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TRAVELERS ASK PROTECTION

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jects of the meeting, alluded to the fact that in 1906 the travelers had also given much time to the matter of accommodation in local option towns. A deputation was sent to Provincial Secretary Hanna, and that gentleman had promised to take the matter into his consideration.

At the time it was hoped that the Government had been favorably influenced, and that the amended legislation would be secured.

Mr. Buttery described the conditions prevailing in many lodging-houses in local option towns as filthy and abominable. The same could be said also of many hotels holding licenses in different places.

Mr. Buttery advocated a system of inspection of food and rooms for hotels to compel the proprietors to conduct the hostilities properly.

But bad as the hotels referred to, Mr. Buttery continued, the conditions in some local option municipalities are worse, because no accommodation at all is furnished for man or beast.

The Poor Traveler.

Under the license law, a man has the right to demand food and shelter, but where there are no licenses, such as in local option towns, the traveler is left dependent upon charity. His money is no good, because there is no place where he can demand food and shelter.

Mr. Buttery said he desired especially to state that the travelers are not fighting local option. They solicit the assistance of every temperance organization in the Province to help them in the work of having proper accommodation for travelers provided in all places.

Every town or village adopting local option should be compelled to see that proper accommodation for the traveling public is provided.

A Government inspector should be appointed to inspect all hostilities, and make the proprietors live up to the law.

Mr. Buttery, in conclusion, said that the specific grievances of the travelers were filthy bed linen, impure air and water, loathsome lavatories, lack of bathrooms, etc., etc.

No Show at All.

Mr. C. W. Nicholls and Mr. J. S. Townsend supported the arguments of Mr. Buttery.

The latter said that in a certain local option town he had dinner, and when he asked the bill the man behind the desk said:

"Twenty-five cents."

A moment later, the hotelman came running out.

"I made a mistake," he said. "Your dinner costs you 40 cents. I thought you were a farmer, but you are a commercial man."

Mr. Townsend said that in many places there is one rate for the traveler and another for the farmer.

On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis, a committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. H. E. Buttery, Alf Robinson, S. F. Glass and C. W. Nicholls, to draft resolutions and to forward them to the Hon. Mr. Hanna at Toronto.

Resolutions Adopted.

The committee brought in the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, and will be sent to the Ontario Government.

"That, whereas, a joint deputation representing the Travelers' Club of London, the Western Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association and the Commercial Travelers' Association of Canada, waited on the Hon. Mr. Hanna, Provincial Secretary, on March 2, 1907, to urge upon the Government the necessity of so amending the liquor license act as to impose on any municipality which chooses to do away with licenses, under the act, the responsibility of providing accommodations for the traveling public as being deprived of as a natural consequence of the taking away of hotel licenses; and

"Whereas, the Government of the Province of Ontario have not yet taken definite action regarding such compulsory accommodation, be it therefore resolved that this joint meeting of the executive of the Travelers' Club and of the Western Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association and the Commercial Travelers' Association of Canada, record its sense of the serious grievances and hardships to which the traveling man is subjected, and to again request the Government of the Province of Ontario to take such action as may be necessary to abate the matters complained of.

"We consider and desire that the local option clause of the liquor license act should be so amended as to require municipalities adopting local option to provide suitable places for lodging, eating and sample rooms for the traveling public, when they are prepared to pay for such accommodation. That such places should be placed under supervision and proper restrictions, and that the persons in charge shall be held responsible for their maintenance.

"We most sincerely believe that any municipality choosing to do away with the bars should be compelled to maintain the necessary accommodation for the traveling public, even though the maintenance of such hostilities should

require the financial support of the municipality.

"That the license commissioners are the qualified persons to direct where such public houses shall be maintained. That all such lodging houses and eating houses be placed under special license, and a medical health certificate for cleanliness and sanitation accompany each request for license.

"We would also suggest the same method being adopted before the granting of licenses for the sale of liquor.

Room for Changes.

"The specific grievances to which we especially direct the attention of the Government are:

"Impure water; filthy lavatories, washrooms and bathrooms; poorly ventilated dining-rooms, barrooms and sitting-rooms. We especially request most rigid methods regarding bedrooms, in which are many times found filthy woodwork, walls dirty and bearing stains of expectoration, carpets which are never removed from the floor or cleaned, soiled towels and

filthy, unsanitary soap, the dirty water in ewers unfit for use. Dirty bed-quilts and coverlets, which we think may to some extent be remedied by having sheets seven or eight feet long, so that they may be turned back over the comforter. Several states in the Union have recently legislated in this direction, and such action has proved most effective. We would also suggest the placing of cupboards in each bedroom to prevent as far as possible the great danger of contagion from tuberculosis.

It was further resolved:

"That the secretary of the Travelers' Association be requested to mail a slip, printed in red ink, with notices being sent to all members of the association, requesting any member who may have brought to his notice any specific grievance in reference to the matters complained of, or otherwise to notify the secretary of the association, of such charge or grievance, who, when so notified, will at once communicate the information to the department. It is especially required of the secretary that in communicating such information to the Government, or to anyone else, the name, or names of travelers making such complaints, or charges, shall be kept strictly confidential, and shall only be known to the secretary himself."

