

no difference between betting on a race track and betting on races at Latonia, New Orleans, Nashville or any other place. It seems to me that the House will be going far beyond proper limits in passing this amendment. Our law is the same as the English law according to the decisions in the Hanrahan and the Kempton Park cases. I say that there are enough means of fleecing the lambs of the Dominion without conferring any other facilities than what we have at the present time.

Mr. BUREAU. As far as the law in England is concerned, I have here a report in the London 'Times' of April 5, 1905, of an Act recently passed in England, for the suppression of gambling on streets and other public places. The Act defines what gambling is and there is a special section of the law which says:

Nothing contained in this Act shall apply to any ground used for the purpose of a race course for racing with horses or adjacent thereto on the days on which races take place.

What we desire to exempt by this amendment are incorporated associations. There is a provision in the law, as the member for South Essex (Mr. Clarke) has said that betting can go on among individuals but all who have had to do with race tracks know that the betting on races is almost invariably carried on by bookmakers. These two clauses are conflicting. Individuals may bet among themselves and are not guilty, of any offence, under the law, but still if they go to a certain place to bet, where the bookmaker carries on business, they are guilty. The object of the present amendment is simply to make the law uniform.

Amendment agreed to. Yeas, 54; nays, 34.

Bill as amended reported.

Hon. L. P. BRODEUR (Minister of Inland Revenue). Mr. Speaker, there is objection I understand to the Bill being read a third time, and as there have been some amendments the third reading cannot go on except with the unanimous consent of the House.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. Of course there must be no sharp practice, and if there is any objection the Bill will have to stand.

Mr. SPEAKER. When shall the Bill be read a third time?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. At the next sitting of the House.

DEATH OF MR. L. J. DEMERS, M.P.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister). Before we resume the discussion upon the main question which has been before the House for some time, it is my duty to inform the House that we have lost one

Mr. CLARKE.

of our confrères in the person of Mr. Demers, of Lévis. Mr. Demers was a very quiet, unobtrusive member of this House, but he was at the same time a very intelligent and refined gentleman, and those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance will deeply regret his loss. All the members of the House will unite in offering to his bereaved family their sympathies and condolences.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN (Carleton, Ont.) Mr. Speaker. I am sure that on behalf of those who sit to your left, I can join most sincerely in the words of condolence which have just been uttered by the Prime Minister, and I can assure the family of the deceased gentleman that all those on this side of the House who have enjoyed the acquaintance of the hon. member will extend to them their hearty sympathy in their bereavement.

Mr. O. E. TALBOT (Bellechasse.) (Translation.) Mr. Speaker, it is with very profound emotion that I will add a few words of appreciation to those which have already fallen from the lips of the hon. Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier), and the hon. leader of the opposition (Mr. Borden), with respect to the lamented Mr. Demers, member for Lévis. Although his death was foreseen, it will none the less cause deep regret in this House.

The member for Lévis was one of my old friends. By his probity and high sense of honour, he had made his mark more distinct. He was esteemed and respected by every one. I think I voice the sentiments of all the members of the province of Quebec, nay, all the members of the House of Commons, who had the advantage of knowing him, in expressing here the profound regret that we feel on the occasion of his death.

Mr. Demers was a modest man; but by his courtesy and urbanity, he had won the respect and esteem of all his colleagues.

#### PROVINCIAL AUTONOMY IN THE NORTHWEST.

House resumed adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier for the second reading of Bill (No. 69) to establish and provide for the government of the province of Alberta, and the amendment of Mr. R. L. Borden thereto.

Mr. EDMUND BRISTOL (Centre Toronto). Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of diffidence that I rise for the first time to address this House, the more so as I have the misfortune to come into this important debate after some of the most eloquent and able speeches connected with these Bills have already been made. I have not had that opportunity for a full consideration of the remarks of hon. gentlemen in connection with the matter that I should like to have had, nor have I had the opportunity of either