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An important gathering last week was the thirtieth annual meeting of the American Association of Travelling Passenger Agents. It met at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, under the presidency of Mr. J. C. Clair, of Boston, agent in New England for the Illinois Central Railroad. Many ladies accompanied the party, which numbered nearly 300; more than 200 were brought from Chicago by a special train on the Grand Trunk Railway, and spent a day at the Royal Muskoka Hotel, being taken there from Muskoka wharf by special train to Kingston and down the rapids. They were welcomed to Montreal by Ald. Sadler, in the absence of the Mayor. During the opening proceedings, Mr. G. T. Bell, the Grand Trunk's general passenger agent, made an earnest and impressive speech. He said the policy of his road was to have railway agents in the passenger service riding free over the Grand Trunk, because that was the only way they could be educated, as they should be, in the beauties of the country. "Transportation men should not be ignorant of what they are offering to the people. They are in the commercial world. They sell transportation, and I have yet to hear of a successful business man who undertook to sell his wares without having seen them." The Grand Trunk authorities certainly were at great pains to make the visit of these officials from all over the continent of America a pleasing one. And those from the United States and Mexico were manifestly delighted with beauties Canada had to exhibit to them.

The Hong-Kong Chamber of Commerce has passed a resolution strongly endorsing the plan for a fast Atlantic steamship service connecting with the present Canadian Pacific Railroad route across Canada and the Pacific, and recommending that a contract for mail and passenger service be entered into with the C.P.R. making an all-British route and providing for a reduction of time between Hong-Kong and London to twenty-six days.

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