

APPENDIX No. 6

By the Chairman:

Q. Or an election?—A. Yes, or an election.

By Mr. Beaton:

Q. Do you think the conditions would be improved if bookmaking was absolutely done away with and as suggested here the patron of the race track would go around making private bets with any one he could find?—A. Well, I believe in open betting. I believe in betting on the track. If there is to be pool selling or anything of that sort it should be on the race track.

Q. Do you believe that the system of bookmaking on the track as practised to-day is a satisfactory one?—A. Well, I think it is satisfactory to the bettor.

By Mr Raney:

Q. Satisfactory to the bookmaker. Do you mean satisfactory to the backer or to the bookmaker?—A. Satisfactory to the better, I think, as far as I know.

By Mr. Beaton:

Q. The one who bets with the bookmaker?—A. Yes I think so.

Q. You think it is the more satisfactory condition than doing away with the recognized bookmaker?—A. Well I do not know that I can answer that question but just in this way that I believe in open betting.

By Mr. Blain:

Q. Do you see any moral distinction between two men betting on the track and other men betting with the bookmaker?—A. None. I cannot see any difference. I do not think it is any more harm in my mind—I am only giving my opinion—to bet with the bookmaker than it would be for an ordinary auctioneer to auction your chattels and mine and take a percentage; I cannot see any other difference.

By Mr. Beaton:

Q. How do you distinguish between open and other betting?—A. When I say open betting I believe in having it upon the track.

By Mr McCarthy:

Q. With the bookmaker or the pool seller?—A. Yes, the bookmaker or the pool seller and having that on the track. I do not believe in betting in England and having a race here.

By Mr. Beaton:

Q. Are there any handbooks in connection with the trotting meets betting on foreign races?—A. I think there has been, I am not posted as to that.

Q. Do you know whether there are any?—A. I do not know. I am not an authority on that, I could not say.

Mr. RANEY.—There are none, we have not heard of any.

The WITNESS.—I do not know of any.

By Mr. Beaton:

Q. Do you see anything objectionable in the trotting meets as held to-day?—A. No, I do not.

By Mr. Raney:

Q. There was a witness here from Nova Scotia, a horseman, a race track owner, a man whose business is as large as yours is, who told us that there was no bookmaking on the Nova Scotia tracks, and those tracks derive no revenue from bookmaking and yet they were in a very healthy state. Middlesex is a wealthy county is it not?—A. Yes, sir. The best in Ontario.