

suppressed and that the publication of information intended to aid in the carrying on of the business of betting upon events taking place either within Canada or in other countries should be prohibited, and that owners or lessees of buildings should be made responsible for permitting their premises to be fitted up as gambling dens, with devices, whose object it is to defy the authorities in the enforcement of the Law against gambling."

DRAFTING.

When the proposed amendments to the Code affecting gambling were to be drafted, the instructions to the draftsman made equally clear that it was the business of betting and gambling, or *professional betting or gambling, not betting or gambling per se* that was to be clearly covered by the proposed amendments.

PETITIONS.

When the petition was drafted on the 24th September, 1909, its prayer was expressed in the following terms: "We, the undersigned electors, humbly pray your Honorable Body to enact without delay such amendments to the Criminal Code as will, under adequate penalties and by simple process, *make pool-selling, book-making, and the business of gambling, clearly unlawful everywhere and under all circumstances*, as well as the publication of information tending to aid in gambling, and in other respects to render the law effective for the suppression of gambling." These petitions were distributed and largely signed throughout the Dominion, and it was in this form that they were presented in great numbers to Parliament in January and February of the current year.

INTRODUCED BY MR. MILLER.

Meantime the Government had decided not to introduce the proposed legislation as a Government measure, but to open the way and give a fair field to the proposed amendment in the hands of a private member. At the time of the opening of Parliament in November, 1909, the Minister of Justice himself, handed the draft amendments to Mr. H. H. Miller, of South Grey, with the suggestion that he should undertake this task, and should have his Bill introduced at the earliest possible moment. On this suggestion, Mr. Miller acted, and his Bill was No. 6 for the Session of 1909-10, and was given its first reading on the 1st day of regular Parliamentary business. It came up for its second reading on the 2nd of December, and both on its introduction for a first reading and in moving for its second reading, its sponsor, Mr. Miller, took pains to emphasize the fact that it aimed at *making only the business of gambling and betting*, whether on the race-track or elsewhere a crime. As reported in Hansard, Column 905, in answer to a question by Mr. Campbell as to whether he had understood Mr. Miller "correctly