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Q. I suppose what could be done in Nova Scotia ought to be possible in Middlesex?—A. Well I do not know. I think we have the best county in Ontario. That is the way I feel about Middlesex. I would not like to say that, that is a question I cannot answer.

Q. What Nova Scotia can do Middlesex could perhaps do?—A. I could not say that.

Q. At how many places in Ontario that you know of where there are trotting associations is there a revenue derived from the bookmaker?—A. Well I think there is a revenue wherever there is a race meeting.

Q. You think so?—A. I am satisfied there is.

Q. You are satisfied?—A. Certainly.

Q. Can you name one place; how many can you name?—A. Well, London is the only one I am particularly connected with.

Q. That is the only one you know of?—A. I only know what they tell me, that is those connected with the race meets.

Q. Just keep to what you know. Do you know of any others besides London?—A. Well, let me see. I will just have to think for a moment. Yes, I do.

Q. What others?—A. Stratford.

Q. What others?—A. Listowel.

Q. Name as many as you can?—A. I will name just those I know of. There is Stratford, and Listowel, and Strathroy.

Q. Of course the Bill would only affect those associations where bookmaking is a source of revenue?—A. Well there may be profits wherever there is a meeting and I believe there is.

Q. Never mind, just answer my question. The Bill would only affect the associations where bookmaking is a source of revenue to the associations?—A. Yes.

Q. That is true?—A. That is true.

Q. So its effect would be limited in that way. Now we had before us on a recent occasion Mr. O. B. Shepherd, of Toronto. You know him?—A. Yes, sir.

Q. And he gave us vague evidence of the same character that you have given us about the number of trotting associations there are in Ontario and I thought it worth while after he had done so to write to the Crown attorney of some of the counties in Ontario to enquire what the facts were. I wrote to the Crown attorneys of forty-three counties and I have returns from thirty-five. Could you make me any estimate of the number of those thirty-five counties in which there is bookmaking on race tracks?—A. Could I make you an estimate of how many counties?

Q. How many of the thirty-five counties that have reported having race tracks that have bookmaking as a source of revenue?—A. No, I think not.

Objection raised to the admission of statements by county Crown attorneys and the objection sustained.

*By Mr. Raney:*

Q. Are you going to stand by your statement that there are two hundred trotting association tracks that derive a revenue from the bookmaker?—A. I did not say that.

Q. How many trotting association tracks are there?—A. I did not say how many there were. That was only an estimate of my own, I do not know.

Q. Will you say there are fifty?—A. I won't say just how many there are.

Q. Will you say there are twenty or thirty?—A. I won't say.

Q. Will you say there are twenty?—A. I won't say how many there are because I do not know the number.

Q. You said there were two hundred a minute ago?—A. I deny that. I did not say so. I know what I said.

Q. Can you tell us how many tracks there are?—A. I could not tell you the exact number. There must be I should think from 130 to 150.