

be those shown at the same time on the on-course totalizator. To keep the public on the course advised as to the state of the betting, Mr. Watkinson proposes to install adding units on the racecourse totalizator somewhat similar to the units at present in use. The arrangement he suggests would show the state of the on-course betting, the state of the off-course betting, and the state of the aggregate betting. As investments are made at the city offices, they are to be transmitted to the racecourse totalizator, where adjustments are to be made to the horse units by means of manually-operated escapements.

109. The whole scheme is technical in character and was not supported by any verbal testimony or explanation, so that we are not certain that we follow the details with accuracy. The proposal will be of maximum use to those who, if effect be given to our later recommendations, will be concerned to establish a system of off-course totalizator betting. We would not, however, agree that barometer indicators should be used off course in connection with any system. Their use in that way would be merely to attract crowds and divert public attention, quite unnecessarily, to gambling. We feel that Mr. Watkinson is also entitled to thanks for the care and attention he has given to his scheme.

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110. Having thus disposed of the proposals emanating from private sources, we now propose to consider the scheme propounded conjointly by the two Conferences. Broadly speaking, it is suggested that totalizator agencies should be established at all places where the volume of business appears to warrant it. The authors of the scheme have two hundred such places in mind. It is proposed that these agencies should be under the control of the two Conferences or of an organization set up by them. Two methods of betting are proposed at such premises. On race days it is proposed that cash should be received, much as a bank receives it. There will thus, it is said, be no encouragement to the public to loiter on the premises; this in order to avoid the possibility of the creation of a betting-shop atmosphere. On other days, as well as on race days, bets will be accepted by telephone, by telegraph, or by post. Investments made at agencies will be collated and the results transmitted to sub-district agencies. The sub-district agencies will, in their turn, collate and transmit the totals to a head office situated at Wellington. The head office is to carry out the final collation and transmit the results to the on-course totalizator concerned, so that the off-course betting on each race can be recorded on the on-course totalizator as soon as the totalizator betting for that race begins.