

PROHIBITION TO BE DISCUSSED

Measure Introduced as Private Bill by Edwin Scrymgeour in British House.

London, Feb. 21.—Total prohibition for England, Scotland and Wales will be more or less seriously discussed in the House of Commons soon, Edwin Scrymgeour, member for Dundee, elected as a straight prohibitionist, has been lucky enough to secure a place in the ballot for private members' bills in the Commons, and has formally introduced his prohibition measure.

Mr. Scrymgeour confesses that he has no illusions that the bill will have the slightest degree of success, lacking as it does the support of the Government. However, he welcomes the opportunity of bringing his views on the subject of "death to drink and life to the people" into the full light of publicity at Westminster. Another measure in regard to the liquor trade will be introduced by Sir Arthur Holbrook, Conservative member for the Basinstoke division of Hampshire. It is claimed that this measure will remove many present restrictions which are equally harassing to the license holder and the customer. The main novelty about this bill is the proposed restoration of the "bona-fide traveler." This individual was put on the scrap heap at the time of the last licensing measure. The Government spokesman at that time described the "bona-fide traveler" as a "bona-fide fraud."

Before the Great War the traveler, according to the licensing law of the day, was a person who, if he traveled three miles from his home was given special concessions in the securing of liquor. The result was that in districts just outside the three mile radius of big towns licensed houses very profitably remained open continuously on Sunday. There were few regrets on the part of the law-abiding public and the licensed trade in general, when the Sabbath journeys of this sort were discontinued by the operation of the new law. The general impression is that there will be small desire for their revival.

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LOCAL NEWS

The Women's Missionary Society of Centenary Methodist Church took charge of the regular prayer meeting last night and gave an idea of the missionary work being carried on throughout Canada by using the story of the Twelve Spies sent out by Moses. The members taking the parts were: Miss C. D. Colpitts, Mrs. R. A. Sinclair, Mrs. L. A. Langstroth, Mrs. W. H. Nico, Mrs. H. A. Goodwin, Mrs. C. Kinney, Mrs. A. Hee, Miss Edna Austin, Mrs. E. T. C. Knowles, Mrs. John Seely, Mrs. M. D. Austin, Mrs. W. H. Barker and Mrs. C. F. Sanford. Miss Margaret Peasey also took part.

The annual thank offering service of the Knox church Women's Missionary Society was held last evening in the church with Mrs. R. A. Sewell, the vice-president, in the chair in the absence of the president, Mrs. James Armstrong. A song was sung in the language of one of the Hebrides Islands by the Misses Christie and Marion McAfee and Miss Murdoch gave a solo. The chief item of interest on the programme was an address by Miss McKowan on the subject, "Japan and

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the World," and Miss McKowan's remarks received close attention.

Miss McKowan spoke on her experiences in Siberia as a member of the American Red Cross at the time of the Russian Revolution, at the semi-monthly meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of St. David's church yesterday afternoon. She gave a graphic description of the horrors and distress of the period and her talk deeply affected her audience. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by a committee composed of Mrs.

S. McGowan, Mrs. Burton Smith, Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. Purchase, Mrs. Mays and Mrs. Hial Brown.

Alexander Chisholm, a member of the city police force, fell while getting off an elevated train in Boston a few days ago, and sustained an injury to his knee. He had been in Springfield, Mass., where he had been called by the serious illness of his brother, who had since his injury attended to in Boston and continued his journey home. He is expected to be back on duty soon.

WOMEN SOLD MORE THAN 11,000 TAGS

Return of \$5,244 for Racing Meet Reported at Meeting of Women's Council —Other Matters Considered.

The members of the Local Council of Women who assisted in the sale of tags for the international skating meet at Lily Lake were responsible for disposing of more than 11,000 tags and taking in about \$5,244. This announcement was made yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the St. John Local Council of Women in the Board of Trade rooms. It was decided to invite the lady delegates of Moncton and Sackville to be present at the provincial convention to be held on March 2.

A letter of condolence was ordered sent to the family of the late Mrs. Thomas Graham who had been an active worker in the council.

The financial report was presented by Miss Alice Estey, the president, Mrs. E. Albertson Smith, referred to the fact that the Board of Education had made the teaching of kindergarten subjects optional and said some credit was due the council on this score.

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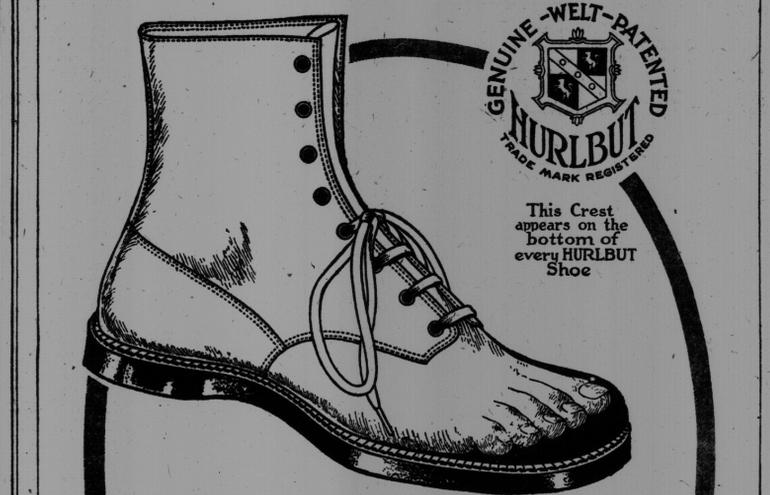
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