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House Laughs When Attorney-General Explains Amendment to Collect From 'Friend Abe Orpen' — Says Racing Privileges Assigned to Orpen by Metropolitan Racing Association to Get Around Act

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Attorney-General Raney's much-amended Corporation Tax Act is to be still further amended, to forestall a legal manoeuvre of the Metropolitan Racing Association, whereby it hoped to escape payment of the 5 per cent. tax on wagers. Hon. Mr. Raney introduced the measure, "To Further Amend the Corporation Tax Act," in the Legislature last night.

"My attention has been drawn to a document, an assignment by the Metropolitan Racing Association to A. M. Orpen, of the racing privileges on the Dufferin track," said Hon. Mr. Raney, "and I was told it was the intention of Mr. Orpen to claim he did not come within the provisions of the legislation. This measure makes the act apply, not only to the racing associations, but to their assignees."

Although the House received the bill with considerable amusement, Mr. Raney imperturbably proceeded with his explanation. Such a move, he said, was one that had not been anticipated in the drafting of the original bill, and reference to the statutes showed that the issue subsequently to be raised was not absolutely clear. This bill, however, made it so.

According to the assignment agreement, which Mr. Raney read, the Metropolitan Racing Association purports to turn over to Mr. Orpen the betting privileges at the track for \$8,000 a day. The witness to the document is Mr. Fred. S. Orpen.

Included in the amendment, although not mentioned by the Attorney-General in his explanation, are clauses authorizing the collection of the 5 per cent. tax by means of stamps to be affixed to every winning ticket, and the sale of such stamps. Any race-track winner refusing to pay such tax is made liable to a penalty not exceeding \$200, and the company, association or employee paying on a winning ticket to which stamps have not been attached becomes liable to a \$1,000 penalty.

The clause obviously is further to strengthen the act as to constitutionality, to make it beyond question a direct tax and not an indirect tax, when the Province has power only to impose a direct tax.

GIVE APPROVAL TO HENRY BILL

Act Authorizes York County to Buy Mackenzie Radial Lines

IF "CLEAN-UP" FAILS

The Private Bills Committee of the Legislature voted yesterday morning by six to five to report the bill of Hon. G. S. Henry authorizing the county of York to purchase, without the assent of the electors, the Mackenzie and Mann radial railways operating in the county.

Chief opponents of the measure were Hon. T. Crawford and Joseph Thompson, Toronto members, who took the ground that the measure would be unnecessary if the "clean-up" were consummated. Advocates of the measure contended that it provided an alternative method of solving the transportation tangle on Yonge street should the "clean-up" not go through. On behalf of the county George Keith argued that the situation was such that the county had to take steps toward providing transportation into Toronto.

The committee also voted 12 to 2 to send back to the Town-planning Committee a clause of another measure of Mr. Henry's which sought to give the townships power to take over 5 per cent. of the area of subdivisions for park purposes. Property owners protested at the proposal. Mr. Henry said that the clause would be operative only on subdivisions of farm property.

Norman Sommerville spoke on behalf of the township residents. The remainder of the measure was reported, although Ald. Plewman objected to a clause permitting them to construct, operate and maintain street railways, on the ground that the interests of the city transportation system should be considered.

LEGAL FEES LESS IN DRURY REGIME

Raney Says Late Government Spent More for Outside Lawyers

When the House was considering the estimates of the Attorney-General's Department yesterday morning, Hon. Mr. Raney took occasion to give a comparison of the Drury Government's expenditures in retaining outside lawyers, as compared with those of the old Conservative Government.

According to the figures which the Attorney-General read, the average expenditure under the Drury Government for that purpose was \$27,000 for the past two years, as compared with an average expenditure of \$37,345 by the old Conservative Government for a like purpose in the three years preceding the entry of this Government into office.