

BEFORE SELECT COMMITTEE.

The select committee began its work early in January, and continued at intervals for a period of six or seven weeks. There appeared before the committee, in opposition to the Bill, Counsel representing the various Jockey Clubs and Horse-Breeding interests, among them being Mr. John H. Moss, K.C., a member of the legal firm of which the Minister of Justice is the head, is according to the Canadian Law List for 1910. On the suggestion of Mr. Raney representing the Moral and Social Reform Council the phrase "whether it is used permanently or temporarily" was substituted for "whether it is or is not a fixed place," in the definition of the word "place," as agreed upon in conference with the Minister of Justice.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

After the evidence for and against was all in, and various amendments had been suggested, the committee, after due deliberation reported in favor of the Bill as it had passed its second reading with certain amendments intended to make more clear its application, and to strengthen it in various particulars, refusing other amendments submitted by the racing and horse-breeding interests in opposition. The vote of the committee in reporting the Bill stood five to two, Messrs. McColl and Monk voting against the Bill.

MR. MILLER CONFERS WITH MR. AYLESWORTH.

Before submitting to the House the report of the select committee, Mr. Miller submitted the Bill as reported by the select committee to the Minister of Justice. Mr. Miller stated in the House what took place between him and the Minister at that interview:

(1) Column 6726:—"I submitted the language of this Bill to the Minister of Justice. I did so in perfect frankness, and no doubt his reply was equally frank. I said I wanted his opinion in order that I might use it, and it was with that understanding the opinion was obtained. When I submitted the Bill to my Hon. friend, he said he did not think it was his duty, as Minister of Justice, to give his opinion on a public Bill submitted by a private member, but he said that the Bill had been drafted by three most able lawyers, that they had given a great deal of thought and time to its drafting, and that it was *admirably drawn*. I said to the Hon. Minister: Do you think any other language could be used which would better carry out the purpose of its promoters. He said he did not."

(2). Column 6873:—"A word as to what the Minister of Justice has just said. His objection to the Bill was largely because it would interfere with private betting. The Minister of Justice said to me, when I was consulting him about the Bill, as I said before in the House, that it had been very carefully drawn by three clever lawyers, Mr. Raney, Mr. Cartwright, of Toronto, and Sir