

political opponents of the present Secretary of State. What then must be the limitations? Obviously, a due regard to existing laws and principles of government, and equal rights to all applicants. It must not be overlooked that carrying on a race track is a legitimate business under the existing laws. The system of betting at the race tracks of incorporated associations is expressly recognized by the law. Those who administer the law are entitled to assume that the laws represent the wishes and views of the majority of the people.

It is asserted by the above writer that the Province of Ontario revoked the charter of the York Riding & Driving Club because the province did not want to encourage gambling or to give multiplied opportunities for that form of speculation. Not finding any power in the Ontario Companies Act to cancel a charter upon such grounds as these we were led to examine the proceedings in this particular case. This examination fails to disclose any other reason save that the charter of the York Riding & Driving Club had fallen into disuse for a period, and that the corporation had failed to file its annual returns with the Government. In the light of this fact the claim that the Secretary of State has insulted the province by granting a new charter appears to be simply so much fireworks.

The writer above referred to appears to be putting his friends, the Provincial government, in an embarrassing position by his vigorous if not altogether logical declarations. For example, he states that that government revoked a racing charter because it did not want to encourage gambling. If that were the case it would seem that the government must cancel all other racing charters or else lay themselves open to a charge of discriminating between their own subjects, all of whom are equal under the law.