

APPENDIX No. 6

Q. I should have thought you would. You know there is an organization which gets information from these tracks for distribution among the poolrooms?—A. I do not, sir. I know the Western Union at one time did that. Whatever occurred that the Western Union abandoned it, I have no knowledge of it and I do not think there are any pool rooms in the eastern part of the States.

Q. Are you sure?—A. That is my information from people who would be likely to know.

Q. My information is that there are many of them in New York State.—A. Pool-rooms.

Q. Yes?—A. New York has none, at all events it is said there are not any.

Q. At all events you heard the evidence of Mr. Fraser when he stated that the Ontario Jockey club derived a revenue during five preceding years including last year, from the sale of advance information to the Interstate News Company?—A. I heard whatever Mr. Fraser said.

Q. You know that information was required for use in the poolrooms?—A. I do not know what it was for. I do not know how it was used. My information consists in hearing what Mr. Fraser said, and as I have already stated I do not know what the Interstate News Company was, and I never knew how that sort of information was transmitted since the Western Union Company abandoned it.

Q. You know that a revenue was derived from the sale of it?—A. I heard Mr. Fraser say that.

Q. Can you imagine any other reason for paying for this advance information unless it was for the use and information of the poolrooms?—A. They might supply it to the handbooks or to any person interested in it.

Q. For the purpose of betting?—A. For whatever the people wanted it for.

Q. You do not approve of poolrooms?—A. I do not.

Q. You think they are disreputable?—A. I do.

Q. What would you think of a reputable association which by that source of revenue raised a surplus of \$70,000 and which would still sell information in that way to be used in contravention of the laws of a foreign state?—A. I do not know that they are in a position to avoid it.

Q. Why not?—A. They could not by any possibility apparently keep them out of it. In New York where they spent thousands of dollars in the attempt they have not succeeded in doing so.

Q. Does not the Woodbine control its own track?—A. Yes.

Q. Why could they not keep them off the track, the telegraph?—A. Yes, that might be done.

Q. Could not that be done by reputable sportsmen?—A. I do not know what sort of force you are going to employ.

Q. You have said the poolrooms are disreputable?—A. I should not think it was disreputable to suppress the poolrooms if there is any method of working it out.

By Mr. Sinclair:

Q. Do you think it is practicable to prohibit the sale of advance information? It is proposed by this legislation to prohibit telegraph companies transmitting this information to the people who want to buy it in the United States for example?—A. To prohibit the telegraph companies from doing so?

Q. Yes?—A. I suppose if every message that was filed with every telegraph company was scrutinized and those that were in the code were extended, it would be possible.

Q. Would it be very easy to evade it by adopting a code?—A. Oh yes.

Q. There would be no trouble at all in doing that?—A. Not the slightest, that is what is done now.

Q. You think no legislation that would be enacted on that line would be effective?—A. I do not think it could be done.