

LAUNDRYMEN GATHER FOR CONVENTION IN CALGARY

Second Annual Meeting of the Northwest Canadian Laundrymen's Association Opened Yesterday, N. J. Christie, of Calgary, Presiding

MANY LIVE TOPICS TO BE TAKEN UP

Papers Will Be Read Today on Matters of Interest to Men Engaged in the Business; All White Laundries of Western Provinces are Represented

The second annual convention of the Northwest Canadian Laundrymen's association was opened in the board of trade rooms yesterday afternoon, with N. J. Christie, of Calgary, the president, in the chair. There was a good gathering of the members from all parts of the western provinces, and the business of the afternoon consisted in hearing the reports of the work done during the year from the reports of the president and the secretary, after which a number of questions on laundry work and methods were asked and answered by those present. Mr. Christie, the secretary, J. A. Davidson, of Winnipeg, was prevented from being present, but his place was taken by W. G. Fraser, of Winnipeg.

The convention was opened with a luncheon in the King George Hotel at noon. When the meeting was convened at the board of trade rooms, Mayor Sinnott was present and gave an official welcome to the delegates, and said that he hoped they would spend a pleasant and profitable time in the city of Calgary.

F. A. Gaul, of Toronto, in replying, pointed out the fact that there were 260 laundries in Western Canada, and that 50 per cent of the money which was received weekly from the public was paid back to the public in the shape of wages which were given to the employees in the various laundries.

Mr. Christie, giving his presidential address, said that the first year had been a most successful one. The membership of the organization had been increased by over twenty, and practically every laundryman from the Great Lakes to the Rockies was now a member, and every one in the industry was represented in the organization. The president urged all members to join the board of trade in their respective towns, for only by such united effort as could thus be secured could they hope to get the support of every city.

Among the observations made by the president was the statement that no business paid out more money on an average to the public than did the laundry. They had to point out the amount which they paid per week to make that clear to the business men of the community. He also said that in February there had been organized the Central Canada association of laundries, and that had been successfully set in motion, but it would take a long time to come up to the strength and position of the northwestern association. Mr. Christie suggested the use of the question box for the facilitation of the discussion at their sessions, and in order that their debates might be helpful to those who had not so much experience in the business as others.

A standing vote of condolence with the widow of H. A. Musard, of Winnipeg, who died during the year, was passed by the convention.

The report of the secretary was then presented, and was a most satisfactory one, as it showed that the association had on hand a balance of \$506, including the dues for the coming year and those which were overdue for the last year. The report was adopted unanimously as being most satisfactory in every way.

The members of the convention then engaged in a discussion of various matters connected with the trade, and after that a number of the Calgary laundries were visited in turn. In the evening there was a theatre party to the Sherman Grand theatre, where the juvenile Pollards were witnessed in a musical play, "La Belle Butterfly."

Today's Program. The program for today will be more businesslike, and a number of papers will be read on subjects of interest to laundrymen. These will include cost of production, office system, adulteration of fabrics, advertising, agency work, collection and delivery, dry cleaning, sanitary arrangements, employers' duty to employee. There will be a banquet in the evening at Cronin's Restaurant.

Tomorrow will be the closing day of the convention, and the officers of the association for the coming year will be appointed, while the party will take a trip round the city seeing the sights. Among those who are attending the convention are: C. S. Farrow, Leithridge laundry; Lethbridge; J. W. Dawes, Edmonton laundry; Edmonton; W. Nelson, Empress laundry, Winnipeg; R. G. Christie, Ontario laundry, Calgary; George Mulvey, Riverside laundry, Calgary; G. H. Thomas, Troy laundry, Edmonton; G. Lewis, Alberta laundry, Edmonton; S. Parrott, Modern laundry, Saskatoon; W. Sheriff, Riverside laundry, Calgary; John W. Templeton, Alberta laundry, Calgary; F. W. Anderson, representing John B. Vaine, Laundry Supply company, Toronto; E. J. Hunt, representing Stanley Bros. Laundry supplies, Winnipeg; Guy C. Hammett, representing the J. B. Ford company, Minneapolis; M. R. Christie, Ontario laundry, Calgary; W. M. Knapp, Snow-Cascade laundry, Bellingham, Wash. (guest); John E. Thompson, Snowflake laundry, Edmonton; E. L. Slade, Canadian laundry, Edmonton; Frank Collins, Heil laundry, Calgary; James Godbold, Co-operative laundry, Saskatoon; D. W. MacLeod, Alberta laundry, Calgary; B. M. Thompson, Royal Alexandra laundry, Winnipeg; Frank A. Gaul, American Laundry Machinery company, Toronto; W. G. Fraser, Beaver Soap company, Winnipeg; B. Van Rinscom, Leithridge laundry, Leithridge; N. J. Christie, Ontario laundry, Calgary.

