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kept alive by the public, and if the public took no interest in it and would not bet no bookmakers would be found on the race course, and there would be no races.

Q. Now, Dr. Shearer said yesterday it would be, he thought—or rather I will put it the other way—he criticised the situation which made of the doing of something a crime in the one place and not a crime in the other. Do any other people besides the race-course people have such a situation arise?—A. Well, I have always understood that it was a principle of law that a thing might be legal in one place and not in another.

Q. We have had some experience in the city of Toronto with that. A preacher can preach in the pulpit, but not in the park. If he preaches in the pulpit it is legalized, but if he preaches in the park it is a crime.—A. If he preaches in the Queen's Park Inspector Archibald comes up with the wagon and takes him away.

Q. So that the same situation exists in other walks of life as in this.—A. Under the city by-laws it is.

The CHAIRMAN.—Mr. Nelson has told us what Mr. Nathaniel Dymont told him was his opinion, and what he has heard from Japan. Would Mr. Moss object to the opinion of Mr. E. King Dodds, and we might ask Mr. Nelson whether he agrees with Mr. Dodds.

Mr. Moss.—I think it is perfectly proper.

The CHAIRMAN.—As to the matter of the commercializing of horse racing in Canada some years ago, I may say Mr. Dodds is the editor of the 'Canadian Sportman,' of Toronto.—A. He was formerly.

The CHAIRMAN.—He is the late editor, and a man who has had as much experience in connection with the Ontario Racing Association as any other man in Ontario—A. I do not agree with that.

The CHAIRMAN.—At any rate I think we can take it that the late editor of the 'Canadian Sportsman,' who was the editor of that paper for many years, and who has written more than one book upon the horse, is a fairly good authority. I have been reading a work by Mr. E. King Dodds, 'Canadian Turf Recollections and other Sketches,' and I would like to read what he says upon the subject: (Reads).

Though much pleasure was taken out of racing in the days of yore, there was not much profit. The almighty dollar was not appreciated then quite as much as it is at the present time. The Sons of Israel had not swarmed upon the race course trying to occupy every corner where a nimble dime could be made. Men went to the races, not altogether to bet money, but to meet their friends and enjoy a pleasant time. The enjoyment was great but the profits were small. The balance sheet at this Carlton Park meeting, after all expenses were paid, showed a profit of \$79. Yet, strange to say, it was then considered as satisfactory when the income balanced the expenditure. Truly the times have changed. There is now a different class of owners, and the present ones are nearly all out for the dollar.

and then again, writing on the same lines, he says: (Reads).

Really there has not been much growth in the Canadian running turf during the past quarter century. I do not believe there are as many Canadian owners of thoroughbreds now as there was then, and I am quite sure that for genuine love of sport the old timers could give cards and spades to the modern dollar-worshipping owner. Whether there has been as much improvement in the quality of the horses as some latter-day people would have you think is an open question. Modern ways of training and faster tracks are responsible for a good deal of the so-called improvement, but such old time performers as Nettie, Terror, Disturbance, Jack Vandal, Emily, Bonnie Ino, Lady D'Arcy, Jack Bell, Jack on the Green, Bay Jack, and lots of others would be in the money to-day under the present circumstances.