

THE ANTI-GAMBLING CAMPAIGN NOT DEAD

Although the Original Bill Was Defeated, It Will Be Revived Until the Evil Which Has Grown in Canada, Since American States Legislated Against Bookmaking, is Effectively Restricted.

Bulletin Special. Ottawa, April 16.—It might perhaps be assumed that after the exhaustive debate of the Miller anti-gambling bill in the House the latter part of the week-making would be left to be said on the subject; also, that in the light of the fact which overtook the proposed measure, the question relative to race track gambling the medium of the bookmaker, is a dead one.

But assuming that at least a goodly percentage of the members who supported the measure as it came from the special committee were actuated by a motive having its inspiration in an ethical line, the discussion took on the floor of the House, and which is expected to be the case, it may be fairly judged that the question not only is not dead but that there is something further to be said in relation thereto.

To one who listened to the debate throughout, one circumstance in connection with the proceedings was impressive. That was that numerous conspicuous gentlemen on the government side of the chamber in particular and some of the opposition members as well, took no part in the discussion but in voting gave silent support to the bill. Apparently those members recognized that there is a real evil in relation to the matter dealt with in the bill but were not altogether satisfied with its terms, felt that structurally it was not perfect in placing too extreme limits upon human conduct but were unable to accept the specious alternative of the substitute presented in the McCall amendment, gave support to the measure.

Arguments Pro and Con. The advocates of the bill laid stress in their arguments on the great harm to society through persons who have and the money to spare, squandering their substance in race track gambling while the stock argument of those opposed to it was that to stop book-making would stop racing and that would have an adverse effect on the breeding of thoroughbred horses.

But the gentlemen took no active part in the matter and contented themselves with voting with the friends of the bill. It is interesting to note that the bill after it was passed by a considerable majority, was not a radical change in conditions as some people suppose. One of these is that the states of the American union have of late years passed legislation restricting race track gambling and that has had the effect of attracting to Canada many of the following of race track gambling and growth in population still and the increase in wealth has had the effect of bringing into greater prominence the objectionable features of gambling on the races.

It is interesting to note that the bookmakers and their associates have brought the evil into such prominence that the effect has been to elevate to a higher position than it has ever occupied before in the public mind of Canada, the moral or ethical phase of the question and has created the necessity of dealing with the new aspect of the situation in a manner capable of benefiting society.

Evil Has Grown. Therefore, while in years gone by small attention was paid to race track gambling, because it was not then a question large enough to arouse public sentiment, it has now reached that stage and people who give thought to the improvement of the moral tone of society, are ranking themselves behind a movement to secure by legislative enactment, restriction of the evil.

Other Important Factor. The necessity for the encouragement of the breeding of thoroughbred horses and its attendant legislation of crystallizing into legislation of hard and fast rules of human conduct, played a conspicuous part in the consideration of the measure. There was no member who did not recognize the necessity for encouraging the breeding of thoroughbred horses but there were many, to the credit of their good sense, who felt that not only could the public be benefited by the restriction of race track gambling, but that the public was necessary to such an encouragement, but who were essentially disgusted that supposedly sane and sensible men would make such a spectacle of themselves as to stand on their such a theory, as they were to head horse racing with the attendant dangers of race track gambling was the very foundation of British character.

Supporters It is concluded. Among such members there were, however, numerous ones who, no doubt, felt that horse racing really is

CANADA AND AUSTRALIA LINKED BY STEAMERS

Service Will Be Inaugurated This Summer—Ships Will Bring Australian Produce to Canada and Carry Back Our Manufactured Goods.

It has just been announced by the Canadian Government that a new direct service between the Canadian Atlantic ports, and Australia and New Zealand will be put on by the New Zealand Shipping Company, which is one of the big steamship companies of the world. It is expected that this new line will result in a large accession of trade between Eastern Canada and the Antipodes, the boats bringing from New Zealand, Australia and other Australasian products to Canada, and taking back manufactured goods, carriages, buggies, boots and shoes, sewing machines, and other Canadian articles, which have for long past been in strong demand in Australia.

The new service will be inaugurated with the sailing of the S.S. "Rakia" from Montreal on April 15th, and the mailings thereafter.

The New Zealand Shipping Company, which is inaugurating this new venture, is one of the strong shipping companies of the world. It was inaugurated in New Zealand in 1875, with several sailing vessels, but speedily grew, until, with the advent of steam vessels, it took on a new and more important character, and at present its headquarters are at London, England.

Absurd Contentions. The argument was heard during the debate that there is no precedent and no justification for passing legislation which interfered with the personal liberty of individuals by making a criminal offense an act that does not obtain in other countries.

The statement was made many times during the debate that there was no large public sentiment in favor of the Miller bill, and that the only reason for its passage was the fact that it was shown by the frantic manner in which the members who made it their duty to vote for it, that they were not obtaining through their own efforts a certain discrimination. A matter worthy of note is that although New Zealand granted to the Canadian a preferential tariff some years ago the same has been of little benefit as it is claimed by the Canadian merchant.

COMET FRIGHTENED INDIANS. St. Regis, N.Y., April 18.—A comet appeared in 1835 it was seen vividly here, and it is said it raised the Indians to a state of terror. The Indians roamed around at will among the mountains and white people trembled very carefully, partly from fear.

GREAT PASSENGER BALLOON. Paris, April 18.—For the first time the builders of the great dirigible balloon, the "Clément-Bayard II," which is soon to start from Paris for London, have allowed the exact details of its dimensions and capacity to become known.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK. Montreal, April 18.—About 750 head of butchers' cattle, 600 calves, 75 sheep and lambs and 1,300 hogs were offered at the stock yards today. Damp weather with small supplies and advanced prices caused rather slow market.

E. A. BROWN MADE LIEUTENANT. Militia Orders. Chronicals Appointments in Western Regiments. Ottawa, Ont., April 18.—Militia orders were issued today as follows: 101st Regiment, Edmonton, "Fliers," Lieut. E. A. Brown is absorbed into establishment, vice Lieut. J. W. Morrissey.

Steel Workers Strike. Pittsburgh, Pa., April 18.—One thousand and fifty-five of the striking steel company, Schoenfeld, struck today because of the discharge of four men and the refusal to reinstate them.

Conservatives Beaten in Germany. Berlin, April 18.—The National Liberal party was an important victory in the election of a successor to the late president of the Reichstag, the country district which had elected a Conservative

SIX FIREMEN WERE KILLED

Lost Their Lives at New Haven, Conn. Were Caught by Back Draft.

New Haven, Conn., April 18.—Trapped by metal doors and barred windows, six firemen were killed, flames in a workshop were caught by a back draft and burned to death during the partial destruction of the New Haven county jail today. Three of their comrades were saved through the heroism of firemen outside.

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GRAND TRUNK TO LAY 200 MILES OF STEEL

General Manager Chamberlain Re-opens Work on Montreal-Edmonton Contract Let For Grading on Various Branch Lines in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

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Fanatic Wants to Slay Premier. Saint Etienne, France, April 13.—A workman named Duplain who was armed with two revolvers and a knife and declared that he wished to kill Premier Briand, was arrested today as he tried to force his way into the hotel where the premier is staying.

Dewart to Succeed Fullerton. Toronto, April 18.—H. L. Dewart, K.C., formerly county crown attorney, has accepted the office of to become corporation counsel at \$10,000 a year. He will succeed J. S. Fullerton, K.C., who resigned last year.

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