

Thomas Taylor, late Chief Justice of Manitoba. The Minister said: These are three clever lawyers, they have given a great deal of attention to the drafting of the Bill, and I do not think it can be improved on, and the Minister of Justice said, he added the words 'for the purpose for which it was intended,' and if he says he added those words I take it for granted that he did. But I took the care at times to tell the Minister of Justice *that it was not the desire of the promoters of the Bill to in any way interfere with private betting. Knowing that that was not the intention, he suggested that the Bill could not be improved upon for the purpose for which it was intended.* I said to the Minister of Justice: If this Bill, in your opinion, would affect the man who makes a private bet, I would like you to suggest any language that you can suggest, that would leave out the private bettor and exempt him. He said: I cannot suggest any language that would be an improvement on the Bill, as it is drawn in that respect. Afterwards I myself, fearing the Minister of Justice might make some further objections to the Bill in that regard, that it was interfering with private betting, *drafted a clause, and submitted it to him,* and as he in his own writing amended in order, as he thought, to fit the case. I said: *Will the amendment, as you have changed it, fill the Bill, and exempt the private bettor?* He said: *I think it will.* The Minister of Justice then *must have known that that was my intention.*"

DEBATE ON COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The report of the committee had, however, by this time been printed, without the special amendment exempting private bettors.

Then the principal debate upon the merits of the Bill took place in the committee of the whole House, on the report of the select committee presented by Mr. Miller. In concluding his able speech in support of the committee's report, Mr. Miller said, as reported in Hansard, Column 6579. "In conclusion I may say that when we get into committee, to deal with the Bill section by section, I shall offer amendments that will make it perfectly clear, that section 227 does not relate to bets between private individuals."

MR. AYLESWORTH'S SECOND ATTACK.

Among those who spoke in opposition to the report of the committee, this to the surprise of very many, was the Minister of Justice. As reported in Hansard, Column 6693, he said: "It exposes to the danger of prosecution any person on the grandstand of a race-meet, who makes a bet with his neighbor of either sex." And again in Column 6695: "Is a person sitting there looking at the races a person who is using that seat for the purpose of betting with his neighbor? I do not think it would be a far cry for a Magistrate so to hold, and I apprehend in all serious-