

## APPENDIX No. 6

Mr. McCARTHY.—Do you deny there are 130 tracks in Ontario?

Mr. RANEY.—Certainly, nothing like it.

*By Mr. Raney:*

Q. Now, Dr. Routledge, do you know whether there is any bookmaking in the county of Huron?—A. Well, I believe there is.

Q. Where?—A. In the county of Huron. I will have to study my geography a little bit to get at the different counties. If you will mention the towns, it will catch me easier. Exeter is in Huron. That is one.

Q. Beaton and Wingham?—A. Wingham, Seaforth and Goderich.

Q. Do you know anything about the conditions in the counties of Prescott and Russell?—A. No, I do not.

Q. I am told, Dr. Routledge, that by reason of the pool selling on the great running tracks the attendance at the smaller race meets has very much fallen off, and the people now when they want to attend a horse race go to the Woodbine, Hamilton, Fort Erie, Windsor or Montreal?—A. Well, I do not know that I have attended a running meet for years, so I cannot answer that question, but I cannot see much change in the attendance at the trotting meets.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. You have spoken of about 200 tracks in Ontario. That you have said was largely from hearsay?—A. It was merely from hearsay, mere supposition.

Q. Would you include in the 200 trotting tracks the tracks of county and township agricultural societies?—A. In some instances, yes.

Q. They would go to make up the 200?—A. Yes.

Q. And they would make up the larger part of the two hundred would they not?—A. They would make up some portion, but the proportion I could not tell.

Q. You could not tell exactly?—A. No.

Q. On the tracks of the township shows and the county agricultural shows where there is probably some betting, on the larger part of them there is neither bookmaking nor pool selling, that is at the county and township agricultural shows?—A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. There is just another question I want to ask and that is, you spoke of the value of horses; you stated that 3.06 was about the time a hundred years ago and 2.24½ fifty years ago, and it is close to two minutes now. And you said that a horse that could not trot within or around 2 would not be of any particular value to-day?—A. I said that he would not be cherished any more than a horse that could make 2.24 would be fifty years ago.

Q. You attribute the better speed record of to-day to breeding, and to development as compared with the record of fifty years ago?—A. Principally to development.

Q. Are there any other causes than those two?—A. Those are the two principal causes, inheritance and development.

Q. Has not the improvement in the tracks and in the harness and sulkeys had a great deal to do with the reduction of the time?—A. We will admit that.

Q. Very largely so?—A. Well, to some extent; yes, largely, I might say, but there has been a great reduction in time by development, we will all admit that; and what I look at is this: if you stop racing you not only do away with the industry of horse breeding, but there are other lines in connection with it which will suffer, such as the manufacture of road carts, speed harness, blankets, boots, hobbles, horse shoes and many other industries. I am just merely giving my experience so that the committee will be able to judge of the condition.

Q. The township of Mosa is in the county of Middlesex, is it not?—A. Yes.

Q. Is that as good a township as any other township in the county for horses?—A. It is good, but not as good for standard bred; I think the counties of Peel and