duilius, Curtain Lecture, Memsic, Posture, Prestonpans, Frolicsome, Tryst, Dalriada, Stirling, Retrencher, Longchamps, Ringlet, The Ribble, Blaaven, Dalgety, Inch Keith, Duke of Melton, Buckleberry, Cross Battery, Putty, Green Mountain, Hampton, Lachlan, Dunolly, Maniapoto, Right Royal, Thalaba.

CAULFIELD CUP.—Infanta, Recruit, Ganbado, Lord Amherst, Thalaba, Malevolence, Wagery, Ormolu, Cherry Lass, Inch Keith, Betsy Burke, Montcalm, Duke of Melton, Buckleberry, Malt, Grenadier, Putty, Seychelles, Millson, Legion, Green Mountain, Gecko, Antonio, Marmont, Scotch Mist, Rhubarb, Socialist, Dalrymple, La Ville, Dunolly, Maniapoto, Vim, Sylvan King, Curtain Lecture, Mmesic, Posture, Keilder, Dividend, Roosevelt, The Amazon, Metal Queen, Dalriada, Tryst, Perfection, Heiro, Lest We Forget, Comely, Ringlet, Munus, Captain Shannon, Retrencher, Mira, Dalgety, Leading Lady, Proportion, Right Royal.

TURF RESULTS.

C.J.C. GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

HUNTERS' HURDLE HANDICAP of 100sovs. Once round and a distance. 210—Mr. L. A. Rutherford's gr g Canton, aged, by Exile—Babelle, 11.0 (Mr. G. J. Pine) ... 1 197—Mr. R. Logan's ch g Crispinot, 4yrs, 11.7 (Mr. C. Harty) ... 2 170—Mr. C. Rutherford's gr g Makuri, aged, 12.7 (Mr. Retter) ... 3 Also started: 465 Kaikomako, and Roan Banner. Time, 3m. 14 1-5s. Dividend, £4 12s.

TRIAL HURDLE HANDICAP of 150 sovs. One mile and three-quarters. 567—Mr. A. F. Douglas' b g St. Albert, by St. Andrew—Aretusa, 9.9 (J. McConnell) ... 1 208—Mr. G. P. Donnelly's ch g Te Uira, 5yrs, 9.10 (J. Hall) ... 2 131—Mr. R. M. Hempseed's ch g Golden Comb, aged, 9.9 (Telford) ... 3 Also started: 394 Ability, 225 Top Rose, 243 Royal Shell, 304 Catch-em, 46 Design. Time, 3m. 24 4-5s. Dividends, £2 11s 6d and £1 19s.

WINTER CUP of 500sovs. One mile. 416—Hon. J. D. Ormond's br h Idealist, 4yrs, by Birkenhead—Ideal, 9.3 (P. D. Jones) ... 1 736—Mr. F. C. Faber's b g Seaman, 5yrs, 10.4, including 10lb penalty (G. Price) ... 2 649—Mr. G. F. Moore's b m Helen Portland, 4yrs, 10.5 (McCombe) ... 3 Also started: 273 Aeolus, 196 Buccleuch, 292 Lady Annie, 72 Montigo, 461 Jolly Friar, 382 Pas Seul, 204 Whakawehi, 133 Probable, 101 Chatterer, 69 St. Bill, 221 Gwendolina, 148 Manjess, 34 Fandango, 94 Mataari, 155 Waihuku, 88 Czar Kolokol, 33 Ruapehu, 157 Silkweb, 268 White Cockade. Time, 1m. 43 3-5s. Dividends, £8 8s and £1 11s 6d.

WINNERS OF THE WINTER CUP. m. s. 1899—Jupiter, 5yrs, 9.9 ... 1 49 1900—Spider, 4yrs, 9.0 ... 1 47 1/2 1901—Ostia, 5yrs, 10.5 ... 1 44 3-5 1902—Waiwhera, 4yrs, 9.0 ... 1 49 4-5 1903—Vladimir, 4yrs, 10.12 ... 1 45 1904—Mahutonga, 4yrs, 9.10 ... 1 45 2-5 1905—Kremlin, aged, 10.12 ... 1 45 1906—Aboriginal, 4yrs, 9.0 ... 1 50 1907—Idealist, 4yrs, 9.3 ... 1 43 3-5

NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE of 1000sovs. Three miles and a-half. 292—Mr. H. Hickey's b g Eclair, aged, by Mystical—Makakiri, 10.2 (J. Hall) ... 1 141—Mr. A. F. Douglas' ch g Needlework, aged, by Muskapeer—Dressmaker, 9.7 (J. O'Connell) ... 2 343—Mr. S. Darragh's b g Klatere, aged, by Castor—Victoria, 13.3 (W. Wilson) ... 3 Also started: 768 Phaetonitis 13.8 Slow Tom, 153 Irish, 181 Nadador, 600 Inniskillen, 217 Romany Lad, 408 Evenlode, 183 Loch Fyne. Time, 7m. 10 2-5s. Dividends, £7 18s and £5 9s

WINNERS OF NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE. 1888—Mr. G. Donnelly's Managahone, 11.2 ... 9 29

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Table with columns for year, name, and odds. Includes entries for 1889-1907 such as Mr. A. Ellingham's Chemist, Mr. A. Cox's Daddy, Mr. G. H. Rhodes' Freeman, etc.

Note.—From 1888 to 1890, the course was about four miles. In 1881 the distance was reduced to about three miles and a-half at which it has since remained.

TALLY-HO STEEPLECHASE of 60 sovs. Two miles and a-half. 275—Mr. A. S. Elworthy's b g Albury, aged, 12.10 (Mr. Orbell) ... 1 164—Miss J. Rutherford's b g Jack Snipe, aged, 12.10 (Mr. Selby) ... 2 319—Mr. F. P. Evans' b g Lucky Star, aged, 12.10 (owner) ... 3 Also started: 100 Brown Hill. Time, 5m. 14 4-5s. Dividend, £2 16s.

JUMPERS' FLAT RACE of 150sovs. One mile and a-half. 359—Mr. C. Dawson's b g Ben Jonson, aged, by Ben Godfrey—Horri, 10.0 (Phillips) ... 1 698—Mr. C. Wael's b m Lady Hune, aged, 10.0 (Julian) ... 2 323—Mr. J. Munn's b g Gold Dust, aged, 8.11 (O'Brien) ... 3 Also started: 139 Landlock, 611 Stronghold, 99 Creusot, 233 Southern Cross, 476 Merriwai, and Waipu (coupled), 101 Cavalry, 211 Leaside, 27 Levant, 50 Wild Cat. Time, 2m. 41 4-5s. Dividends, £6 4s 6d and £1 1s.

ENFIELD STEEPLECHASE of 100sovs. About two miles. 553—Mr. W. G. Stead's ch g Starlight, aged, by Dreadnought, 10.9 (McConnon) ... 1 71—Mr. G. L. Rutherford's ch g Sir James, aged, 9.12 (Whitehouse) ... 2 101—Mr. H. Glennie's br m Hinemoa, aged, 9.13 (J. O'Connell) ... 3 Also started: 166 Deerslayer, 87 Wet Blanket, 388 Post Haste, 554 Rosemorn, 24 Pitcher, 122 Stormy Petrel. Time, 4m. 9s. Dividends, £2 10s 6d and £6 12s.

HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs. Six furlongs. 185—Mr. K. F. Wallace's br g Hinupai, 6yrs, by Petroleum—Kotiri, 9.0 (Reid) ... 1 141—Mr. J. Frank's b f Heorthen, 4yrs, 9.0 (W. Price) ... 2 395—Mr. C. H. Piper's blk m Volodia, 5yrs, 9.13 (A. Piper) ... 3 Also started: 427 Outer, 480 Jack Ashore, 165 Strathallan, 722 Armento, 268 Sen Sim, 96 Petard, 244 Vardo, 45 Gypsobel, 34 Spinning Flight, 76 Takero, 57 Tahu, 43 Giovanni, 33 Mangrove, 30 Steplink. Time, 1m. 27 2-5s. Dividends, £12 12s and £5 9s 6d.

NEW ZEALAND METROPOLITAN TROTTING CLUB'S MEETING. The New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club's August meeting took place at Addington under unfavourable weather conditions. Heavy rain fell during the night, making the track holding, while the afternoon was cold and showery, and the attendance was considerably affected. The totalisator investments amounted to £6363 10s. The results were as follows:—

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 100sovs, two miles.—Woodland Whispers, 15s., 1; Tornado, 18s., 2; Foreman, 12s., 3. Also started: Lady Patch, scratch; Redeemer scratch, Duly-Elected 8s., Casey 9s., Tohu 10s., Prithoff 11s., Edward R. 12s., Seaweed 12s., Saltair 18s., Pom-pom 18s. Won easily by 10 lengths. Time, 5m. 26 4-5s. Dividends, £1 14s and £4 10s.

