

REQUEST FOR A PERMIT.

A deputation from the Masterton Trotting Club, introduced by Mr. G. R. Sykes, M.P., waited upon the Minister for Internal Affairs, the Hon. G. J. Anderson, last week. The deputation comprised Messrs. Traill (chairman of the club), A. Hathaway (secretary), Compton, and Hodgins.

Mr. Traill said that the club was formed twelve months ago and had now 500 members, thus showing the demand for that class of entertainment in the district. The deputation desired to apply, on behalf of the club, for a permit to use the totalisator at its annual meeting. In support of the application he pointed out that Masterton has a population of 7000, and that the nearest trotting meeting with a totalisator permit was held at Tauherenikau, 25 miles to the south, while the nearest in the north was at Palmerston North, about 80 miles away. The trotting meeting would be held on the Masterton racecourse, which the Racing Club had allowed them the full use of, provided a totalisator permit was obtained by the club.

The Minister expressed his pleasure at meeting the deputation, and said that he was anxious to get all the information possible in regard to racing. The question of the issue of totalisator permits was a difficult one to decide. He did not want to see racing injured. The whole matter of totalisator permits would require to be considered by Cabinet, and the representations they had made, together with the applications already received would be given consideration. It would be a matter for Parliament to say whether the number of permits was to be increased or not; but, in any case, he thought that it might be necessary for a redistribution of the present permits to be made. In this connection, he referred to the fact that many racing clubs had been established years ago in centres where the population was fairly large, but now the population of those districts had dwindled down considerably.

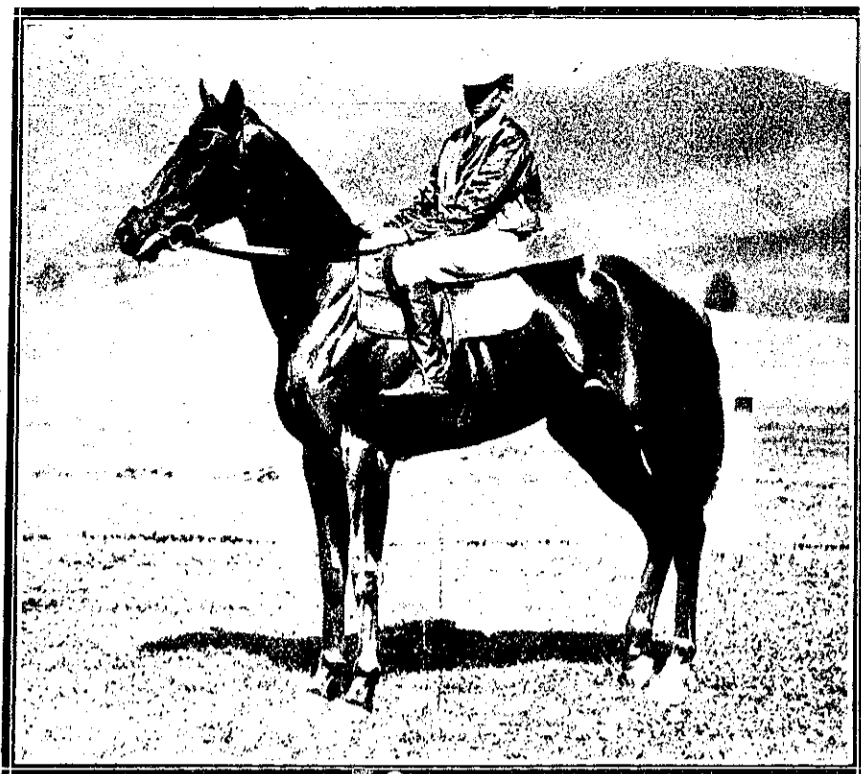
Ahika, who was recently sold to Mr. H. McCartney, a Blenheim sportsman, is now in the care of A. McCannon. The son of Campfire will again be trained at Levin.

Word from Adelaide states that the New Zealand-bred Perform (by Boniform) has again broken down. He is a half brother to Surveyor, and last year was heavily backed for the Melbourne Cup, but did not reach the post.

While being schooled at Napier Park last week, Zeus fell, and cut himself so badly above the knee as to necessitate the son of Martian—Stephanie being indulged in a spell for the remainder of the season. The veteran gelding has won several races this season, and at the Wellington Racing Club's autumn meeting in April registered a victory for his owner (Mr. T. E. Welch) in the Second Hack Hurdle Handicap.

Paddington Green, who it will be remembered won both hack hurdle races at the Wanganui J.C.'s winter meeting, made his debut in open company over the fences when he contested the Ahuriri Hurdle Race (two miles) on the opening day of the Napier Park R.C.'s winter meeting. There were half a dozen starters, and though the field was not overstrong Paddington Green's achievement in winning handily by a length has caused his name to be mentioned in connection with the N.Z. Grand National Hurdle Race. The son of Flagfall—Folly Perkins is proving a decided success over the hurdles, and promises to compensate his owner, Mr. W. G. Emeny, for his disappointments in flat races.

