

The Immigration Convention.

The enthusiasm with which the proposals to hold an immigration convention at Winnipeg have been received, indicates the feeling all over the country on this question. We have an immense territory here, possessing great natural advantages, and all we require to become a great nation is population. The few people who are now scattered over the vast territory known as Western Canada, extending from Lake Superior to the Pacific coast, a distance from east to west of about 2000 miles, are anxious to do all in their power to encourage other good settlers to come and locate among them. The answers to the invitations to appoint delegates to the convention at Winnipeg have been almost universally favorable, and a host of delegates have been appointed from all parts of Western Canada. Following is the programme arranged for the convention, which opened on Thursday morning, in the Lyceum opera house, called to order by chairman Thos. Gilroy, of the committee on arrangements and organization:

Prayer by His Grace the Archbishop of Rupert's Land.

Address of welcome on behalf of the province of Manitoba, by His Honor, Lieut-Governor Patterson.

Address of welcome on behalf of the city of Winnipeg, by His Worship Mayor Jameson.

Election of temporary chairman and temporary secretary.

Appointment of committees re credentials on permanent organization; on order of business.

Chairman's address.

"A Permanent Board of Immigration," by Alfred J. Andrews.

Afternoon session, 2 p. m.—"Alberta, Its Resources and Climate," by R. G. Brett, M. D., M. L. A.

"Immigration from Northern Europe," Hon. C. C. Meyer, Danish consul, Ottawa.

"British Columbia as a Field for Immigration," Prof. Odium, Victoria, B. C.

Address by D. R. McGinnis, secretary Northwestern Immigration association, St. Paul, Minn.

Address by Dr. Rutherford, M. P. P., Portage la Prairie.

"Our milling industry," F. W. Thompson, Winnipeg.

"Manitoba Manufactures," E. F. Hutchings, Winnipeg.

C. J. Whellams, St. Paul.

Evening session, 8 p. m.—Address, Hon. T. Mayne Daly, M. P., Minister of interior.

"Manitoba as a Field for Immigration," Hon. Thos. Greenway, M. P. P., premier of Manitoba.

Address by Rev. Wm. McDougall, Morley, Alberta.

"Mixed Farming," Angus McKay, superintendent experimental farm, Indian Head.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

Morning session, 9.30 a. m.—Reports of committees

Election of permanent officers.

"Dairy Schools," Prof. C. C. Macdonald, superintendent Manitoba government dairy schools.

"Experiences at the Experimental Farm, Brandon," S. A. Bedford, superintendent.

"Irrigation in the Territories," J. S. Dennis, Calgary.

"Iron Mines of Manitoba," F. Proudfoot, Montreal.

Afternoon session, 2 p. m.—"Mineral Fuels and Peats of Manitoba and the Northwest; also Building Materials other than Wood and Clays of Manitoba and the Northwest," Wm. Pearce, superintendent of mines, Calgary.

Address, Hon. Clifford Sifton, M. P. P., attorney-general of Manitoba.

Address, Hon. Dr. Harrison, Neepawa.

"The Milling Interests of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories," S. A. Magaw, Winnipeg.

"The Climate of Manitoba," Jas. Patterson, M. D., Winnipeg.

"Successful Farming in Manitoba," H. C. Simpson, Virden.

"The Mines of the Lake of the Woods," Geo. Barnes, mayor of Rat Portage.

"British Columbia and its Resources," F. J. Deane, Victoria.

Evening session, 8 p. m.—

"Immigration Vital to Canada; Most Important from an Imperial Standpoint," N. F. Davin, M. P., Regina, Assa.

"Our Cattle Export Trade," J. T. Gordon, Winnipeg.

"The Immigration Work of the Canadian Pacific Railway company," L. A. Hamilton, land commissioner.

"Northwestern Manitoba; Its Natural Advantages and Resources," Jas. Fisher, M. P. P., Winnipeg.

"The Hudson's Bay Route, its Bearings upon Immigration," R. P. Roblin, M. P. P., Winnipeg.

"Individual Effort in Immigration Work," Jas. E. Steen, Winnipeg.

"Advantages to Settlers Coming to the Canadian Northwest from a Financial Standpoint," T. H. Mathewson, Winnipeg.

"Stock-raising and Dairying in the Northwest," Thomas Stone, Calgary.

"Successful Farming," A. F. Andrews, Stockton.

During the convention as opportunities occur addresses will be given by Messrs H. J. Macdonald, Isaac Campbell, Q. C., Dr. O'Donnell, Wm. Hespeler, G. F. Galt, D. D. England, H. W. C. Meyer, Q. C., Calgary; John Hall, Holland; H. C. Langford, Rat Portage; Capt. McIntosh, Lake Dauphin.

