

## APPENDIX No. 6

Mr. Moss.—I see this petition to which you referred a short time ago, Mr. Chairman, asks for the suppression of betting altogether. Apparently they are not satisfied with your Bill.

Mr. FRANK NELSON, called, sworn and examined.

*By Mr. Powell:*

Q. You are the sporting editor of the *Toronto Globe*, are you not?—A. Yes, sir.

Q. For how many years have you occupied that position?—A. Twenty-two years.

Q. And you have had a large experience in horse racing and all matters connected therewith, have you not?—A. Yes, all my life.

Q. Do you know anything about the working, the operation of, the Pari-mutuel machines?—A. I have seen the machine in operation in Quebec, at Toronto, Windsor, and in other places.

Q. Well, now, having regard to the fact that all individuals can bet, what have commendations in its favour with regard to the convenience to the individual bettor, you to say as to the convenience of bettors?—A. To my mind there are many reasons I regard all systems, whether they are bookmaking, the mutuel or auctions, as simply being a convenience for the individual bettor, offering methods through which the different individuals on the race course come together. The operation of the totalizer or the mutuel is legalized in all European and continental countries, France, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Italy, Russia, all the Australian states, with the exception of New South Wales and Victoria, where bookmaking is the only legal system, both the bookmaker and the Mutuel are legal in New Zealand, and there the clubs have not even the option of taking one or the other. If the bookmaker wishes to ply his trade on the race course in New Zealand, the licensed bookmaker, the clubs must permit him to. It is the system in operation in South America.

*By Mr. Blain:*

Q. Who regulates the license?—A. In New Zealand, the government.

*By Mr. Powell:*

Q. You mentioned the word 'licensed'?—A. That is the license for the bookmaker.

Q. Do you mean that in New Zealand the bookmakers are licensed?—A. The bookmakers are licensed.

By whom?—A. By the government.

Q. And you mentioned two Australian states; are the bookmakers licensed there?—A. I believe not by the government, licensed by the controlling—

Q. Racing associations?—A. Racing organizations. The Victorian Club in one place and the Australian Jockey Club in another.

Q. Now as to South Africa, have you any knowledge as to the experience of the machine there?—A. The machine has been installed there within the last twelve months as the recognized method of betting, at Durban in Natal and Johannesburg.

Q. The government of New Zealand, I understand, obtains a percentage of the gross receipts of the race course, can you tell us anything about that?—A. Not from the Mutuel.

Q. No?—A. From the gross receipts at the gate. No, it is the gross revenue from the club from all sources.

Q. Now, Dr. Rutherford, you may remember, recommended the installation of the Pari-Mutuel. He happened to mention that he did not think there was any place betting, that is to say on second or third in a race; what have you to say as to that?—A. You can bet in the machine, if the club establishes those machines for that purpose, the same for a place, for second or third place, as to win.