

the opinion of not one, but three lawyers. He understood that at Ottawa at the present time there are measures dealing with the racetrack question.

Not So Very Profitable.

The Province was willing to lose all the revenue it got from racing, but it was not their belief that when racing was going on in Ontario and large sums of money were being made that they should not make a levy upon those concerned. An officer of his department had gone over the books of the racing associations, and he might say that the public had a mistaken idea as to the amount of money they received. At the same time they made enough to justify the Government in making a levy upon them.

Should Use Own Opinion.

Mr. Wigle said that the only objection he had was that the Treasurer had not fought the thing out. As a lawyer himself he might have had an opinion without depending on the opinions of other lawyers too much. He had information, he said, from a legal man in Windsor that the charter of the Devonshire racetrack was "rotten," whatever he meant by that.

The "Unofficial" Correspondence.

Mr. Rowell said he understood the Provincial Treasurer to say that certain correspondence passing between Mr. White, solicitor for the Provincial Treasurer's Department, and Dr. Reaume was not on the file of the department. Would that not be brought down?

Mr. McGarry—I will bring that down on a separate file. Mr. White as a matter of fact did not sign these letters himself. He dictated them to a stenographer, and left them for the stenographer to sign. The letters themselves will show that they are not official. I have also a declaration from Dr. Reaume, which will be brought down, establishing that a great many of the rumors are simply rumors.

Down on Gambling.

Mr. Sam Carter (South Wellington) referred to racetrack gambling in Ontario as an "outrageous scandal." He declared men who sit in high places are making fortunes through their connection with the racetracks. There could be no worse kind of gambling. Certain men were taking a percentage of everything that was made, and they were encouraging "blacklegs" from the United States to come to Ontario and exploit the racetracks. He would like to know from Mr. McGarry if the Province had the power to make the fee for the license as high as it liked to make the fee.

Mr. McGarry—I think if we made the license so high that it was prohibitory it would be held illegal.

The motion for the return was granted.

DO SOMETHING BIG FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED

Liberals Say Government is Just Drifting

GREAT WASTAGE OF LIVES

Mr. N. W. Rowell Appeals for Policy
Adequate to a Serious Situation—
Let Clergy Speak Out, Says Mem-
ber for Huron.

The Ontario Government yesterday defeated a resolution introduced by Mr. Sam Carter (South Wellington), setting forth "that adequate provision for the care and protection of the feeble-minded of this Province is urgently needed; and this House is of the opinion that it is the duty of the Government to lead in taking such action as may be necessary to meet the present situation." The House passed an amendment by Mr. Musgrove (Huron): "That this Legislature views with satisfaction the good work that has been done by this Government, and the progress made in connection with the care and treatment of the feeble-minded in this Province, and approves the action of the Government in making better provision for the care of the feeble-minded."

Conditions Very Bad.

In opening the debate Mr. Carter declared no serious effort had been made by the Government to grapple with the problem, which presented one of the most serious matters with which the Government was confronted. He declared conditions in the Province in respect to feeble-minded were worse than the most pessimistic citizen could conceive. There were about 7,000 feeble-minded persons in the Province.

Menace to Public.

Hon. W. D. McPherson (Provincial Secretary) took exception to the statement of Mr. Carter that the Government was making no effort to deal with the problem. Referring to the alleged menace to the public, he said the duty of taking care of them devolved upon the municipalities until they were 21 years of age. He claimed the Government was "keenly alive to the situation," and where the municipalities initiate movements such as those started by the city of Toronto they would have the hearty support of the Government.

Out of Government's Own Mouth.

The Government's policy was inadequate, in the opinion of Mr. Rowell, and the Opposition leader quoted the Government's own inspector to prove his point. The words of the inspector were that there were "families in Ontario degraded beyond description," and the