

I would have thought that I had struck below the belt, and that I had not acted either honestly, or honorably."

THE COMPROMISE BILL PERMITTING THE BUSINESS OF RACE-TRACK GAMBLING.

Subsequently the opponents of the Bill approached Mr. Miller and proposed a compromise, which was finally agreed upon, and Mr. Miller's Bill without substantial alteration was passed by the Commons, and later by the Senate, and is now the law of Canada, with an exception allowing pool-selling and book-making on the race-tracks of incorporated Associations during race meetings, and on races being run thereon, provided the race-meetings,

(a), in the case of running races do not last for more than seven consecutive racing days, and that not more than two meetings are held in one year, and that at least 20 days elapse between, and

(b), in the case of race-meetings at which there are trotting and pacing races, exclusively, the race meetings do not last more than three days in any calendar week, and do not aggregate more than fourteen days of racing in any calendar year.

MR. AYLESWORTH NOW APPROVES, AND IS CONTENT.

It is important to note that the language characterized by the Minister of Justice as "verbal trickery," remains in the Bill as enacted. Yet when this compromise Bill was being passed by the House of Commons, and when Mr. R. L. Borden asked: "Have these amendments the approval and concurrence of the Minister of Justice?" Mr. Pardee, chief liberal whip, answered "Yes they have." And later when Mr. Borden repeated his question, Mr. Pardee again replied, "I have submitted these amendments to the Minister of Justice and he is quite content."

Whatever may be gained from the viewpoint of reform by the compromise Bill in the suppression of hand-books, and of the publication of racing information to aid in pool-rooms, it will be manifest that the principle for which we have contended, namely that the business of gambling must be made uniformly criminal wherever, whenever, and by whomsoever practised, has not been adopted by Parliament.

Signed,—W. E. RANEY

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