In conclusion it was decided to request all temperance organizations and travelers' associations to assist in securing the reform asked for.

QUERIES ANSWERED

ANXIOUS—Is a man legally responsible for the debts of his wife prior to his marriage to her? **ANS.**—No.

If she was a widow before he married her, would he be held liable to pay her husband's funeral expenses? **ANS.**—No.

Would he be under any obligation to support her children by first husband? **ANS.**—A moral obligation to do so until capable of earning their own living.

Is the law different in this case in Ontario than Quebec, and how so? **ANS.**—We are informed that it is substantially the same, but you had better obtain a legal opinion from a Quebec lawyer.

CAIRO—The copy of the oil lease does not appear to have been, or intended to be, under seal, although for a term of five years or more. It purports to be a lease, and not an agreement for a lease. It is, therefore, void. If it had been under seal we are of opinion that this clause referred to by you would be binding, and that you would require to give notice before lease could be terminated. Finding him to give such notice would only be a matter of expense. Consult a lawyer.

MAYFAIR—The dealer who sold you the woven wire fence is not liable unless his guarantee was in writing. The man who put it up and received pay from you are liable to you in damages for breach of contract for not doing it in a proper manner. You can sue them in the division court. Perhaps if you spoke to the dealer again he would see to it for his own credit.

TYRELL—A was married, and his wife left him. He went to Buffalo, got a divorce, and came back to Canada and got a girl to go back to Buffalo and get married. Is that marriage legal in Canada? **ANS.**—No.

Can he sue his stock and implements and turn her out with a dollar, not having any land? **ANS.**—Yes.

Can he collect pay for what time she has been married to him, she leaving without his telling her to go? **ANS.**—He can recover damages from him for breach of promise of marriage which damages will include the pay for her services during the time she has lived as his wife. Consult a lawyer.

Knap McCarthy, the veteran trainer, hailing from Indiana, will construct a training barn on ground which he purchased inside the Columbus Park grounds.

The gypsies of Granada, Spain, are unique among the races as cave dwellers, living in recesses hollowed out of a hillside not far from the city.

TAKEN FROM CARS IN LIFEBOATS

Passengers on Train Have Odd Adventure With French Floods.

Paris, Nov. 24.—Passengers in a train on the south of France line between Almagues and Aigues-Mortes, in the Gard Department, had a thrilling experience on Thursday night. Torrential rains had during the afternoon flooded the country around Aigues-Mortes.

The train left the station of St. Laurent-d'Algoze at 9:40 p.m., and had proceeded about two miles, when the engine driver and stoker noticed that they were traveling in a running stream of water. They stopped the train. The driver found about two feet of running water on the line, and, walking up a hundred yards further, found himself to the middle in a current which almost carried him off his feet. He went back to the engine and backed the train toward St. Laurent-d'Algoze.

After traveling 400 yards the guard's van and the rear coaches were found to be getting into deep water. The train was caught between two streams, which were rapidly rising. There were no houses anywhere near, and the driver began blowing his whistle as a sign of distress.

The whistle was heard at the station of St. Laurent, and the station master organized a rescue party, but it was found impossible to get within 500 yards of the train. He therefore telephoned to the station master at Aigues-Mortes, who dispatched a pilot engine and several trucks carrying two lifeboats.

The relief train was driven as near to the submerged train as possible, and then the mayor of Aigues-Mortes, accompanied by two sailors, put off in one of the lifeboats and pulled across to the train.

There was no time to lose, for the waters were rising rapidly and the passengers were clambering on to the roofs of the coaches. So strong was the current that the rescuing boat was carried away, and half an hour elapsed before the sailors reached the train. A lifeline was attached to the flooded engine, and the other end carried to the pilot engine.

The passengers were then taken out of the flooded train into the boat, and, using the line as a guide rope, the boats were sent to land, until all the passengers had been safely taken off. It was 3 o'clock on Friday morning before the rescues were completed.

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TAME HIPPO FOR LORD SELBORNE

Picturesque Meeting of Famous African Chief With British Commissioner.

Cape Town, Nov. 24.—The meeting of Lord Selborne, high commissioner of South Africa, and Luanika, paramount chief of Barotseland, was full of quaint incident.

Nothing could be more picturesque than Luanika's arrival. A fleet of some 250 native dug-out canoes came up the broad Zambesi, led by the chief's own enormous boat, with its crew of thirty paddlers.

There broke from the hundreds of women assembled on the shore the royal song of welcome as Luanika's craft drew nigh. Dressed in every imaginable brilliant color, black faces of shining and black eyes sparkling with excitement, the women marched slowly forwards to the rhythmic clapping of hands, chanting as they went, to the river bank, and then, with wild shrieks and peals of laughter, broke their ranks and raced to bathe their hands and faces in the water in which the king's boat swam.

Luanika's eldest son, Letia, immaculately clad in an English shooting suit, was very busy on the bank with a full-plate camera. After a few minutes' pause Luanika himself stepped ashore, habited, alas! in a gray frock coat, pinkish trousers and a black opera hat.

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