

1.—OBJECTS OF ANTI-TICKET SCALPING AOT.

The object of the late Sir George Kirkpatrick in introducing the bill passed in 1882 to prohibit ticket scalping in Canada as shown by the debates in Parliament printed in Hansard, was chiefly to prevent frauds on unsuspecting travelers, and instances were given of cases where such frauds had worked great hardship to poor and ignorant persons who had been imposed upon.

The records of the Courts in the United States and the recommendations of the Interstate Commerce Commission from year to year, also the report of the hearing before the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of the House of Representatives in Washington in 1897, show clearly the frauds resulting from this nefarious business which Canada has been free from owing to the Act of 1882 and which it is now proposed shall be permitted by law.

ADVANTAGES TO CANADA OF PRESENT LAW.

Not only has Canada been free from all the disadvantages referred to in this pamphlet, but the absence of ticket scalping has been and is a distinct advantage in securing favorable rates from United States railways to important conventions held in Canada—as low rates otherwise could not have been and could not be obtained, and those which would be granted, if ticket scalping were prevalent here, would be higher and surrounded with onerous conditions which would work against the free movement of travel and attendance at these meetings.

All kinds of excursion and holiday rates are made freely in Canada with few restrictive conditions. Whenever such rates are made in those States which do not prohibit scalping they are surrounded with annoying restrictions on account of the ticket scalping offices depleting legitimate railway revenue by their traffic in the Excursion tickets.