

soner who had been acquitted being brought up on appeal and tried over again. The Committee therefore decided that the proposal would make this provision of the Criminal Law too broad and that it consequently ought to be stricken out.

Certain new clauses have been added to the Bill. New clause A reads:

Paragraph (g) of section 235 of the said Act, as the said paragraph is enacted by section 13 of chapter 16 of the statutes of 1922, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "contest" in the fourth line thereof the words "or any result or contingency of or relating to any contest."

That was added for this reason. Mr. Shaw, member of Parliament for Calgary, appeared before the Committee and pointed out that there had been published in Calgary, and perhaps elsewhere in the West—I do not remember where—a certain sheet relating to football matches in the old country. That paper had been found to be illegal. After having been precluded from publishing that news, the publishers issued a statement to the effect that they were content to publish the odds on what certain football teams and other teams would do in the ensuing year. This sort of thing was bound to be a source of great evil, and much money was lost in that way. It was simply an evasion of the law, and Mr. Shaw asked that the Committee take this matter into consideration. The Committee did so, and has decided to add the clause that I have quoted.

Then there has been added new clause B. The honourable member for Ottawa (Hon. Mr. Belcourt) can perhaps explain that better than I can. The original section sets out to what extent racetracks may deduct percentages on each race. In his opinion and, I believe, in the opinion of many racing associations, the clause was not clear as to how much might be deducted over a certain amount mentioned in the original Bill. Therefore the Committee have added the following new clause:

Where the total amount staked or deposited is under \$20,000, 7 per cent; over \$20,000, 7 per cent on \$20,000, and on the excess up to \$30,000, 6 per cent.

which I think the House will very readily grasp, is just what is desired.

Then, we have new clause C, which says:

Section 242A of the said Act, as enacted by chapter 13 of the Statutes of 1913, is amended by inserting the words "upon indictment or" after the word "liable" in the first line thereof.

I have here an explanation given by W. Stuart Edwards, Assistant Deputy Minister of Justice:

The purpose of the amendment is to remove a doubt which exists as to whether the provisions of

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the recent Supplementary Convention with the United States by which the offence of wilful desertion or wilful non-support of minor or dependent children was added to the list of extraditable crimes can be made effective in Canada. The offence covered by the Treaty is contained in section 242A of the Criminal Code, as enacted by chapter 13 of the statutes of 1913, and is punishable on summary conviction. Since the ratification of the Supplementary Convention representations have been made that the Treaty applies only to indictable offences, and that in order to make the Supplementary Convention effective it is necessary that this particular crime be made an indictable offence in Canada. While the question is not free from doubt, it is not unlikely that this view would be given effect to by the courts, and it is considered advisable, therefore, to amend section 242A so as to make this offence punishable upon indictment as well as upon summary conviction.

After having heard the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown, the Committee felt quite justified in accepting the advice of the Deputy Minister of Justice and recommend the enactment of that legislation.

Then we come to clause D. We have had letters from the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Manitoba stating that it was the wish of the Government of that Province to do away with the Grand Jury. I understand that neither Alberta nor Saskatchewan have grand juries, and it is the desire of Manitoba to be in the same position as those Provinces, and the Committee passed that recommendation.

Then, we have new clause E, which I would ask the honourable member for Winnipeg (Hon. Mr. McMeans) to explain. Last year he introduced a Bill in this House which was thoroughly threshed out and passed. We have simply embodied that Bill in this report so that it may appear in a more uniform way.

There is another new clause which we have added, and which I desire to read. It has to do with the question of prohibiting the publication of what is known as racing news or racing tips in the Dominion of Canada. This clause was added, although the Committee was not absolutely certain that it would accomplish what was desired:

For clause 3 substitute the following:

"3. Section 235 of the said Act is hereby amended by adding to paragraph (f) thereof the following:

(ii) imports or brings into Canada any matter, whether printed or in writing, which from the nature of its contents or from other evidence adduced which is not a newspaper published in good faith mainly for the purpose of supplying news and comment, other than information intended or likely to promote, assist in, or be of use in gambling, bookmaking, pool-selling, betting or wagering upon any race of any kind, fight, game or sport whether held within or without Canada and whether published before, during or after such race, fight, game or sport; or is not a magazine or other periodical published in good faith mainly for the purpose of supplying literature and comment, other than such information as aforesaid; but is intended or likely to afford such information as aforesaid."