C.P.R. TO TAKE SHARE IN BUILDING BRIDGE

Vancouver, B.C., May 19.—The first case of importance taken up by the Railway commission today related to an application by the city of Victoria to compel the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway (C.P.R.) to build a permanent bridge across Hereward street, Victoria. J. E. McMullen, counsel for the C.P.R., objected on the ground that no road had ever been gazetted there, though it had been used as a public highway since 1891.

Chairman Dryden: "There have been no steps taken to stop its use as a highway since 1891."

Mr. McMullen: "No; but we can stop it now if we like."

Mr. Dryden: "I don't think you can. It has been used for the past twenty years as a highway. The public admit it had no rights to the road or lands except by use, but if you must strengthen the structure anyway, you should bear part of the cost of this new bridge. Under these circumstances the railway company will pay one-third of the whole and the municipality two-thirds. The government will make a contribution of its funds to the extent of 20 per cent, not to exceed \$5,000."

RUSSIA'S GREAT GROWTH

A Country of Fairs—Romantic Side of Russian Life—Women's Work

Here are some glimpses from The London Times' Russian supplement which show the romantic side of Russian industrial life. Some of them show how primitive even today is much of its trading.

"Fairs are characteristic features of Russian life. In olden Russia they played a prominent part, forming practically the only medium of trade or barter. The low state of civilization and economic development of the people, the predominance of hand-made goods, and the absence of any regular traders, united to make the fair the only place where goods could be conveniently disposed of and where the wants of necessities could be laid in for the year.

"Only two of the big fairs have retained their former national importance; Nizhni Novgorod and Irbt. The Nizhni Novgorod fair, the largest of the Russian fairs, is held in the city of Nizhni Novgorod, on the Volga river, and is one of the most important centres of trade in the trade routes between Europe and Asia.

"The other big Russian fair is at Irbt, which still serves as a medium of exchange for European and Asiatic goods. Its importance is due to its being situated in the centre of fur and game districts and to the fact that it is the only fair in the north of Russia.

"Vast regions of Russia are still in such a primitive state that the fairs, like those of more advanced countries centuries ago, have to live by the barter system. It is not so long ago that some of the remotest districts paid their taxes in sable skins, and it is an ancient fact that the Russian once fed on the game and fish which it killed on the march.

"The pursuit of game in modern Russia has retained to a very large extent the old character of a trade. It was to a less extent a sport, but even in this respect it served utilitarian purposes, the pursuit of the more dangerous animals affording an admirable field for the development of military virtues.

"With the increase of population and development of farming and industries, the game began to disappear, and within the last three centuries the more populous regions have gradually ceased to depend upon the chase as a means of livelihood. At the same time, falconry, and subsequently hunting with hounds and shooting, came successively into vogue as the sports of the wealthier classes.

"Russian Women's Work. "But for a long time to come, trapping, and to a certain extent, the pursuit of game, as a trade will prevail in those enormous outlying regions which, owing to their unsuitability for agriculture, are likely to be sparsely populated.

"Russian women's handicraft, which is becoming an increasingly important item of trade in the empire, and receiving attention in various countries of Europe and America, derives its origin from a remote past. Mention of women's handicraft occurs in historical documents of the thirteenth century. V. V. Stasoff has said that it is in the embroidery and weavings of linen that we find the survival of the most numerous, original and characteristic expressions of Russian national art. Towels, bed linen, shirts, aprons, female head-dresses, and so forth are eloquent of the artistic tastes and religious leanings, the simple fancies, and ingenious designs of the Russian women of olden times.

"And, as a matter of fact, one can but wonder at the amount of time devoted by the women of the merchant, bourgeois, or peasant classes to entirely unproductive work, which was nevertheless of the highest importance to their spiritual existence as affording scope for their flights of fancy and a broad field for their creative energy. To embellish the appointments of her daily life, to preserve the customs handed by antiquity, and at the same time to win fame as a painstaking and clever needlewoman—these were the aims which stimulated feminine handicraft and which explain its extraordinary vitality."

HUNDREDS ARE AFTER HOMESTEADS IN B. C. New Westminster, May 19.—Five hundred and fifty-three landseekers were given tickets this morning at the Dominion Land Agent's office, in the rear of the New Westminster post office, for the purpose of securing a chance to obtain a 40-acre homestead in what is known as the railway belt of British Columbia.

The first official ticket was issued to Mrs. John Hett, of Sapperton, B.C. Chinese or Japanese applied, but several Hindus were in line, but did not get anything.

Colored Woman Sentenced. Mary Smith, a colored woman, got a month in jail yesterday being brought up for being found wandering about the streets without any fixed home at 1:30 in the morning.

Get Another Chance. George Ashman and Donald McCrumman who were charged in the police court yesterday with the theft of a pair of boots from Edward O'Neill yesterday, were allowed another chance and told to go.

