

NOT TAKING NO CHANCES WITH ANTI-HANDBOOK BILL

Does as Gouin Suggests Local House Need Not Act, But if Ottawa Fails He Will Persist

The utterance of Sir Lomer Gouin, Minister of Justice, in the House of Commons yesterday indicates a possibility of the Dominion Government putting through legislation which will cover the very issue that Attorney-General Raney seeks to deal with in his bill introduced in the Legislature to prohibit the publication of information concerning race-track odds, etc. When the despatch was read to Mr. Raney last night he said that action on the part of the Dominion Government would obviate the necessity of the Provincial Legislature dealing with his measure.

"It is quite within their jurisdiction," he said, in regard to the proposed legislation, "and any move on our part in that direction might later on be attacked in the courts. We will probably hold over our bill to see what steps are to be taken at Ottawa, although we may advance it a stage here. But if the Ottawa Government does not deal with it the bill in the Ontario House will be brought on."

Hon. Mr. Raney made it plain that the Ontario Government would not run any risks of having the proposed law fall through in both Houses. If the Ontario House progressed before the Ottawa House had dealt with it the bill would probably be presented at Queen's Park.