

towns—and he was afraid in the smaller ones too—that brought more people in the humbler walks of life misery and ruin than the betting agents."

MR. JUSTICE WILLS : "When I first came upon the Bench I used to think drink was the most fruitful cause of crime, but it is now a question whether the unlimited facilities for illegitimate speculation on the part of people who have no means of embarking on it are not a more prevalent source of mischief and crime even than drink."

MR. HORACE SMITH (London Stipendiary Magistrate) : "Nearly every case of embezzlement I try has resulted from betting, and then, to pay their losses, they rob their employers."

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The Supreme Court of Missouri, declaring unconstitutional an amendment to the law of that State to the effect of the amendment adopted by the Parliament of Canada in 1910, said :

"If such legislation could be sanctioned, then it would be an easy legislative task to provide for the punishment of robbery, murder and arson with a proviso that nothing in the Act should be so construed as to prohibit or make it unlawful to rob, burn or murder within the enclosure of a regular race-course."

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As against the foregoing considerations, the country and Parliament will give due weight to the representations of the Jockey Clubs. Those representations as made to Parliament in 1910, in a printed argument of 51 pages, signed by five of the counsel who appeared for them before the Special Committee, summarized, were as follows :

1. "It is impracticable and cannot be effectively enforced."
2. "It will deprive the Jockey Clubs of the revenue derived from the sale of bookmaking privileges."
3. "It will have the effect of putting an end to many of the very numerous trotting meets."
4. "It will tend to increase the real evil of hand book and pool room betting."
5. "It will destroy the opportunity of making Canada one of the important cavalry horse-breeding units of the Empire."
6. "It is of a highly experimental character."

And finally they said : "It cannot be honestly contended for a moment that the principal Jockey Clubs are conducted for the purpose of individual gain by shareholders of these institutions."