AT THE THEATRES

ROSE STAHL, ONE OF THE BEST, WILL OPEN IN CALGARY AT THE SHERMAN GRAND NEXT MONDAY

If she had not made so great a success as an actress, it is probable that Rose Stahl, who comes to the Sherman Grand next week in "Maggie Pepper," would have gone back to newspaper work, from which she went on the stage. Her father is a well known newspaper man of Trenton, N. J., and before she finally settled on her own career she used to help about the office and write "stuff." She learned much of acting from her newspaper work, and she has written of it as follows: "The analogy between acting and newspaper work frequently occurs to me. My father was a journalist for many years. He often told me the secret of writing is the knowledge of what to leave out—that elimination is a secret of success. I attribute my first popular hit in 'The Chorus Lady' to an appreciation of this point of view."

"Audiences who have been familiar with my acting in recent years would

probably be amazed at the variety of the roles I assumed during my apprenticeship—everything, in fact, from Shakespeare to Sardan, I am sure that not many persons associate me with Cleopatra of the French dramatist, yet that is one of the important characters which fell to my lot during my stock work. Thus I learned the technique of my art, and when I conceived the idea of impersonating the chorus lady Patricia O'Brien, suggested to me by reading a magazine sketch, I called into play my recipe for elimination."

"The Chorus Lady" was first used as a vaudeville sketch and then expanded into a full-grown four-act play, and London affected the deep interest in the racy idiom of its leading personage. I don't presume to imagine that the British audiences understood all my slang phrases. They enjoyed them even when they failed to comprehend their exact meaning, as they do all American products, which seem to them outlandish and strange."

Manager Baker after looking over the notices in the press of other titles has announced that the bill which opens with the matinee Thursday afternoon will be regarded as one of the best, if not the very best, that has been offered on this bill since the Orpheum circuit and the Sherman Grand theatre. His chief reason for this belief is well founded, for the London Palace Dancers, who are to England what the Imperial Ballet is to Russia, will headline the bill. This remarkably clever octet will be seen in a remarkable series of dances, and modern ones too, that have much to delight the eye of the most fastidious.

The offering on this bill is "A Dramatic Cartoon," which is aptly put across by Miss Morton and Paul Nicholson, both comedians of experience and ability. Musical acts of the quality of Onedro's Five Musical Comedians will always

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AUSTRIANS GO HOME HAVING WON A PILE

Andrew Galicki and Peter Kokchi are the fortunate claimants of sections from the plains of Austria and they have won their way to such wealth that they are now returning to their homes in the old land with enough and to spare for the maintenance of themselves for many years to come. These two came out here some years ago and started work on a construction gang of the C.P.R. They saved as they went along and invested in property in the Gas City with the result that money came easy and they soon had the needed competence to warrant their retiring from the laboring classes and now they can return to their homes as millionaires in the financial world of old Austria.

Promotion for W. R. Barnard. W. R. Barnard of the department of natural resources of the C.P.R. has been promoted to be industrial agent for the Manitoba division of the railway. I. Mitchell has been given a similar position in Alberta.

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ELEPHANTS, SEA LIONS, ZEBRAS
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May 26-27

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find a we're in Calgary. This quietest are all of the one family and have an international reputation as entertainers.

One of the best entertainers that ever sported a kilt in the highlands of Scotland is G. S. Melvin, whose act is making his first American tour. He is a capable singer and a dancer of unusual sprightliness. He is also said to have a number of relatives in Calgary. Music is also the forte of Miss Mabel Beck's wing, and that is saying something. To add interest to the act, it should be stated that she is a daughter of the western plains.

The Goyt Trio are gymnasts who have incorporated something novel into their act by teaching some of the gymnastic feats to their fox terrier, Daisy. This combination makes their offering a very attractive one.

There is another westerner on the bill, other than Miss Berkin, and his ancestry is a long one. He is Chief Ceopatra, an Indian with a remarkable baritone voice. Rounding out the bill are some more "talkies" and one that has never been seen in Calgary before.

Seats Must Be Filled to Floor. Some trouble is likely to be experienced by the school board in the seating of the assembly hall of the various schools. The board yesterday was on the point of placing an order for a number of adjustable seats for the hall. It was then found out that according to the city bylaws all seats had to be fastened to the floor. This it was felt would mean that the hall could not be used for drill and other purposes. The matter will be taken up with the municipality.

New High School Teachers. These high school teachers were yesterday appointed by the school board to commence work in September after the summer holidays. They were D. A. Mackenzie, Miss Mabel E. Taylor and F. G. Buchanan. All of these hold the degree of Bachelors of Arts.

Boy Drowned in Tank. George Jaw, May 19.—At Griffin, in the south country, Frank, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilsey, fell into a tank of water and was not discovered until some time later. Efforts at resuscitation were made but without success.

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