

were represented by counsel but no financial statements were furnished.

It was perfectly apparent then, as now, that the Fort Erie and Windsor Clubs, like the disreputable race-track at Jaurez, Mexico, existed, the one at the gates of the City of Buffalo, and the other at the gates of the City of Detroit, for the purpose of carrying on for the benefit (or demoralization) of the people of those cities practices that were not allowed under the laws of New York and Michigan. It also appeared that these tracks, resting as they did on a pure basis of commercialized gambling and without any serious apology or excuse that they were in the interests of horse-breeding, were in intimate association with the Toronto, Montreal and Hamilton Clubs, controlled and officered by leading public men of Canada.

Though Mr. George M. Hendrie, the proprietor of the Windsor track, could not be prevailed upon to appear before the Committee, his brothers, Lieut.-Col. William Hendrie and Sir John Hendrie, did appear and gave evidence against the measure. They were disposed to put emphasis on the sacrifices their father and their father's family had made in the interests of horse-racing, and to lament their investments, from a business point of view. Thus Sir John, in answer to Mr. McCarthy :—

“Q. Is there very much money in keeping up these establishments to-day ? A. Generally I should think that during the fifty years of my father's life that he raced it cost him \$300,000 or \$400,000.

“Q. What has been your experience ? A. I have partially paid expenses.

“Q. Does that mean that you have lost money this year ? A. Yes, but I do not grudge it.

“Q. Your brother gave evidence in cross-examination to Mr. Raney with reference to your interest in those tracks. Are you a shareholder in the Ontario Jockey Club ? A. I am a director and a shareholder in the Ontario Jockey Club. From my share I get \$10 a year.

“Q. That helps to make up for the deficiency, I suppose ? A. It pays for a Pullman to go down to the directors' meeting.”

Major William Hendrie :

“Q. Are you interested in the Hamilton Jockey Club ? A. I am, unfortunately.”