

Sir HENRY THORNTON: I am afraid I am not much more of a hotel man than any of the rest of us. I suppose a note of that question can be taken and we will try to get the figures. Probably an estimate can be made. I do not think I could tell you offhand.

Mr. DUFF: Of course not. I suggest to you, Sir Henry, that if seventeen guests occupied those rooms in addition to the three or four dollars a day which they would pay for those seventeen rooms they would be likely to spend a considerable sum of money outside of that amount?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: I suppose it would depend on whether they were Scotch and took their meals in the cafeteria or whether they took them in the restaurant.

The CHAIRMAN: That is hard on the Scotch.

Mr. DUFF: I am not Scotch. The fact remains that ordinarily guests staying in a hotel spend sums of money in addition to what they pay for their rooms.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: That, necessarily, is always a factor, and is considered by any hotel.

Mr. DUFF: And is it not also true that people who do not occupy rooms come to your hotel—the Chateau or other hotels—spend large sums of money for entertainment when they have large parties and so on?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: That is true. That applies to individuals, to organizations and to those who use the hotel facilities.

Mr. DUFF: Is not that a fact with regard to this present situation? That of some of those amounts which Mr. Bennett has spent in the hotel, a large proportion of those amounts are for the entertainment of his guests when he has them there and for which the hotel gives full value?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: A considerable proportion of that is true.

Rt. Hon. Mr. BENNETT: Is there anything more you want from me?

The CHAIRMAN: I do not think so, sir.

Mr. DUFF: Before the enquiry closes, may I ask Dr. Manion this. Dr. Manion read a letter the other day from Sir Henry Thornton in regard to this matter, and may I now ask if he sent a reply to that letter?

Hon. Mr. MANION: I don't think I ever did.

Mr. DUFF: Did you discuss it with Sir Henry after you received it?

Hon. Mr. MANION: Never that I remember of, no.

Mr. DUFF: Did you ever agree to the contents of the letter?

Hon. Mr. MANION: I never saw the letter until I got it from Sir Henry. What happened was Sir Henry came into my room or into my office, and we discussed the matter, and I said I heard there was some criticism of it, or something to this effect. He took full responsibility as he does now in the matter, and did it very heatedly, as I remember. He took full responsibility for the hotel changes, and he said he would write me a letter taking that full responsibility, and he wrote the letter accordingly.

Mr. DUFF: I think, Mr. Chairman, Sir Henry has broad shoulders, but what I am trying to get at is, did the Minister, either verbally or any other way, approve of the contents of the letter?

Hon. Mr. MANION: I never saw that letter until it was sent to me by Sir Henry and received by me, and so far as I know, we never had any discussion about it in any shape or form before or after except what I have just told you.

Mr. DUFF: You did not approve of it?

Hon. Mr. MANION: I had nothing to do with the letter; it was Sir Henry's letter, and I do not approve of Sir Henry's letters.