

where in the neighbourhood of two hundred. I do not know exactly I am not sufficiently posted, but it is up in the hundreds I think.

Q. And you have been to a great many of them?—A. I have been to quite a few.

Q. You know the conditions that prevail at most of these meets?—A. I have a pretty good idea.

Q. One is similar to another?—A. Quite similar.

By the Chairman:

Q. Was that question how many meets approximately there are in Ontario?—A. Well general meets.

By Mr. Beaton:

Q. Do you include county fairs?—A. I am taking county fairs and wherever a race meeting has been held. I am not taking the associations altogether and I am not giving you this as authentic. I do not know that I paid any attention to that. I know there are a great many.

Q. We have been told that some associations only hold one, while others hold two meetings every year?—A. Some do.

Q. You are also president, I believe, of the London Turf Association?—A. I am.

Q. Which holds a trotting meet every year?—A. Say once a year.

Q. How long does that last?—A. From three to four days.

Q. Is that the average length of a trotting meet?—A. I think so; yes, sir, so far as I have attended.

Q. And does the London Turf Association conduct its meet along the same lines as the others that you have been to in Ontario?—A. Similar.

Q. I believe they have open betting at the London meet?—A. They have had.

Q. They sell bookmaking privileges?—A. They do.

Q. And the revenue from these privileges contribute towards the purses?—A. Yes.

Q. How long has the London Association been in existence?—A. Well, that is a question I can hardly answer. For a good many years. I have been president, probably six or seven years; I cannot give you the exact date.

Q. You have been closely associated with it?—A. Closely associated. Well, all my life, you might say; I have always attended, or when possible, I have attended the London meet.

Q. Have you found it a very profitable investment?—A. Not to the officials.

Q. You are a shareholder?—A. Well, I am president. I have never received a dollar from it as yet. I have paid out some.

Q. You got no dividends?—A. No, sir. I have not at least.

Q. Do you know if they do make any large profit?—A. Well, I am told not by the secretary. I have never seen his books, but he tells me no.

Q. You have never personally audited the books?—A. No.

Q. What effect would the passage of this Bill, in your opinion, have upon the London trotting meets?—A. Well, in my opinion, it would have a detrimental effect.

Q. To what extent?—A. Well, in the first place it would do away with—by doing away with the privileges we lose that revenue and I think it would lessen—I am satisfied it would lessen—the attendance.

By Mr. Raney:

Q. How much is the revenue?—A. Well, anywhere probably during the four days close to \$800, I should judge.

By Mr. Beaton:

Q. The revenue from what?—A. The bookmakers.

Q. And that is largely?—A. We usually try to make our purses tally with the amount of revenue we expect to receive.