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By Mr. Raney:

Q. Of course, the telegraph companies only handle public business, they have no interest in it?—A. You can have as much secrecy in any kind of message as you wish because you can put it in any language or any code you choose.

Q. My information is that these wires that carry this information are leased wires, it is necessary that it should be, is it not?—A. I do not know enough about the operations of the telegraph companies to tell you.

Mr. McCARTHY.—Is it intended to stop newspapers publishing results of races?

Mr. RANEY.—We will deal with that afterwards.

Mr. McCARTHY.—I cannot see how you can stop it going to one office and not to another.

By Mr. Raney:

Q. It is reported that the poolrooms have paid \$10 a day for the privilege of getting the advance information from each track in the country?—A. I suppose the telegraph company would not supply it for nothing.

Q. And that the telegraph company paid the racing associations for it?—A. So Mr. Counsell said.

Q. And it was done in Hamilton, Mr. Counsell said, and you heard the statement that in one year something was done in Montreal also in that way.

Mr. MEREDITH.—I said for the first year there was certain information sold to the telegraph company but I did not know where it went to, I have no information where it went to.

By Mr. Raney:

Q. And you say there are instruments also in the Fort Erie and Windsor tracks?—A. Yes, I do a great deal of my work there; both companies have offices on all the tracks.

Committee adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS,
COMMITTEE ROOM No. 32,
FRIDAY, February 18, 1910

The committee resumed at 8.30 p.m., the Chairman, Mr. Miller, presiding.

The examination of Mr. FRANK NELSON continued.

By Mr. Raney:

Q. I understand you did not agree with the suggestion that the establishment of the tracks at Fort Erie and Windsor were subterfuges to get over the anti-race-track-gambling laws of Michigan and New York?—A. No.

Q. They just came there as legitimate sporting propositions, as good as the Woodbine, I suppose?—A. I do not know what your understanding of 'legitimate sporting proposition' is, I do not understand why you limit it in any way.

Q. Well, in any way at all?—A. They are just the same as any other races, or any other form of entertainment.

Q. Are they legitimate racing associations, as a legitimate jockey club, if you like, as the Woodbine?—A. Oh yes.

Q. Quite as legitimate?—A. Quite as legitimate.

Q. And quite free from any suggestion of any impropriety in any way?—A. In any way, yes.