

fine out of his own pocket, or whether it was paid by the department.

Discussing the items in the estimates, Mr. Lennox came to the estimated revenue from race tracks, and observed that one would have thought that the Attorney-General was so opposed to the unrighteousness of horse racing, especially in its application to the pari-mutuels, that he would have been the last person to have taken revenue from such an iniquitous source.

#### Spurn Tainted Money.

"I say," he continued, "one would have thought that from the honorable gentleman (the Attorney-General) we could have expected that he would have objected—yes, he would have spurned—money—tainted money—coming from the horse races or from the race tracks in the Province of Ontario. My honorable friend, the Attorney-General, does not like them. Let me point out to the honorable gentleman that if it had not been for the amount of money from the tax imposed by this Government upon the race tracks in this Province, it would today be unable to boast of a surplus. My honorable friend says: 'Well, I was opposed to it, but we have no power to stop them.' I am not opposed to race tracks, or to betting—only when I lose—(laughter)—but I want to say this, and I want to say it to the uplifters in this Province, that, if the honorable gentleman is sincere in his statement that he wants to do away with horse racing, with gambling and pari-mutuels, he can stop them tomorrow, and he knows it.

Member—How?

#### Tax Them to Death.

Mr. Lennox—I am going to tell you how. I knew there would be somebody who didn't know. Today we have a tax of \$2,500 a day upon mile tracks. We have a lesser sum on half-mile tracks—I am subject to correction on this—and we have an assessment or tax on trotting tracks. If this Government, through its Attorney-General, or the Treasurer, will raise the tax to \$15,000, \$25,000 or \$30,000 there will be no more horse racing.

Dr. Stevenson—Will you move it?  
Member—He is not the Government.

Mr. Lennox—Will you support it?  
Dr. Stevenson—I will.

Mr. Lennox—Well, then, I will not move it. (Laughter and some applause.)

#### Defends Accounting.

Mr. Watson, who spoke before Mr. Lennox, proceeded at considerable length to justify the system of accounting which the Government had adopted, and replied to the criticisms which had been made by Charles McCrea, member for Sudbury. He argued that there was no absolute line of demarcation between ordinary and capital expenditure, and no auditors, no matter how clever, had been able to set such a line. He commended the Government for bringing up certain figures and charging them to proper accounts. He described these as "down below" figures, because they had so much "kick" in them that previous Governments were afraid to bring them into the light. He compared the present system of accounting with that adopted by previous Governments, and in so doing referred to the members of the two parties opposite.

He spoke of the "honorable gentlemen sitting in the southeast and in the southwest quarters." He showed some hesitancy in mentioning the points of the compass, whereupon someone asked: "You don't mean hindquarters, do you?"

#### R. R. Hall Objects.

Mr. R. R. Hall also rose to a point of order, on the ground that one honorable member should not describe other honorable members by the points of the compass. Surely Mr. Watson should be respectful in his reference.

The Speaker, however, took no notice of the point of order.

Mr. Watson commended the Government for its action in promptly collecting succession duties, and regretted that so much had to be spent on Government House.

"I do not think we should spend so much," he said, "but we cannot help ourselves. It is one of the sins of the previous Government, which was recklessly and riotously extravagant in the matter."

#### Gives Four "Don't's."

Mr. Watson referred to some "don't's" which Mr. McCrea had given to the House, and concluded by giving the four following "don't's" of his own for the consideration of members:

"(1) Don't offer a superstructure of needless advice on the disposition of accounts that rest upon a foundation of practice that will not carry the weight of it.

"(2) Don't try to fool the people by telling them half-truths, hoping that they will draw wrong conclusions therefrom.

"(3) Don't become so enamored of your party that your criticism is 100 per cent. destructive and the interest of your party becomes of more importance than the interests of the people of the Province.

"(4) Don't make mountains out of molehills and molehills out of mountains for political advantage only."

"With this remark I close," he said: "Violation of the above usually results in placing the frayed remnants of parties on the bargain counter."

## COMBINES BILL BEFORE HOUSE

### Measure Forbids Agreements Fixing Resale Selling Prices

### HITS U.F.O. CO-OPERATIVE?

Hon. W. E. Raney, Attorney-General, introduced into the Legislature yesterday his anti-combines measure, and the bill was given first reading.

The bill provides that every agreement entered into between the vendor and purchaser of any article, or by either or both with any third person, the object or effect of which is to establish, set or maintain any stated, fixed or common resale price of such article, or resale price which may later become stated, fixed or common, is declared to be unlawful, and shall be null and void.

#### Prevent Unlawful Trading.

Any agreement entered into by any person engaged in trade, commerce or manufacture in Ontario with any other person which has as a condition of purchase of any article that such other person (a) shall not sell or lease such article, except at or upon or at not less than any stated, fixed or common price, or price which may later become fixed or common; (b) shall receive or be or become entitled to any bonus, discount, rebate, reduction in price, prize, right or privilege or any concession or reward whatsoever by reason of such other person undertaking to resell or having resold such article at any stated, fixed or common price, or price which may later become stated, fixed or common; (c) shall pay or be subject to or be or become liable for any penalty, increased cost, loss, expense, deduction, disadvantage or disability whatsoever by reason of such other person not undertaking to resell or not having resold such article at any stated, fixed or common price—is declared to be unlawful.

#### Heavy Damages Provided.

Every agreement entered into by any person engaged in trade, commerce or manufacture in Ontario which provides that such person will not deal with any other person or class of persons for the reason, whether stated or not, that such last-mentioned person has failed, or would or might fail, to observe or maintain or abide by any stated, fixed or common resale price, is declared to be unlawful.

Any person entering into such agreement, whether within or without Ontario, shall be liable to any other person not a party thereto who is injured thereby or in consequence thereof within Ontario to threefold the damages suffered by the person so injured.