

LIBERALS OPPOSE FRANCHISE CHANGE

Hold Existing Machinery is Sufficient to Put Women on List

The Liberals in the Legislature yesterday did not see any good reason had been given for making the new machinery in the bill placing women on the voting lists. They put their criticism in concrete form in submitting the following amendment when the second reading of the bill came up:

"In view of the provision already made by the Government bill, No. 67, for placing the names of soldiers on the voters' lists of the Province, and in view of the statement of the Attorney-General that the bill is only a temporary measure, this House is of the opinion that it is unwise to create all new machinery provided by the present bill for the preparation of voters' lists for the ensuing election, but that it is the duty of the Government to forthwith introduce a measure providing for the placing of the names of women entitled to vote on the voters' lists by the procedure already authorized for placing the names of men on the lists, subject only to the necessary amendments, and that the bill be not now read the second time, but be read the second time this day six months."

The amendment, which was moved by Mr. Parliament, was lost on division.

Mr. Lucas Explains.

Hon. Mr. Lucas said a resolution did not always interpret speeches, and took exception to his having been represented as saying it was a temporary measure. What he had said was that the bill met a temporary measure.

In his speech before the amendment was put Hon. Mr. Lucas' exact words were: "It is a temporary bill, intended to meet the situation as it is to-day, and in no other way I know of, except by some special legislation along these lines, can it be provided for. The more I read of the bill and understand its provisions, I believe it has so much merit in it that with the experience we will gain I have hopes it might be a permanent bill."

Will Move Resolution on New Race-tracks

Mr. Proudfoot has given notice that he will on Thursday move in the Legislature the following resolution:

"This House regrets that, notwithstanding the war, the Government of this Province has issued still further licenses to race tracks promoted for the purpose of sharing in the profits of race-track gambling, which, driven out of the adjoining States of the American Union, has sought refuge in Ontario.

"This House demands that the Government reverse its policy on this matter, so vital to the morals and well-being of the people, and take prompt and vigorous action to suppress the grave public menace of organized corporate race-track gambling, carried on for a percentage of the profits."

WHITE AND REAUME HELPED SELL CHARTER

Solicitor to Treasury and the Former Minister of Public Works Interested Themselves in Windsor Race-track—Evidence Be- fore Committee

Windsor racetrack matters, which have been so widely discussed, were investigated by the Public Accounts Committee of the Legislature yesterday, when Mr. J. T. White, solicitor to the Treasury, and Hon. Dr. J. O. Reaume, Windsor, former Minister of Public Works, were examined. The solicitor to the Treasury referred to negotiations which had taken place with reference to the Windsor Athletic and Racing Club charter and the part taken by Dr. Reaume, Mr. Glasco and a Mr. Browne, the last of whom Mr. White thought was a New York millionaire. The solicitor to the Treasury had several invitations for week-ends at New York. When asked if he went on one occasion to Buffalo as an intermediary between Dr. Reaume and Mr. Browne, Mr. White declared they were apparently continuing "to use him." He had no personal interest in that or any other racetrack, he said. Dr. Reaume stated that nothing had been promised to him or Mr. White in the way of commission, stock or otherwise.

Dr. Reaume's Visit.

In the course of his evidence Mr. White stated that Dr. Reaume came to his office and showed him a copy of the charter of the Windsor Athletic and Racing Club. He wanted to know whether the charter was a good one in which to carry on racing at Windsor. "I told him I thought so," said Mr. White. "He talked then about the opening for racing in Windsor, and said they were either going to start another racetrack or sell the charter."

Mr. J. C. Elliott (West Middlesex)—Did you say to Dr. Reaume you had somebody in view who would probably buy the charter?

Mr. White—I remember Browne had spoken to me some time before that, that if I heard of a charter or racetrack he could get at Windsor to let him know. In a thoughtless moment I told him I would. I mentioned to Dr. Reaume that I knew a man in New York who was looking for a charter.

Getting a Purchaser.

Correspondence was then placed before the committee. A letter from Mr. White to Dr. Reaume stated he had a letter from a party in New York wishing to ascertain the price, and to go down to New York to see him.

Mr. Elliott—How long had you known Mr. Browne?

Mr. White—A year previous to this.

Mr. Elliott—Who is he?

Mr. White—He is a New York millionaire. I understand.

Mr. Elliott—What is his business?

Mr. White—A broker. I understand.

Mr. Elliott—He is a promoter, is he not—promotes prize-fights and that sort of thing?

Mr. White—From newspaper reports it would look as though he has never promoted one.

Browne's Invitations.

Mr. White said he had played bridge with Browne several times. He had wires from Mr. Browne asking him to come to New York and spend the week-end with him. There had been a telegram from Browne asking Dr. Reaume and him to come to New York or even meet him at Buffalo. The reply was to the effect "Glasco here. We can meet you at