

APPENDIX No. 6

Q. Unless the newspaper could get them from some other source. But if the law is to be that no racing news of any kind whatsoever is to be sent over the telegraph line, then the newspapers who report the daily news cannot publish this information?—A. They could not have it.

Q. The telegraphic information is used by every newspaper practically in the cities of the Dominion?—A. Yes, sir.

Q. And I suppose that some telegraphic information applicable to other countries is used by every newspaper in the cities in which they carry on the business?—A. Yes, sir.

Q. Now, while we may deprecate the furnishing of news to the pool room, is it fully realized by the newspapers that they are to be cut off by this Bill?—A. Well, I think it goes a good deal farther than cutting off the newspapers.

Q. I am only speaking of the newspapers, because you are a newspaper man. Does the chairman of this committee realize that if he passes this Bill he says to every newspaper doing business in every city of the Dominion of Canada that they shall not have from the various race tracks carrying on business, whether there is betting on them or not—that they shall be deprived of racing information?

Mr. RANEY.—No such thing.

Mr. McCARTHY.—I beg your pardon.

Mr. RANEY.—No such thing.

Mr. McCARTHY.—No such thing, my friend says. I do not so read the Bill, and again I must be dense.

The WITNESS.—My reading of it is that it prohibits the publication or the circulation of all literature, all history, that in any way makes reference to wagering or betting, past, present or future. I take it if the Bill was passed with the clause—the typewritten clause which I have seen—the Parliamentary Library would have to be expurgated of every work that contains any reference to betting or wagering.

By Mr Raney:

Q. You are still speaking as a disinterested witness?—A. Oh, yes, sir.

Q. Quite disinterested?—A. Yes; I could get along if the Parliamentary Library were expurgated.

By Mr. Moss:

Q. You were familiar with the late Mr. William Hendrie?—A. All my life time. I was born in Hamilton.

Q. You have heard what has been said about him, and you agree with that, that he was a staunch and strict Presbyterian?—A. Yes.

Q. Who never made a bet, and was president of the Ontario Jockey Club. Were you familiar with the fact of his being prosecuted in the police court?—A. I was.

Q. In the year 1905?—A. I could not give you the exact date. I remember it was five or six years ago.

Q. Do you know anything about the circumstances leading up to that prosecution?—A. In a general way. I knew there was an attempt to prevent betting on the race course at the Woodbine.

Q. You knew that he was actually brought up in the police court?—A. Yes.

Q. As being the president of the Ontario Jockey Club?—A. As the president of the club which permitted it.

Q. And do you know anything of who was behind that prosecution?—A. I have no knowledge of who was behind it.

Q. That case is reported in the Ontario Law Reports, 1905, page 202.

The CHAIRMAN.—Would you mind my asking you how that affects the question that is before us?

Mr. McCARTHY.—E. King Dodds' book noted that.

The CHAIRMAN.—E. King Dodds' book does not contain any mention of it.