

and that relating to the sale in shops should be read together. The shops having been allowed to sell in half-pint quantities, there would not probably be the same necessity for druggists to sell.

The clause was adopted.

Mr. McKay (Oxford) had an amendment inserted providing that a medical man who also conducts a chemist's or druggist's business shall not be allowed to give the certificate required by the act for the sale of liquor by a druggist, except when there is no other medical practitioner in the municipality.

Mr. Howland moved that the clauses prohibiting the sale of liquor to minors be amended by exempting from the operation thereof cases where the purchase and sale is authorized in writing by the parent or guardian of the minor.

The amendment was adopted after a brief discussion.

Mr. German wished to have the clause prohibiting the sale of liquor to minors in clubs struck out, and in the course of his argument said that the majority of drunkards became so after they were 21 years of age, and that he was sure that this had been the experience of every member of the House. The loud applause and hearty laughter of the Opposition members checked Mr. German's eloquence for a moment until he realized what a reflection he had cast upon the members. He contended that the effect of having liquor where young men were was not in any way injurious, and that in families where liquor was kept there were probably not as many drunkards as in other families. Mr. Haycock suggested that every family be compelled to keep liquor for the good of the young men in it. The clause was adopted without amendment.

The railway saloon license was finally adopted in the following form:— Provided nevertheless that the provisions of this section shall not apply to an eating house at a railway station for or to which any license has heretofore been granted and which is at the time of the passing of this act duly licensed, and any eating house at a railway station may hereafter receive a license without having all the hotel accommodation required by law. Mr. German fought hard to have these licenses not included in the statutory number for the locality, but did not succeed.

An addition was made to the clause prohibiting hotels within 300 feet of a church, etc., providing that the 300 feet was to be measured from the main entrance along the street or streets or across the same at right angles. The only other amendment to the act was to make it compulsory for Magistrates to notify the commissioners of any conviction under the act.

Mr. Dryden's bill respecting places other than factories, Mr. Hobbs' bill respecting the London Street Railway, Mr. Hobbs' bill to incorporate the Ingersoll Radial Electric Railway Company, and Mr. Conmee's bill respecting the Town of Port Arthur were passed through committee. The bill respecting loan corporations and the land surveyors bill were read a third time.

The House adjourned at 11.30 o'clock.