

ness that if this measure should pass in the form in which it is reported by the special committee, any person who chooses to institute a prosecution against a visitor at the races for having made a bet of a pair of gloves with his fair companion will have a perfectly fair case to present. It may be said that such a thing will not happen. I only point out the distance to which this Legislation is going, when, what many of us at least think harmless is being constituted into a crime." And again in Column 6692: "I do not know where it is going to end. We have had during the short time I have been in this House a very stringent law, which makes it a crime to fish or indulge in what most people regard as comparatively innocent amusement, on Sunday. We have passed a law making it a crime for a boy all but grown up to smoke a cigarette. We are now proposing to pass a law which will make it a crime for a man to make a bet, it may be with a young friend of either sex. Very possibly before the end of this Parliament we shall have a proposition to make it a crime to play cards or to dance, or to indulge in any of the other amusements, which there are some in the community think constitute very nearly, if not quite, a sin. I deprecate that manner of Legislation."

KNOWS BETTER—INSULTS CHRISTIAN PUBLIC.

No one knows better than the Minister, for he piloted the Bill through the House, that the Lord's Day Act does not "make it a crime to fish or indulge in what most people regard as comparatively innocent amusement on Sunday." Only the business of fishing, and the business of amusement is prohibited by the Lord's Day Act. The Minister must surely know this.

In view of what has already been said over and over again in the above report, is it possible to believe that the Minister did not know that it was untrue to say "we are now proposing to pass a law which will make it a crime for a man to make a bet, it may be with a young friend of either sex?" And when he hinted at the possibility of Parliament being presently asked "to make it a crime to play cards, or to dance, etc.," was he not deliberately flinging an insult at the Christian people of Canada, as represented by this Council?

THE ADVERSE VOTE.

Then amid great excitement, the unrecorded votes of the Committee of the Whole were taken, and the first decisive vote stood 78 to 77, against section 1 of the Bill, as reported by the select committee. There were other adverse votes on other sections, and then, on motion of the Prime Minister, the committee rose, and reported progress, asking leave to sit again.

Is it any wonder that Mr. Miller, according to Hansard (Column 6871), said: "If I had used the Minister of Justice as he has used me in this matter,