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and with considerable warmth of feeling declaring he was willing to run the race over again in one hour's time and wager him one thousand dollars he could beat him. Hendrie's reply came both prompt and decisive, but in courteous tones, he informed the would-be bettor: "I hope I am a sportsman, not a gambler." It was short, sharp, and to the point, and it thoroughly bespoke the character of the man who uttered it.

You have a reference there to a good Presbyterian who never bet and you have referred to two sportsmen, who have long years ago died, as clean sportsmen.

Mr. McCARTHY.—And you must also recognize that the late Mr. Hendrie was president of the Ontario Jockey Club, who all these years has endeavoured to promote clean sport, as you say.

Mr. RANEY.—Betting?

Mr. McCARTHY.—He recognized that this matter of betting should be controlled and could be kept under control, and he tried to put it under the best control, and that the very people whom you represent here to-night by their action put the law in the unsatisfactory condition in which we have it, and then having done so they appealed to that unsatisfactory condition for which they were responsible as an argument why Parliament should amend it.

Mr. MOSS.—And brought Mr. Hendrie up in the police court and tried to convict him as a criminal.

The CHAIRMAN.—There is no evidence of that?

Mr. MOSS.—Yes, in the law reports you will find it.

The CHAIRMAN.—But you have not produced them.

By Mr. McCarthy:

Q. It is said that the creation of the Fort Erie and the Windsor Associations were for the refugees of the United States, notwithstanding the condition of affairs in the United States did they not go on to build and create new race tracks at enormous cost? The Belmont Park track, when it was constructed?—A. It was opened about three years ago.

Q. Is it one of the largest tracks in the United States?—A. The largest.

Q. How much money was put into that track?

Mr. RANEY.—That was after they had defied the constitution.

Mr. McCARTHY.—Then if you know that will you tell me why you tried to cast aspersions upon Canada and upon the Canadian race tracks when Americans who passed that law are prepared to spend millions upon new race tracks.

By Mr. McCarthy:

Q. Can you give me any idea of the money that was spent there?—A. Mr. Howland, the manager of the property for Mr. Belmont, told me it would cost them before they were through, the park was in course of construction at that time, something over \$2,000,000.

Q. And this was about three years ago. Now this telegraph system that is in operation upon the race tracks permits the sending of every kind of message?—A. They are open telegraphic offices, as far as I know, the same as any other telegraph offices.

Q. If I want to send a message on business matters I can send it?—A. I do.

Q. It is not confined to information to the newspapers of the various localities, every newspaper reporter who is reporting the races can send his report to Montreal, Winnipeg or anywhere?—A. On all these lines.

Q. On these very lines that Mr. Raney is talking about?—A. All the afternoon papers are supplied by direct wire.

Q. If that telegraph is taken away, the newspapers throughout Canada cannot report these events in their sporting column if this law is to be observed?—A. They could not report them the next day, but they could get them from some other source.