

APPENDIX No. 6

Q. Does it date back twenty-five years?—A. Well I could not say, but I think possibly Hamilton, or at least the Woodbine, was the only club that was racing twenty-five years ago of the present five clubs.

Q. I am told—and again I refer to the American Encyclopedia—that bookmaking as a source of revenue to the jockey clubs began in the early 80's of the last century, perhaps twenty-five or thirty years ago.—A. Well I saw the racing at Saratoga in the 80's and I think the bookmakers were doing something then.

Q. Well now do you know?—A. I do not know, I understood that.

Q. I am told that is about the time it began, does that agree with your impression?—A. I could not say when it began, that is about the first I knew of it.

Q. You knew there was betting before then?—A. I did not know it.

Q. Had you ever heard it began before that time?—A. I never heard one way or the other about it.

Q. You do not know that there were excellent horses and splendid thoroughbreds long before 1880?—A. Oh yes, but nothing like as many or as good as there are now.

Q. Perhaps you can correct me, because you can correct me in a lot of things, and tell me if I am right in this: I am told that the net result of the last 25 years of racing of thoroughbreds bearing in mind the improvements in sulkies and harness, etc., has been the reduction of the record by two seconds?—A. Average running time for a mile.

Q. Yes?—A. Well I could—

Q. I had better take that question back.—A. I think I have a book which gives the time.

Q. I am told the net result of the last twenty-five years running races of thoroughbreds has been the reduction of the mile record by two seconds?—A. Oh much more than that. The mile record is 1.35½ now and I think twenty-five years ago it would be something about 1.40.

Q. Can you speak differently as to that?—A. I have a work of reference and if you will allow me to consult it I will give you the figures exactly.

Q. I wish you would. A. (After consulting book of reference). It is just a record of the miles in 1.39 or better I have. I think the record then would be about 1.40, I am sure it was not under 1.40, to-day it is 1.35½.

By Mr. McCarthy:

Q. You think the record now is about 1.35½?—A. It is 1.35½.

Q. Speaking of the English method of procuring tribute by reason of the bookmakers is there any charge to get into the paddock where the bookmakers operate in England?—A. Yes.

Q. An extra charge?—A. Yes.

Q. How much do you remember? My information is one pound?—A. It is a pound.

Mr. RANEY—It is a pound for bettors and bookmakers alike.

By Mr. McCarthy:

Q. I am surprised that Mr. Raney knew that. Now where you have five thousand people going into a paddock where betting is carried on and they have to pay an extra pound admission fee, then by reason of the betting the track organization gets just \$25,000 from the public?—A. From that portion of the public that bet. The bookmakers do not pay anything, nobody pays it but the speculative portion of the public.

Q. The track organization puts the bookmakers into a paddock or an enclosure and charges an extra admission fee to go in and bet with them?—A. They do in England.

Q. And thereby increase its revenue to the extent of a pound for every person that goes in?—A. Yes.

Q. Therefore bookmaking in England pays in that way a considerable tribute?—A. They get money from the people who want to bet.