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1909, No. 23.

Title.**AN ACT to regulate Race Meetings.**

[24th December, 1909.]

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short Title and commencement.**This Act not to apply to racing clubs authorised to use the totalisator.****Horse-racing to be controlled by licensed racing clubs.****Minister of Internal Affairs may grant licenses to racing clubs.**

1. (1.) This Act may be cited as the Race Meetings Act, 1909.
 (2.) This Act shall come into operation on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and ten.

2. Nothing in this Act shall apply to horse-racing conducted under the authority and control of a racing club authorised to use the totalisator.

3. No horse-racing shall take place except under the authority and control of a racing club holding a license under this Act.

4. (1.) Any racing club may make application to the Minister of Internal Affairs for a license under this Act to conduct horse-races, and the Minister may in his discretion grant or refuse any such license.

(2.) Any such license may be granted subject to such conditions as the Minister thinks fit with respect to the number, character, times, and places of the horse-races which may take place under the authority thereof, and as to the management and control of those races.

(3.) The grant of any such license, and the conditions on which it has been granted, shall be notified in the *Gazette*.

(4.) Every license so granted shall continue in force until revoked by the Minister by notice in the *Gazette*, and the Minister may at

any time so revoke any such license for any reason which he deems sufficient.

5. Horse-racing which takes place otherwise than under the authority and control of a racing club holding a license under this Act, or which takes place under the authority and control of a racing club holding a license under this Act but otherwise than in conformity with the conditions of that license, is in this Act referred to as illegal racing.

6. (1.) Every person commits an offence punishable on summary conviction by a fine of fifty pounds or by imprisonment for three months—

- (a.) Who procures, permits, authorises, or conducts any illegal racing;
- (b.) Who (not being a constable acting in the course of his duty) is present on any racecourse or other place for the purpose of taking part, whether as a spectator or in any other manner whatsoever, in any illegal racing there taking place or about to take place; or
- (c.) Who instigates, incites, aids, abets, or attempts to commit any offence against this section.

(2.) This section shall extend and apply to any case in which the offender is a body corporate, and in any such case the offence shall be punishable on summary conviction by a fine of two hundred pounds.

7. A constable may arrest without warrant any person found by him committing any offence against the last preceding section.

8. (1.) The Minister of Internal Affairs shall from time to time, at such intervals as he thinks fit, publish in the *Gazette* a list of all racing clubs holding licenses under this Act, together with a statement of the conditions on which each of those licenses has been granted.

(2.) Each such list so published shall be received in all judicial proceedings under this Act as sufficient *prima facie* evidence of all matters therein set forth, and also of the fact that no other licenses than those mentioned in that list were in force under this Act at the date of the publication of that list, or have since been granted under this Act.

(3.) Every such list may be sufficiently proved by the production of a copy of the *Gazette* containing the same.

(4.) It shall not be necessary in any prosecution for an offence against this Act for the prosecutor to prove that any racing club is not authorised to use the totalisator.

9. In this Act—

“Racing club” means any club, association, or other body of persons (whether incorporated or unincorporated) established for the purpose of promoting, conducting, or controlling the sport of horse-racing, and includes a hunt club or polo club:

“Horse-race” includes a trotting-race.

Interpretation.