

waru. The winner paid a nice dividend, which is surprising when it is remembered that at the Napier Park meeting on June 22 Tina Toa easily defeated Multified, Gold Battery, Niwaru, and several others.

Mr. G. B. Oman headed the list of winning owners at the meeting with £640 to his credit. Other principal owners were:—Mr. J. Twohill, £500; Hon. J. D. Ormond, £515; Mr. C. L. Lagor, £400; and Mr. J. R. McDonald, £305, the other winning amounts being sportsman.

ing below that won by the Levin F. D. Jones headed the list of winning jockeys at the meeting with four wins to his credit. Others who rode two winners apiece were A. Olliver, W. Retter, W. Young, P. Brady, and H. Gray, whilst the following riders saluted Mr. Hartgill on one occasion each, C. Jenkins, M. Ryan, T. Pritchard, C. Brown, F. Speakman, C. Cochran and J. Griffiths.

TURF TOPICS.

Handicaps for the minor events to be decided on the opening day of the National meeting are due to appear to-morrow.

The annual meeting of the Auckland Racing Club will be held at the Chamber of Commerce on Monday, August 1.

Outlander was scratched for the Grand National Hurdles on Thursday last.

Lord Eimo has resumed work again after a spell.

Lochbuie is being hacked about the roads, preparatory to being placed in work, with a view to spring engagements. He is still in K. Irwin's stable.

C. Brown, the Auckland horseman, rode but one winner at Wellington, his success being gained on Inchbonny in the Croton Handicap.

Only six of the thirteen starters in the Wellington Steeplechase completed the course.

Master Paul cut up very badly on the concluding day at Wellington and when Kremlin went up to him, he closed up like a pricked balloon and died right away.

Loch Fyne was the last to finish in the Wellington Steeplechase.

Sir Frisco is reckoned the unlucky horse of the Wellington meeting, as in each of his races he received a bad passage.

California, Multiple, White Cockade and Paisano, each won a double at Trentham.

Those who saw Corazon race at Wellington are selecting him to be one of the hardest to beat at Riccarton next month. In the Wellington Steeplechase he was going well in third position six furlongs from home, when he came down, and on the final day he had the July Steeplechase at his mercy when he refused at the last fence.

Sal Tasker and Dan Patch are included in the list of entries for the 500sovs trotting handicap to be held at Richmond in November under Mr. J. Wren's management. Denver Huon is also engaged, and a meeting between the trio is sure to arouse a great deal of interest.

It is stated that W. Young will ride Te Arai in the C.J.C. Grand National Steeplechase.

Owing to the accident to A. Julian at Trentham, "Rangi" Thompson will do the riding over fences for the Hon. J. D. Ormond's stable.

Cigarette smokers are advised to give the "Tabard" cigarette a trial when desiring a really high class article. These cigarettes are made of the best of Turkish tobacco, and are full of quality, while the flavour should easily satisfy all connoisseurs. "Tabard" which can be obtained at any tobacconist's are packed in airtight tins of 10, 20, 50, and 100.

The stipendiary stewards' question which it was thought would be the subject of much discussion by the New Zealand Racing Conference was very easily disposed of and was quickly placed on one side.

It is now stated that Woolloomooloo will not be taken to Australia, but will remain in the Dominion.

The totalisator returns for the last year represent a shortage of over 100,000 sovs in comparison to the previous racing season.

The chestnut, Ruaparaha, who has been in the private sale, has changed hands and goes to a Gisborne sportsman.

Mandarene is to be sent South to compete at the New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club's meeting, next month.

Congratulations to F. Davis, the Hawke's Bay trainer, who was married last week.

The throwing out of the motion of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, that every club should have at least one race of a mile and a-quarter, by the Racing Conference, was a surprise, especially after the president (Sir Geo. Clifford) in his address had pointed out that long-distance races were in most favour.

A catalogue to hand from Messrs. Bedford, Taylor and Weston, giving full particulars of the trotting stock to be sold at Randwick on August 8, shows that the sale will be the most important in the history of trotting in Australasia. All the best of the world's trotting stock will be represented, and buyers should experience little difficulty in fulfilling their wants. We would advise all interested to write at once for catalogues to Messrs Bedford, Taylor and Weston, 35 Bligh street, Sydney.

