

Min Club

S. W.

23 May 1876

Dear Sir



I am in receipt of your
letter of 6th May and shall
be pleased if I can assist
you in trying to place
a few "Shells" in Montreal.
I enclose our first annual
report, on page 8 & 9
you will find copy of
our "General Rules" which
are hung up in each Shell
and "Rules for Attendants".
You will see from
Report we have done
away

with admission tickets.

The cabinet considered
them a "tax" and are
quite willing to spend
more inside which
enables us to do away
with all wages to
the attendants who
make sufficient out of
the profits of goods
sold.

The tariff is placed
in such a shell so that
way cabinet can
know what the attendant
can charge.

We charge "Coffee Hour"
prices for Tea, Coffee &
bread & butter, and
the cabmen bring steaks
& chops and eggs &c. &c.
which are prepared
for them for $\frac{1}{2}$.

The shells is just the
length of an English
"four wheeler" and
Horn, and breadth
of a cab from
wheel to wheel.
We are well allowed
to place larger ones
in our shells

Each Shelter holds about
10 or 12 men at a time
There is a table in
centre with seats all
round and one end
is partitioned off as
a kitchen with a
stove &c. &c.

The cost of a shelter is
£80. and has then
to be fitted up with
stove, crockery, &c. &c.,
which brings the price
up to about £85.
We supply newspapers
to each shelter.

We find the Cabmen
 much appreciate our
 efforts and there is
 no doubt we in a
 great measure keep
 them out of Public
 Hours and we
 constantly hear of
 people going for Cabs
 on the Banks where
 our "Shells" are as
 they generally find the
 men more civil &
 always sober &
 If I can be of any
 more

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At Cabmen's Shelter

We please let us

know and I shall

only be too glad

to be of assistance

I daresay I could

send you tracings &

drawings if you

would like

I am Dear Sir

Yours faithfully

J. M. W. Smith

Hon. Secy

Cabmen's Shelter Fund

