

APPENDIX No. 6

Q. When did you make your first request?—A. Last year; and when we did not get anything, we went to the provinces and they gave us a grant.

By Mr. Sinclair:

Q. How much do you want?—A. We want all we can get.

By Mr. Meredith:

Q. You might tell the chairman what provinces were more generous than the Dominion?—A. We got grants from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, we have been promised a grant by the province of Quebec, and we have every encouragement from the province of Ontario; the Alberta legislature and the Manitoba legislature will take up the question of a grant in a couple of weeks.

Q. Are you shipping any to Saskatchewan?—A. Our first shipment goes there on the first of May at the request of the authorities of the Northwest Mounted Police; H. Lawson and 181 farmers signed the request. The officials of the police force claim that they cannot get 80 suitable horses a year to meet the requirements of the Northwest Mounted Police.

Q. And you are going to send stallions up there to produce 80 horses for the Northwest Mounted Police?—A. No; to produce all we can, and then the Northwest Mounted Police will get what they want.

Q. It is said that it pays the farmers better to breed heavy horses, that the War Office will not pay sufficient prices?—A. The War Office gentlemen said that they paid \$200 for troopers and \$300 for chargers.

By Mr. Meredith:

Q. What does it cost to raise them?—A. We claim they can raise them until three years old in Alberta at a total cost of \$20.

Q. Is it not a great grazing land?—A. The War Office says Alberta is the greatest grazing land in the world.

Witness discharged.

MR. COUNSELL.—I desire to put on the records extracts from the minutes of the executive of the Moral and Social Reform Council of Canada, held on the 17th of April, 1908, the president, Rev. Dr. Carman, in the chair, Canon Tucker, Dr. Chown, James Simpson and the secretary, Dr. Shearer, as follows:—

The attitude of the government toward the request of the executive for amendments to the law governing gambling and betting was reported upon by Dr. Chown and the secretary, both of whom had interviewed the premier in the past. In the light of their reports, it was felt to be extremely doubtful whether the government would undertake legislation unless some more effective pressure could be brought to bear upon them.

The secretary was directed to write the premier in regard to this matter, and to arrange, if possible, for Mr. Macdonald, of the *Globe*, to write him about the same time, also confidentially to write to a number of members of parliament who are known to be thoroughly sympathetic, letting them know the condition of things, and asking their good offices in the way of influencing the government.

Also the minutes of the council of September, 1909:—

But your executive is extremely sorry to report that the government did not accede to the council's request for amendments (a) and (b), and the executive would recommend that the council should adopt a strong deliverance on these important matters and authorize the executive to arrange for a campaign of awakening public opinion, arousing the public conscience through the pulpit, the platform and the press, by the circulation and presentation of petitions to both Houses of Parliament, and by any other means that it may deem necessary, leaving the executive free to determine the line of action.