

We start on a small scale in the town, where we educate our children. At church bazaars and entertainments you see the youngsters selling tickets. We provide for that in the law and say it is proper to teach the children to sell lottery tickets. We cannot get away from the fact that we have practically been doing so ever since Confederation. But when these children grow up to be men and women we say to them, "This selling of lottery tickets is a bad thing, a criminal thing; it cannot be tolerated." We should not have taught these people in their youth that it is a good thing to buy or sell these tickets if we are going to tell them when they are grown up that it is all wrong and they should not do it.

As I have said, we have the *pari mutuels* all over the country, and it is a fact—perhaps honourable members do not remember it—that within twelve months this Parliament, without an objection on the part of anybody, created a new jockey race-course and authorized the operation of the *pari mutuel* for the further development of gambling in this country. If honourable gentlemen will look up chapter 66 of the Statutes of 1933 they will find that we incorporated, and without a murmur of dissent in either end of this building, the Devonshire Jockey Club, which took over the property of the Western Racing Association, and we provided right in the Bill that the rights of the club should be the same as if it had been incorporated in 1912, so that it could run *pari mutuels* and have gambling.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: Was that not a going concern?

Hon. Mr. TANNER: No, that was an old Ottawa concern which went into bankruptcy and was taken over by the Western Racing Association, of which the Devonshire Jockey Club bought the physical assets. But in order to be qualified to operate *pari mutuels* the club had to get the legislation which was passed last year, because the Western Association could not transfer the *pari mutuel* rights.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: Was that not a going concern under a permissive law of Canada?

Hon. Mr. TANNER: It is a going concern because we passed a special law making the Act of 1912 applicable to that company. And my honourable friend from Parkdale (Hon. Mr. Murdock) never opened his mouth in opposition to it, nor did anybody else.

That is all I have to say. I am going to vote for the Bill.

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Hon. L. McMEANS: Honourable members, I do not intend to take up the time of this House any longer than is necessary to make it clear that I am taking the same stand that I took last year. I am voting for this Bill solely on the ground that it concerns provincial rights. I am not aware of any law that prevents the holding of a lottery in any province of this Dominion. The Criminal Code exacts a penalty for the running of lotteries, but I do not know how that provision could be enforced if any province made up its mind that it was going to permit them.

I am not going to discuss this question from the moral point of view. I was brought up to believe in provincial rights. I do not think this Bill legalizes lotteries in any way. It may be that not one province will take advantage of it. Manitoba, I am quite sure, will not. Winnipeg is a strictly moral city.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN. "Oh, yeah?"

Some Hon. SENATORS: Oh, oh.

Hon. Mr. McMEANS: But that is no reason why the province of Manitoba should have anything to say about what Quebec should do, and I for one would very much resent any interference on the part of the great province of Quebec as to the way in which affairs are conducted in the province of Manitoba. I think the province of Quebec can run its own affairs, and that the province of British Columbia can do likewise.

As a representative from the province of Manitoba I shall vote for any measure that will give that province further jurisdiction. Let the province exercise its powers how it will, I am going to vote for provincial rights every time.

Right Hon. GEORGE P. GRAHAM: In a measure I am like my honourable friend who has just taken his seat, but I am going to vote against this Bill. If this measure is not necessary to enable the provinces to authorize the carrying on of lotteries, then why bother about it?

Hon. Mr. McMEANS: I said they would have the right, but there is a provision in the Criminal Code to punish anyone for carrying on a lottery.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: I think the honourable gentleman intimated that there would be trouble in enforcing the provision of the Criminal Code, and that in combating it the question of provincial rights might be successfully raised. If the honourable gentleman is for provincial rights, why does he not stand on them?