The success of Mr. J. Bull's candidate, Ruddy, in the Ladies' Necklace Handicap (1¼ miles) at the Napier R.C.'s winter meeting was a highly-popular one, and as the Hunterville sportsman will have All Over to carry his colours in the Ladies' Bracelet (1½ miles) at the Hawke's Bay J.C.'s winter meeting at Hastings to-day (Thursday), there appears a good prospect of him also capturing this much-coveted event. Last year Mr. J. Bull supplied the favourite for the Ladies' Necklace Handicap at Napier Park in Yankee Jack, who had to be content with third place to White Ranger and Blackall. However, the following week at Hastings, Mr. J. Bull's Omaha, who several weeks prior to the Hawke's Bay meeting had won the Carbine Plate at the Great Northern meeting at Ellerslie, came out and won the Ladies' Bracelet Handicap.



Mr. R. Dysart's br g NIGHT TIME, 3yrs., by Merry Moments—Nocturne, a well-known contestant in hack events at meetings held throughout the Auckland province during the present season.

MINISTERS OF CROWN MEET TRANSPORT ADVISORY BOARD.

The recent conference between the Prime Minister and the Minister of Labour and the executive of the Transport Advisory Board, which was held at Wellington on Wednesday of last week, discussed the jockeys' dispute in full detail, and at the finish the following suggestions were made by the Advisory Board Executive:— (1) That the Government introduce legislation to alter the constitution of racing so as to do away with the Conference and substitute Government control. (2) That a Royal Commission be set up to go into the conduct of racing generally. (3) That all racing permits be cancelled until the N.Z. Jockeys' Association is recognised. Mr. Massey suggested that the matter be held over till it was seen what the Racing Conference were prepared to do. In answer to a question, he stated that if things were not satisfactorily settled he would be prepared to consider a bill dealing with racing so as to bring it into conformity with the law of the country as regards the rights of jockeys.

ANOTHER JOCKEY SUSPENDED.

At a meeting of the Auckland District Committee, held on Thursday, the dispute between the Avondale Jockey Club and a number of members of the New Zealand Jockeys' Association was further considered, and as a result J. Conquest had his license suspended for the remainder of the season. The charges were similar to those preferred against J. O'Shea, E. C. Rae, and L. H. Hewitt, and the following note was attached to the finding:—"The committee appreciates the frankness of Conquest's explanation, and is satisfied that in breaking his engagements, as he admits, he honestly considered he was bound to join with the members of his association, and that he was not a promoter of the action complained of."

The Wellington breeder, who races as "Mr. Loring," and in whose colours Seadown runs, has decided to have his Boniform—Sea Queen colt trained by F. Davis, at Woodville. The colt is now under the latter's charge.

RACING FIXTURES, 1920-21.

June 23, 24, 26—Hawke's Bay J.C. and H.B. Hunt winter.
July 14, 17—Wellington R.C.
July 22—South Canterbury Hunt Club
July 29—Brackenfield Hunt Club

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

Friday, June 25.

Nominations all events, except Trial Plate, Wellington R.C. winter meeting, at 9 p.m.
Nominations N.Z. Grand National Hurdle Race, N.Z. Grand National Steeplechase, C.J.C. Winter Cup, Beaufort Steeplechase, Sydenham Hurdle Race and Lincoln Steeplechase, C.J.C. winter meeting, at 8 o'clock.
Weights third day Hawke's Bay J.C. and Hawke's Bay Hunt winter.
Acceptances third day Hawke's Bay J.C. and Hawke's Bay Hunt winter, at noon.

Friday, July 2.

Weights first day Wellington R.C. winter.

Friday, July 9.

Acceptances first day Wellington R.C. winter, and entries Trial Plate, at 9 p.m.

THE JOCKEYS' DISPUTE.

SIR GEORGE CLIFFORD'S APPEAL.

Sir George Clifford, president of the New Zealand Racing Conference, has addressed the following circular to jockeys and trainers throughout New Zealand:—"For your information I enclose the Press Association's report of the conference which took place on Thursday between representatives of racehorse owners and the New Zealand Jockeys' Association. It accurately states the result of the conference and the reason for such a result. It is not in the interest of owners, trainers, jockeys, or of the general supporters of racing that any association of one particular section controlled and directed by outsiders should assume authority over the sport. That authority, as claimed by the New Zealand Jockeys' Association, could only be exercised by calling a strike, which method would whenever the wire-pulling of such an association were dissatisfied, periodically disorganise racing and cause serious loss to all whose living depends upon it. Neither owners, jockeys, trainers, nor racing clubs have hitherto complained of the administration of the Racing Conference, which has always been ready to give every consideration to requests brought before it from any quarter whatsoever. I would suggest that a Trainers and Jockeys' Association be formed unregistered, which should annually or oftener if required bring under the notice of the executive of the Racing Conference any complaints or alterations of the Rules of Racing which may be thought desirable; membership of such association to be limited to licensed trainers and jockeys. In this way all real grievances would speedily be removed, and the harmony which has hitherto existed would continue without interruption. If you approve of this suggestion may I ask you to express your approval by signing and returning as soon as possible the enclosure sent herewith."



The late MASTER MOUTOA EASTON, eldest son of Mr. F. S. Easton, the well-known Foxton sportsman. Master Easton, whose death was caused through an abscess in head, is shown mounted on his favourite pony on the road leading to the Moutoa Estate homestead, Foxton.