

spectacle of a defaulting turf accountant heading for the woods with his irate clientele in full cry is indeed a sight for the gods.

Perhaps some enterprising wight may imagine that, because bookmakers off the course are not allowed to accept ready money, he can turn these regulations to his own advantage. Let a note of warning be uttered. If he approaches a reputable Turf Accountant with the proposal that he opens an account, he will be received with grave courtesy in surroundings similar to a bank.

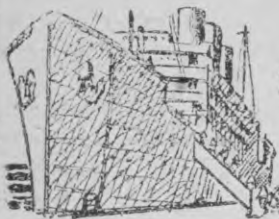
Busy clerks bent over ledgers, the tumbling sound of adding machines, the cashiers paying money through the grills would all tend to increase the illusion. The head of the firm, now shed of his loud checks and gaudy ties, would probably be in a well-cut morning suit and have the demeanour of a member of the minor clergy.

But, unbeknown to the aspiring client, his status is investigated to a surprisingly extensive degree. If he has ever defaulted on a bookmaker's account, or even a two or three-shilling Football Pool, he is for ever damned in the eyes of the odds-laying fraternity.

Neither will any account bets ever be accepted from any persons who may happen to live at the same address as the defaulter, which is hard luck on them. Records of defaulters go back many years and are complete to the last detail. All reputable bookmakers have access to those records.



But to come back to New Zealand. Let the shackles of illegality be cast off from this business of betting. Authority has, to a certain degree, confessed its failure or willingness to suppress the bookmaker by not arresting each and every one immediately. License them! Tax them if needs be in any manner the powers-that-be think fit, but for heaven's sake let an end be written to the sorry farce of declaring them illegal.



4 YEARS AGO

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| 1 Aug | Remainder of 20 Bn returns to Maadi from Garawla. | 9 Aug | NZ Forces Club in London opened by Mrs. Winston Churchill. |
| 3 Aug | UK: Second Contingent units begin six-day route march from Mytchett. | | Nurses from 1 NZ Gen Hosp form part of Guard of Honour for Duke and Duchess of Gloucester at opening of King George and Queen Elizabeth Club in London. |
| 5 Aug | HQ Ry C & M Gp, 1 NZ Conv Depot and detachment of 1 NZ Gen Hosp leave Glasgow for Egypt on «Franconia» | 10 Aug | Lady Lampson opens Kiwi Club at Helwan. |
| | Maj-Gen Howell, DDMS Aldershot Command, visits 1 NZ Gen Hosp at Pinewood. | 14 Aug | Brig Puttick leaves Maadi to visit troops in Western Desert. |
| 8 Aug | Second Contingent units return to Mytchett from 100 mile route march. | 16 Aug | 6 Fd Coy leaves Maadi for Western Desert. |