The two gold chronometers donated by Mr. Herb. Price, outfitter of Willis st, to the successful riders for the 1909-1910 season, writes our Wellington correspondent, were presented to the two winning jockeys, Hector Gray (on the flat), and A. Julian (over the hurdles), at the King's Theatre, on Saturday night by Mr. F. M. B. Fisher, M.P. Hector Gray received his watch personally, but in the unavoidable absence of "Tartar" Julian, who had the misfortune to break his collar bone when Audax fell with him in the Wellington Steeplechase, a friend, Mr. Matthews, received the watch on Julian's behalf. The recipient suitably responded, after which cheers were given for the champion jockeys.

THE RACING CONFERENCE.

The annual conference of New Zealand racing clubs was held on Thursday last, Sir George Clifford (president) being in the chair. The president, in his report, referred to the death of King Edward VII., and to the silent example of His late Majesty, which had so greatly assisted in ennobling the sport. He said: "The standard of honour in every pursuit must necessarily be set by the average conduct of those most conspicuously connected with it. Higher or lower, true or false, it will vary from time to time, as its tone is set by its leaders. Thus the debt we owe to the owner of Persimmon and Diamond Jubilee is enormous for the stainless purity of his long connection with the turf. The history of racing will have much to say as to the fortune of his horses on the racecourse and at the stud, but it can never adequately gauge his influence in the discouragement of all meaner motives. This Conference has laid its poor floral tribute at the feet of the great dead, and may his memory inspire us as sportsmen to do, each in his own small way, as he did."

In passing on to other matters, the President said: "Since last year we have lost one of our members—Mr. R. E. McRae—whose presence we shall miss with sincere regret. I have nominated Mr. A. W. Budge to fill the vacancy thus created. This season has produced rather more than the usual number of appeals, but for the most part they do not all call for special comment. A doubtful point as to the jurisdiction of metropolitan committees will have to be made clear, and an amendment to the rules for that purpose has been drafted for consideration. The committee to which you entrusted the rearrangement of conflicting racing colours has completed its intricate and rather delicate task. Last year it was a pleasure to record that greater precaution had been taken in the issue of jockeys' licenses, but investigation reveals that the improvement in this respect

was not maintained by the metropolitan clubs. The falling off is disclosed by the following figures:—Jockeys licensed who had no rides, 1908-9 28, 1909-10 56; one ride, 1908-9, 25; 1909-10 43; two rides, 1908-9 23, 1909-10 29; three rides, 1908-9 18, 1909-10 22; four rides, 1908-9 9, 1909-10 22. Nearly all these licenses should have been refused, to the benefit alike of the applicants and of the meetings at which such spurious jockeys congregate. A back-handed liberality of this sort only encourages the unemployed and unemployable jockey to hang about racecourses until idleness transmutes him into a tout and spieler, and he becomes a disgrace to an active and highly honourable profession. In this connection I may mention that the Reetion Jockey Club granted a temporary license to a rider for one of its meetings, and that the Cromwell Jockey Club issued an emergency rider's certificate. I need hardly add that in both these cases it would have been the duty of the stewards who granted the licenses to disqualify on their own motion horses so ridden. The careful investigation of the committee charged by you with the duty of reporting 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 750,000 to an estimated 950,000; so that, even allowing for some additional days added to the larger meetings, there has been no proportionate increase. There has been an actual decrease in the number of days' racing held by registered non-totalisator clubs, but the number of race meetings of unregistered clubs, over which the Conference has no control, has increased, and tends further to do so. The committee might well characterise this state of affairs as unfortunate, the only reason for the existence of an unregistered meeting being that it is unfit for registration, or that it desires to escape the restrictions which past experience has accumulated for the security of honest men. It cannot be too widely known that we are in no way responsible for unregistered meetings, and that we have ever striven to protect the public against the abuse inherent to them."

The following dates for race meetings were approved, subject to certain exceptions and amendments:—Horo-whenua, date altered to September 2 and 3; Lower Valley, September 22 and 23; Otaki, October 12 and 13; Wellington, two days, from October 19 to 22; Taratahi-Carterton, to revert to November 9 and 10; Dannevirke, November 16 and 17; Manawatu, summer, December 26 and 27, and the day prior to those dates; Masterton, October 27 and 27; Wellington, January 21, 23 and 25, with the option of altering one of the dates; Manawatu, autumn, April 3 and 4. The dates of the Hawke's Bay and Egmont meetings remain, but Egmont, if it considers clashing would affect its meeting, is to be given the option of selecting May 17 and 18, or other dates to the satisfaction of the president, for this session only. South Canterbury is to be asked to select other dates for the autumn meeting. Ashburton is to be given the option of changing the autumn dates to May 17 and 18.

The question of stipendiary stewards was discussed and was eventually adjourned till next conference.