LADIES' BRACELET HANDICAP of 60sovs, one mile and a-half.—Te Porangi, s., 1; Floater, 12s., 2; Tracey General, 3s., 3. Also started: Edward R. scratch, Lucky Child scratch, V.R. 2s., Glenlock 3s., Fidelity 4s., Special Form 6s., Woodbine Maid 7s., Careno B. 7s., Ouida 7s., President Lincoln 7s., Cematis 8s., Alice Maud 9s., Bazil 9s., Gossip 9s., Amazona 9s., Childwick 9s., Romany Rye 10s., Bonification 10s., Rockefeller 10s., Little Rothie 10s., Northcote 10s., Flakewood 12s., Dolly Linton 12s., Bess of the Barn 12s., Darchid 12s., Prince Irving 12s. Won easily by 10 lengths. Time, 4m. 22s. Dividends, £19 15s and £1 11s. Edward R. finished second but was disqualified for galloping.

AUGUST HANDICAP of 175sovs, one mile and a-half.—Lady Lillian, 12s., 1; Young McKinney, 8s., 2; Hamlin, 4s., 3. Also started: Black Child scratch; Albertorious 3s., General Lyons 4s., Onward 4s., Vivid 7s., Miss Wilson 9s., General Mac 9., Electrician 12s., Grey Echo 12s. Lady Lillian won by half a length from Black Child, but the latter started before time and was not placed. Time, 3m. 37 4-5s. Dividends, £1 8s and £4 7s.

ALEXANDRA HANDICAP of 120 sovs, two miles.—Storm, 18s., 1; Turk (late George Patch'em), 19s., 2; King George, 12s., 3. Also started: Te Whiti scratch, Piracy 7s., Brown Rib-bon 7s., Battleaxe 8s., Prince Warbeck 8s., Alliance 10s., Michael Malone

12s., Mahoney 13s., Nellie Spec 15s., Pansy 16s., Dick Turpin 16s., Starborough 18s. Won easily. Time, 5m. 18s. Dividends, £2 14s and £1 15s.

INTRODUCTORY HANDICAP of 110 sovs, one mile and a-half.—Willow Wood, 18s., 1; Te Porangi, 20s., 2; Thistle, 10s., 3. Also started: Victor scratch, Peacock 12s., Lard Spec 15s., Seaweed 17s., Lucky Child 17s., Glenlock 18s., King Tracy 18s., Exchequer 20s. Won very easily. Time, 4m. 15s. Dividends, £1 16s and £4 1s.

SELWYN HANDICAP of 120sovs, two miles.—Miss Youngley, 16s., 1; Nellie H. 18s., 2; Capitalist, 15s., 3. Also started: Roseneath 12s., Havelock 12s., Senator 14s., Almont, Jun. 15s., Ringman 15s., Lady Patch 18s., Prince Randle. Won by six lengths. Time, 5m. 20 2-5s. Dividends, £2 19s and £3 15s.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP of 100sovs, one mile.—Norval, 5s., 1; Bay King, 10s., 2; Derrington, 1s., 3. Also started: Victor Huon 2s., Elmwood 4s., Major Rothsea 4s., Woodbury 6s., Prince Warbeck 7s., Elsie 8s., Veleda 8s., Tea-tree 8s., Victory 9s., Dick Turpin 10s., Scottish Mac 10s., Ben Blackwood 10s. Won by three lengths. Time, 2m. 28 2-5s. Dividends, £3 6s and £2 9s.

LIGHTNING HANDICAP of 130sovs, one mile.—Woodthorpe Maid, 9s., 1; The Middle, 6s., 2; Electrician, 3s., 3. Also started: General Mac 2s., O.T.M. 4s., Bellboy 6s., Berlin M. 7s., Cleopatra 9s., Wild Duck 9s. Won very easily. Time, 2m. 43s. Dividends, £2 7s and £5 7s.

THE CAULFIELD GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE.

The V.A.T.C. brought their Grand National Meeting to a conclusion on August 10. The following was the result of the principal event:—

THE CAULFIELD GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE of 1400sovs. The owner of the second horse to receive 200sovs, and the owner of the third 100sovs from the stake. About four miles.

Mr. D. J. Price's br g Bribery, aged, by Malvolto—The Gift, 11.11 (Burn) 1 Mr. A. McCracken's gr g Blueskin, aged, by Dick Swiveller, 9.13 (Dickenson) ... 2 Mr. A. Miller's gr g Cardinal, aged, by Richlieu, 11.1 (Cosgrove) ... 3

Betting: 5 to 1 against Dog of War, 7 to 1 Boomerang, 8 to 1 Boisdale and Cardinal, 10 to 1 Blueskin, 12 to 1 Bribery and Swimmer. Time, 8m. 9 1/2s.

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