

Criminal Code

All these projects that I can recall at the moment are more than \$10,000. They are for much larger amounts. The only one that has been done in the section of the country that my hon. friend comes from is the one having to do with the diking of the marshes along lake Erie, where, along with the provincial government, we put in \$100,000. Projects of this kind would not come under this \$10,000 at all.

Mr. Charlton: The wages of the employees would not be apportioned out with the various outside jobs; they are all paid under this act?

Mr. Gardiner: Yes.

Mr. Charlton: The wages portion of the work does not change that; they will be paid in the ordinary way.

Mr. Gardiner: Yes.

Mr. Charlton: I want to point out that as the work progresses outside the area there is much more reason why it should be made applicable to the whole of Canada.

Mr. Coldwell: The bill, as it comes down, will provide that certain classes of employees will come under civil service superannuation. I am not going to ask the minister what these classes will be, because I presume the bill will indicate it and the minister will discuss it. I hope that, when the bill is drawn, as many as possible of the employees of the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act will come under the civil service and superannuation, in the interests of both the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act and the employees themselves. It is important that as many of these officials as possible shall be permanent employees entitled to proper increases in salary and to superannuation. I should like to see the minister include as many of these classes of employees as it is possible to do.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in.

Mr. Gardiner thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 375, to amend the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

CRIMINAL CODE**AMENDMENT WITH RESPECT TO RACING ASSOCIATIONS CONDUCTING PARI-MUTUEL BETTING**

Right Hon. J. G. Gardiner (Minister of Agriculture) moved the second reading of Bill No. 357, to amend the Criminal Code (race meetings).

Mr. Fulton: Will the minister make an explanation, or say whether the whole bill [Mr. Gardiner.]

is covered by the explanatory note, which does appear to give a fairly complete picture?

Mr. Gardiner: The whole bill is covered by the explanatory note. The bill itself was introduced in the Senate and fully discussed there. If I were permitted to do so, I might read just one or two sentences from the words used by the hon. senator who introduced the bill in that house. I know I may be a little out of order, but—

Mr. Macdonnell (Greenwood): You certainly are.

Mr. Fulton: With unanimous consent.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I doubt whether with unanimous consent a debate which took place in the present session in the Senate should be referred to in this house.

Mr. Gardiner: I will say it without reading it.

Mr. Fulton: Paraphrase it.

Mr. Gardiner: The Department of Agriculture received a request from the Standard Bred Horses Society and the Canadian Trotting Association to consider providing for the same kind of supervision of pari-mutuel betting where trotters and pacers were the horses which were competing as now exists in connection with running races. The obvious reason for this request is that it gives more protection to the public that is betting on races. The law generally states that betting is illegal; then it goes on to say that there are certain exceptions, and the exceptions are set out in the particular section that is being amended.

The exceptions provide that where races are being run under pari-mutuels, a certain percentage of the take from the public can be utilized by those who are promoting the races—in this case it is nine per cent. Then it is provided that a certain percentage may be taken by the provinces in the way of taxation, and a certain percentage must go to the public. The purpose of the supervision which this department exercises is to see that the public gets its share. That has been the case in connection with running races, and it has been suggested that it should be the case in connection with trotting. Trotting and pacing races are coming back. It is developing into rather big business. It was suggested that the same kind of supervision ought to be put on the one as on the other.

The whole intent of this amendment is to bring the trotters and pacers under the same supervision when pari-mutuel betting is carried on in connection with the racing. The procedure which is followed in bringing about the supervision is for the association which