The convention opened on Thursday morning in the Lyceum theatre, ex Mayor Gilroy in the chair. After devotional exercises, Governor Patterson of Manitoba gave the address of welcome, followed by Mayer Jameson, who extended a welcome on behalf of the city. After the appointment of Mr. Gilroy as temporary chairman and F. W. Heubach as protem secretary, committees on credentials, resolutions, business and permanent organization were appointed.

Mr. Gilroy then delivered an address, telling how the movement to call the convention was inaugurated, etc.

The feature of the first session was the address of Ald. A. J. Andrews, of Winnipeg, on "A Permanent Board of Immigration." He told how the various interests now working in the interest of immigration, lacked system, as each interest was working independent of the others, instead of their being a common understanding among them. He thought some central, independent organization should be formed, free from political influences, to operate as a bureau of immigration and have full charge of the work. He also dwelt upon the importance of looking after immigrants on their arrival here.

The convention then adjourned to meet at two o'clock in the afternoon.

When the convention resumed in the afternoon a general discussion followed on Ald. Andrews' address, which was finally concluded on the adoption of a motion to the effect that the convention form a permanent organization and that the committee on permanent organization should retire and prepare resolutions in accordance with the motion. D. R. McGinnis of St. Paul, Minn., was then introduced to the convention and made a brief speech.

Hon. C. C. Meyer, Danish Consul-general at Ottawa, addressed the convention on "Immigration from Northern Europe."

Prof. Odium, of Victoria, B. C., followed, dwelling particularly on British Columbia as a field for immigration, and concluding with

some practical points, as to permanent organization.

F. H. Mathewson, president of the Winnipeg board of trade, followed with an excellent paper on "Advantages to Settlers Coming to Western Canada, from a Financial Aspect."

F. W. Thompson, manager of the Ogilvie Milling Co., Winnipeg, addressed the convention on the milling industry, referring to the scandalous and unreasonable agitation which has been kept up here of late by professional agitators, assisted by sensational newspapers, regarding grain trade matters, as injurious to the country and hurtful to immigration.

E. F. Hutchings followed in an interesting paper on "Our Manufacturing Interests."

Interesting addresses of a general nature were then made by Samuel Hanna, of Griswold, Man., Jas. Elder, of Virden, Man., C. O. Swanson, of Wotaskawin, Alberta, and D. D. Munroe, of Neepawa, Man., the latter gentleman stating that he came from New York state, about twelve years ago, and was satisfied with the change. A pleasant and interesting address was then given by D. R. McGinnis, secretary of the Northwestern Immigration Association, of St. Paul, Minnesota.

The session of the convention was again resumed Thursday evening, the first event being an address from Hon. T. M. Daly, federal Minister of the Interior. The Hon. gentleman gave a lengthy and interesting speech, going into immigration statistics as shown by past years.

Premier Greenway of Manitoba followed, assuring the convention of the hearty support of the Manitoba government.

The evening session concluded with an address from Rev. John McDougall, of Morley, Alberta, a pioneer of Western Canada.

Three sessions were held on Friday, which we have not space to report even briefly, but will be dealt with next week.

One feature of convention of considerable interest was the exhibition of specimens of grain and grasses grown under irrigation in the Calgary district. This was arranged for the Alberta Tribune by James Forrest, of Calgary, and was exhibited by F. H. Turnock, editor of that newspaper.

Exporting Dead Meat

At Ottawa on Feb. 21 Prof. Robertson went into the details of his dead meat scheme before the committee on agriculture. He gave a great deal of valuable information on the cattle trade, and presented such a good case that the committee passed a resolution recommending the government to carry out the project. It will require a vote of \$300,000 to establish the business. This sum would provide for the purchase of 500 head per week from the sales. If the government takes hold of the enterprise parliament will be asked to vote the amount required. In reply to N. Boyd, Prof. Robertson stated that no abattoir would be erected in Manitoba until the feasibility was fully established by the first year's transactions. Parties in Calgary have agreed to send a train load of live cattle and a train load of dead meat to the old country under the direction of Prof. Robertson as a preliminary test of his proposition.

British Grain Trade.

The Mark Lane Express of Feb. 21, in its weekly review, says:—English wheat, today, was stationery at 29s. Foreign wheat was 6d lower. American spring and winter and Duluth were quoted at 27s 6d, and Californian at 28s 6d. American flour declined 6d, and English flour was weak. The market closed with a poor demand, despite the low prices.