

Bucket Shops.

Opinions of Ontario bankers, regarding bucket shops generally, as expressed in letters to the Toronto board of trade

They encourage speculation and demoralize people generally.

"A plague that should be promptly and effectually stamped out; worse than a lottery

"Gambling establishments of the worst kind hid under the very thin veneer of respectability.

"The stakes being small, the youthful, the innocent, the ignorant and the comparatively needy are more easily drawn in and drawn on.

"The maintenance of bucket shops may be regarded commercially as a public nuisance, for they are nothing more than gambling houses in which patrons are not even honestly dealt with.

"I could mention the names of several men once well off, who have been ruined by the vicious practices.

"Their influence is to direct their customers' minds from legitimate business pursuits.

"Their moral influence is decidedly bad, and they introduce an element of doubt and risk into legitimate business transactions.

"This form of gambling is doing great harm, especially to the youth of this country.

"I think the bad moral and financial influence of bucket shops cannot be over estimated.

"They are a dangerous and unwholesome element in a community.

"Their influence morally and financially is bad, and sad stories confirming this is given. Financial wrecks can be pointed out strewn all over the land; every town and city has them.

"A curse wherever established, leading young men into extravagance and bad habits, and in many cases to rob their employers in order to make haste to get rich.

"The existence of bucket shops exerts a most pernicious effect on the business of the country.

"Causes a gambling spirit among small traders.

I am disposed to class all parties engaged therein as being unworthy of confidence or respect.

"They are a great temptation to the inexperienced, and calculated to lead them to dishonesty.

"Some men in this town have lost their good names and position in consequence of being lured into these gambling dens."

BILLS to incorporate the Alberta Railway & Coal company and the Emerson & Northwestern Railway company, and to authorize the construction of bridges over the Assiniboine at Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie, received a second reading at Ottawa last week.

BEFORE the railway committee at Ottawa on Friday, the application of the Northwest Central railway for confirmation of charter, occupied two hours. The object of the bill is to protect the present company from a threatened action by James Beatty and his company for \$80,000 spent in promoting the old scheme.



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13 00	15 00	Portage la Prairie	14 45	11 45
15 30	14 50	Gladstone	13 00	12 20
17 25	16 02	Neepawa	11 35	10 00
19 45	17 00	Minnedosa	10 45	8 40
	18 10	Rapid City	9 00	
22 30	18 48	Snoo Lake	8 52	5 05
21 10	19 55	Birtle	7 45	3 30
	22 25	Binscarth	5 10	
	23 45	Russell	3 45	
	1 05	Langenburg	2 30	
ARRIVE	ARRIVE		LEAVE	LEAVE

Notes.
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