

do not recommend their allotment to any particular club, but suggest that they should be used by the Minister from time to time on the recommendation of the Racing Conference to help clubs which, through weather, natural disaster, or unforeseen circumstances suffer severe financial loss in any year. Recourse might also be had to the extra pool for use upon exceptional occasions when the grant of an extra day might be indicated as desirable for any good and sufficient reason.

AMALGAMATION OF RACING (GALLOPING) CLUBS

302. In addition to the redistribution outlined above, we recommend, for the reasons set out in the Second Schedule hereto, that the following adjoining clubs be amalgamated, the amalgamated club to enjoy the full number of totalizator days heretofore allotted to the individual clubs involved in the amalgamation.

North Canterbury and Amberley to race at Rangiora.

Masterton and Carterton to race at Masterton.

Marton and Rangitikei to race at Marton.

We also recommend that the Levin and Foxton Racing Clubs be amalgamated to race at Levin, but that only one of the Foxton days be allotted to the amalgamated club, the other day to constitute a floating day as mentioned in our reference to the Foxton Club in the Second Schedule hereto. We further recommend that the Woodville and Pahiatua Clubs be amalgamated to race at Woodville or, alternatively, that the Pahiatua Club, while retaining its individual identity, should in future (as it has done through the war years) race on the Woodville course. The name of the amalgamated club should in every case be either the name of the club on whose course future racing is to be conducted or such other name as may be mutually agreed on by the two clubs and approved by the Racing Conference.

SECTION 4.—SPECIAL POSITION OF NELSON JOCKEY CLUB AND NELSON TROTTING CLUB

303. Special reference should be made to these two clubs, each of which applied for extra days. The Nelson Jockey Club is one of the oldest established clubs in New Zealand, the first race meeting having been held there in 1843. In earlier days it had an importance in racing which, due to its isolation from other racing centres, it has now lost. The club is almost entirely dependent for competitors on horses brought from other districts. The clubs nearest to it are Blenheim, Westport, and Wellington. That there is a considerable amount of local interest in racing is shown by the fact that at its two-day meeting in the 1946-47 racing year, the totalizator turnover averaged £33,000 per diem. The trotting club races on the same course on two days each year. The