The Conference decided that the interpretation of "winnings" be struck out of the rules, and the following substituted:—"Winnings means and include any money or prizes actually credited to a winning horse as receivable by his owner or any other person from any club or clubs for winning any advertised race or races in any country during the racing year."

A suggestion from the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, that the programme of every meeting should on any day from June 7 to September 1, inclusive, include at least one maiden or hack steeplechase, was carried.

A new clause was added to the rule relating to corrupt practices and disqualifications, providing that it shall be a corrupt practice to administer, or cause to be administered, for the purpose of affecting the speed of a horse, drugs or stimulants internally, or by hypodermic or other methods. It was also agreed that a horse shall be disqualified for a race if he runs in shoes or plates having a sharp flange or projection, and that the owner and trainer of such horse, and any person who shall assist in shoeing the horse with such shoes, shall be fined by the stewards not less than £25.

It was decided that every person applying to be licensed to act as a book-

maker at a race meeting shall be deemed to declare, by making of application, that he has no interest in any horse entered, or to be entered, for that meeting, and to undertake that he will not employ any clerk at such meeting who has any interest in any horse entered, or to be entered, for that meeting.

The judges appointed by the Conference to decide upon the petition of Louis Harris, for the remission of the disqualification imposed upon him, were not unanimous as to whether the Rules of Racing gave it the power to remove such disqualification. It therefore refrained from considering the petition, but recommended that the rules be so amended as to remove any uncertainty on the point. The Conference empowered the president to appoint judges to hear the appeals of Harris and Norman Cunningham (disqualified by the Avondale Club) against their disqualification.

The Conference then adjourned.

SIRES OF THE SEASON.

MONOFORM.

When looking around for a suitable sire for their mares breeders should consider Mr. E. W. Alison's fine chestnut Monoform, by Hotchkiss—Formo, by Sterlingworth—Pulchra. Hotchkiss is a son of the great Musket, out of Petrofense. From this it will be seen that Monoform is a very highly bred sire and the fact of him being a full brother to Multiform, Uniform, Forma, Forme and Formula should cause breeders to consider him. Multiform, a great racehorse, afterwards proved himself one of the most successful sires in New Zealand, his progeny including Noctuiiform, Sungod, Boniform, Isoit, Cuneiform, Golden Lily, Multifid, Golden Slipper, Porcelain and Polymorphous, all high-class performers. Monoform is a horse of great quality, with immense bone and substance and has exceptional constitution. When but five years old Monoform was mated with a few mares, and six foals resulted. One died, another broke its leg, and the remaining one Apellon proved a good performer and won the Great Northern Champagne Stakes. The fee for Monoform's services is a very modest one and he should certainly be largely patronised by breeders.

MARBLE ARCH.

Breeders will not have to wait long to have the chance of mating their mares with Mr. Walters' recent purchase, Marble Arch, as an advertisement in another column announces that the son of Isinglass—Mall is to stand the season at Glenora Park. By Isinglass, one of the most famous descendants of the stout-hearted Isonomy, from Mall, a daughter of the Two Thousand Guineas and Derby winner Ladas, Marble Arch can lay claim to a high-class pedigree, no less than six Derby winners, five Two Thousand Guineas winners, and eight St. Leger winners being found therein. It is interesting to note that Marble Arch gets a strain of St. Simon through his dam Mall, who is out of Serpentine, a daughter of St. Serf, a son of the celebrated Galopin horse. Marble Arch is a rich bay horse, standing 15.3, and said to strongly resemble his sire, Isinglass, who contested 12 races and won 11 of them, his winnings in stake money amounting to no less than £57,185. Further information will be found in the advertisement or upon application to Mr. Walters.

GLUTEN.

Mr. W. Wates, Papakura, has an advertisement in this issue notifying that Gluten will be at the services of breeders this season. Gluten is a dark chestnut by Thurio—Bran Bread by Sea Saw, is a majestic animal possessing plenty of bone and substance. On the turf he was a high class performer, and proved himself a great stayer, winning amongst other races the Birmingham Autumn Handicap, Gatwick Oval Handicap (2 miles), Goodwood Stakes (2½ miles) and in India the Bangalore Cup (1¾ miles) with 9.4 in the saddle. Glucose, Filament, and Glue all successful performers racing in Australia claim Gluten as their parent, while his rising stock in Auckland show great promise. His fee is a small one, and he should command considerable patronage from breeders. Full particulars can be had from Mr. Walters.

MERRY PRINCE.

Merry Prince, a four-year-old son of Merry Boy—Queenie, by Muskapeer, out of Norah, and owned by Mr.