

The Answer of the Jockey Clubs

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NOT IN HAMILTON TRACK.

Col. Hendrie Replies to Statements of
W. E. Raney—Position of Family
is Misrepresented.

Hamilton, Feb. 5.—Lieut.-Col. Wm. Hendrie, when seen Saturday regarding the attack upon the Ontario race-tracks made by W. E. Raney, K.C., at Toronto, before the Social Service Congress, made the following personal statement with regard to the connection of his family with the Ontario race-tracks:

"If it were not for the fact that some of the statements of Mr. Raney, K.C., are incorrect, I would deem it beneath my position to take any notice of his address. My father, the late William Hendrie, at the time of his death, in conjunction with myself, owned a third of the Ontario Jockey Club stock. His share of such stock is in the hands of the trustees; my own are in my own hands. For many years the Ontario Jockey Club, founded on a small capital, paid no dividend whatsoever. The stock was increased to \$10,000, and the small dividend of 5 per cent. was paid on that amount. It is quite true that the value of such shares has increased owing to careful and judicious management, and the stock of the club is now \$600,000. What the dividend or return of this may be in the future is problematical; but in so far as it concerns myself, Sir John Hendrie, or the estate of my late father, it is quite immaterial to any of the Hendrie family.

DO NOT OWN A SHARE.

"No one of the name of Hendrie has owned a share of stock in the Hamilton Jockey Club for a number of years, and Mr. Raney, K.C., is mistaken in saying that the stock originally held by my family was sold to a Chicago gaming man, as it was disposed of to a well-known citizen of Hamilton. Neither the late William Hendrie, nor Sir John Hendrie, nor myself, now

own a share of any jockey club or racing association outside of the Ontario Jockey Club. My brother, George M. Hendrie, of Hamilton, does own a considerable interest in the original Windsor Jockey Club. I am of the opinion that the Ontario Jockey Club is an institution to be proud of, and it has not an equal on this side of the Atlantic in the way its affairs have been administered for the benefit of the horsemen and the people of Ontario, who still take a delight in seeing a good horse race, and who still desire to back their opinion with their money, by placing their bet on their selection.

INACCURATE.

"Undue prominence has been given myself and my family by Mr. Raney in this matter. I am not at all ashamed of the position that I hold in the Ontario Jockey Club.

"As Mr. Raney, K.C., has thought fit to append my military title to my name, I would state that my rank is a lieutenant-colonel, and not a major. In these days of war I deem it necessary to call his attention to this inaccuracy, which is in keeping with many of his statements in his address before the Social Service League."

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Lieut.-Governor is Mum

AND "ABE" ORPEN MERRY.

One Says Race-track Gambling is "a
Controversial Subject," and the
Other Jokes on Lawyers' Fees.

Sir John Hendrie, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, refuses to be interviewed regarding the statement of Mr. W. E. Raney, K.C., with reference to "the business of race-track gambling being the most profitable business in the country," and the fact that huge profits have been made by the jockey clubs since 1910.

"I cannot give any interview," he informed Lieut.-Col. Alex. Fraser, A.D.C. to his Honor, who asked for a statement this morning. "It would not be fair for me to have anything to say, as the matter is controversial."