

## How Licenses Are Given Inspectors Relied Upon

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Commission—Why Houses Are  
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Witnesses yesterday included Wm. Ball, proprietor of the Parkdale Hotel; Dr. Wilson, who told of a lively moment during an interview with E. T. Malone over the Hyman affair; Mr. Malone, who gave his version of the same incident; and Messrs. McEachern and Hudson, who figured in the unexpired and, so far, unproduced agreement for a hotel partnership. The lack of memory on the part of Mr. Hudson was commented upon.

Dr. Wilson said that the matter of the payment of \$500 by Martin to Brazill, Jones and Adamson would be reported to the crown.

**How License Are Obtained.**  
At the afternoon session the commission conducted an investigation into the methods of obtaining licenses and transfers, with special reference as to whether licensees or transferees are subjected to any difficulties in bringing their application direct to the board, and the examination of any other grievance in the matter of obtaining licenses or transfers. Dr. Wilson, chairman of the license board, said he had been chairman for over a year. The board met once in every two weeks. There were a chief inspector and a sub-inspector in the employ of the board. The commissioners received no salary or fees. Licenses were issued in May, and the board considered the matter of the granting of each license before May. There were 146 license houses in Toronto, and last year the board conducted 63 personal investigations. Last year there were 47 applications for licenses. Of these 55 were granted, 6 refused, 3 withdrawn, and 3 are still under consideration.

The method employed for a renewal or transfer was for the chief inspector to make a report and all whose cases were perfectly clear were granted. The remainder came under discussion by the board. The board did not always accept the inspector's recommendation, they relied upon him to great extent.

**Inspector Is Important.**  
Dr. Wilson considered the office of chief inspector one of the most important in the public service, and the officer should be kept impersonal to temptation. The salary (\$2000) was not enough in his opinion.

There was no method of testing the records of information with which the chief inspector had made a report. This might be a weak point. It was always insisted that the applicant should attend personally before the board, for the board considered a man's appearance and personality as having important bearing on their judgment upon him.

Witness explained the frequent appearances of lawyers in license applications as follows:

"Toronto having restricted the number of licenses to 150, the value of these licenses has become enhanced. To-day these licenses are worth \$5000 more each than they were five years ago, and in my judgment in five years from now they will be worth \$25,000 each more than they are to-day."

As the law does not allow licensees to be "tied" and few transfers are able to enter these houses without financial assistance, and the brewers, a lawyer has to be engaged to arrange the special terms of the mortgage. In no case has the judgment of the commissioners been influenced by the appearance of any solicitor.

The applicants are usually men of small capital, and the brewers have very liberal advances. In this way the result is that practically these men are "tied" to the brewer who makes the advance.

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A Commission has been appointed by the Governor of Indiana to investigate tuberculosis conditions in the state and to make recommendation to the next general assembly of the Legislature that a state farm for the cure of consumption be established.

The Commission has prepared plans that include the expenditure of \$100,000 for the purchase of about 200 acres of good land and provide the necessary buildings, to care for about 300 people—150 male and 150 female.

This movement is quite in accord with the general tendency throughout the country looking toward the eradication of the deadly white plague. The disease is so much more easily prevented than cured that it appears criminal to neglect even the simplest precaution.

An ordinary cough or cold tends to weaken the lungs and make them especially receptive to the tubercular germ. What is probably the most efficient means to promptly check a cold or cough, is the prescription of a noted authority on lung trouble. It is claimed this will not only break up a cold quickly, but will cure any cough that is curable. The formula calls for a half ounce Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure), two ounces of Glycerine and a half pint of good Whiskey. Mix well, and take a teaspoonful every four hours.

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## THE HUDSON BAY ROUTE FEASIBLE AND DESIRABLE

Senator Ferguson Lends His Arguments in Support of Short Road to Europe.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—(Special).—In the senate this afternoon Senator Talbot resumed the debate on Senator Ferguson's motion for papers on the Hudson Bay route.

Debating on such a question, he said, was useful in leading to a better knowledge of the country. Canadians generally knew more about the rivers, mountains and plains of other countries than of their own. It was at one time supposed that in Canada wheat could only be grown in the Red River Valley. The area had been extended by practice until it was now known that there was an area of 380,000 square miles in the west most of which was capable of producing wheat, and that the area was as large as 380 Prince Edward Islands, two countries the size of France, four Great Britains and 24 Irelands.

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