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STATE OF MAINE

R E P O R T

OF THE

ATTORNEY GENERAL

for the calendar years

1949 - 1950

I find also in the last sentence of paragraph six of Section 12 of Chapter 77 as amended by Chapter 388 of the Public Laws of 1949 the following language:

“Said licensees shall also pay purses at least equal to minimum purses paid at any other New England harness racing track.”

This is all that I find in the statutes and the rules and regulations which relates to purses.

It is my opinion that the Maine Racing Commission has wide discretion except that the commission should take an over-all view of the minimum purses paid at other New England harness racing tracks, in fixing the purses at our Maine harness racing tracks. It seems to me that the commission should set the purses to fit the financial picture of our own State, of which the U. S. Trotting Association would have no knowledge except from hearsay.

If there is anything further that you would like us to check in regard to the Maine State Racing Commission statute and the rules and regulations, please advise me.

RALPH W. FARRIS
Attorney General

July 5, 1950

To Harland A. Ladd, Commissioner of Education
Re: Renting of School Buildings

I have your memo of June 29th, stating that my opinion is sought on a phase of administering the principle of the division of church and State. You state that the school department of the City of Presque Isle has been requested to make the high school auditorium available for a series of meetings sponsored by the Seventh Day Advent Churches of Aroostook, and the superintendent of schools wishes advice on what to tell his committee. You ask if the next to the last sentence in the September 1, 1943, statement of the late Attorney General, Frank I. Cowan, is pertinent.

I quote the language to which you refer, which is found on page 71 of the Report of the Attorney General for 1943-44:

“In my opinion, a school board in any municipality of this State cannot lawfully permit the use of a public school building by any group for any particular type of religious training.”

In answer to your question I will state that in my opinion this statement is pertinent, and I concur in same.

RALPH W. FARRIS
Attorney General

July 6, 1950

To Marion E. Martin, Commissioner of Labor and Industry
Re: Section 38, Chapter 25, R. S. 1944

As I read the weekly payment of wages law, it appears to me that the requirement of payment weekly of wages earned up to within eight days of such payment refers to calendar days.