

The Editor's Letter

We realize that our readers are anxiously and breathlessly waiting for a report of our recent trip to the Queen City, and of the Press Convention, the visit to Guelph, to Washington, Buffalo and Baltimore. Moreover we are aware of the fact that there will be a great dearth of understanding if we withhold the "open sesame" to the vast store-house of our wisdom and intellectual development occasioned by four weeks of see, eat, ride and sleep. It is pretty hard to tell where to begin, it may be harder to decide where to stop, both figuratively and literally.

The one thing, more than any other, that impressed itself upon our mind was the greatness of the Canadian Pacific Railway. It is truly the "tie that binds." Having covered the western portion through the Rockies and the Selkirk and marvelled at the wonders of engineering, we are pretty well seized with the bigness of that Company. Take the line east of Winnipeg to North Bay, through miles of scrubby timber with no sign of human life, animal life or any other kind of life. One cannot tell of the hardship endured in the prosecution of the labor necessary to lay a double band of steel through this most desolate and un-inviting country. Stop for one moment and try to think of the span from Ontario to Western British Columbia with nothing intervening save a few Hudson's Bay posts and trapper's shacks. It was a mammoth undertaking and nothing short of the best brains and ingenuity of the age and the inspiration of the divine could have enabled them to consummate the work. There can be no doubt as to the great work that the Canadian Pacific Company has done for the Dominion of Canada in the amalgamation of her scattered provinces and the welding together of her best interests. It is just as vital to the growth of the country as the blood to the body, the one cannot survive without the other. Today the Canadian Pacific Railway is prepared for the financial emergency and has safeguarded the funds required for the extension of certain work to be carried on shortly.

It is impossible at this particular season of the year to speak of the country with regard to its agricultural prospects for the "Lady of the Snows" is keeping her mantle closely wrapped around her. However the weather seemed to be much colder from Moose Jaw to White River than it was farther east. This of course may be due to the change in the climate yet the same was true both coming and going. Leaving Lethbridge on Saturday evening (or more truthfully Sunday morning) we arrived in Toronto on Wednesday morning about 7 o'clock. Owing to the snow the trains along the line were all a little late.

Toronto, the Queen City of the Dominion, appears to be justly entitled to that appellation, especially considering the fact that she treated us like Kings and Princes. One does not get a favorable impression of the city upon first landing at the Union Station from the fact that some of the whole-sale houses in this part of the city, along Front Street and King, have been burned out and those remaining are blackened with the smoke caused by the fire. Of course the city cannot show up to advantage in the winter time, a careful observation however reveals the fact that it must be a beautiful place in the summer, with its trees, parks, resorts and boating upon the bay. Just at present there are many unemployed in the city but the civic authorities are doing all in their power to provide for the wants of the needy and relief missions are established to care for their sustenance. Hailing a newsboy, we purchased one of the evening papers, and imagine the feelings of a westerner upon receiving the paper and four coppers in exchange for five cents.

We were of the opinion that the young fellow had made a mistake but he assured us that he had not, for the price of his paper was one cent. The first day in Toronto was spent in looking around the town and visiting the suburbs. While edging our way through the immense crowds that congregated at that famous store called "Timothy Eaton" we rubbed elbows with our old friend Arthur McDuffee of Raymond who is attending the school of Pharmacy. Therefore it is hard to tell what you cannot find at T. Eaton's. We didn't lose sight of Arthur from that time until we left him the following Sunday morning at Hamilton, Ontario—that seems to be the habitation of the future Mrs. McDuffee. We had the pleasure of finding a niece that left Salt Lake City about 18 years ago, then a little girl of two years old, now a married lady with a little baby-boy—she was also in T. Eaton's but that is not the place we found her, a tramp in the suburbs brought us to her domicile Thursday morning the press convention opened in the I. O. F. Hall. It was by far the largest and most representative press conventions the writer has ever attended and was strictly business from the word "go." Mr. J. T. Clark of the Toronto Saturday Night, president of the Canadian Press Association, called the meeting to order and presided through all the sessions. McCormick of the Chicago Tribune, read a most interesting paper during the morning session. In the afternoon the work was divided up in sections the weekly and daily sections meeting separately and discussing their particular phases of work. Thursday evening the large and new National Club was filled with visiting newspaper men, members of the Toronto Press Club leading men of the city, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, the Governor General, the lieutenant governor of Ontario and the Hon. Minister of the Interior. A most elaborate banquet was spread, artistic menus and toast lists were provided while a first class male quartette occupied the galleries and rendered a number of excellent selections. Short speeches were made by the Governor General, the Lieutenant Governor, Hon. Frank Oliver, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Mr. McCormick, George Ham and others. The addresses were mainly along the line of newspaper work. The president of the Toronto University also made a splendid address and spoke of the general work required to qualify young men for the positions of editors and newspaper makers.

Friday, the work of the convention consisted mainly in reading papers and discussing the various propositions brought up by the members. It was at the meeting on Friday morning that the Convention unanimously decided to organize a Dominion Press Council as a nucleus for a National Press Association and a meeting was called for Ottawa sometime during the month of June. Excellent addresses were delivered by Messrs J. A. Macdonald of the Toronto Globe and J. S. Willison of the Toronto News.

The Toronto Press Club banqueted the visiting members and their wives on Friday evening at the I. O. F. Hall. Here again we had the opportunity of telling them of Alberta and the west. The banquet given by the Toronto Press Club was but another expression of the genuine wholesomeness of the Torontonians. From the banquet the Toronto Press Club took the boys and their wives to the Royal Alexandra theatre where a bill called "THE LIARS" was put on the boards. The words of Robert Burns burned very scorchingly, "O wad the power some giftie gie us, To see ourselves as others see us."

You would naturally think that the Toronto people had done enough for us, but no! Through the courtesy of the C. P. R. who had placed a special train at the service of the Convention, a trip had been arranged for Guelph, Ontario, the home of the world-famed Agricultural College, of the which we will tell you in our next issue.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH WEST MINING REGULATIONS.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz.—A free miner's certificate is granted upon payment in advance of \$5 per annum for an individual, and from \$50 to \$100 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A free miner having discovered mineral in place may locate a claim 500 x 500 feet.

The fee for recording a claim is \$5.

At least \$100 must be expended on a claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$500 has been expended or paid, the locator may upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements purchase the land at \$1 per acre.

The patent provides for the payment of a royalty of 2-1-2 per cent on the sales.

PLACER mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee \$5, renewable yearly.

A free miner may obtain two leases to dredge for gold of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles. Rental \$10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of 2-1-2 per cent collected on the output after it exceeds \$10,000.

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS

ANY even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the North-west Provinces, excepting 8 and 26, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres, more or less.

Application for homestead entry of inspection must be made in person by the applicant at the office of the local Agent or Sub-Agent.

The homesteader is required to perform the conditions connected therewith under one of the following classes:

1. At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year for three years.
2. If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of the homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.
3. If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

Six months' notice in writing should be given to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of intention to apply for patent.

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SYNOPSIS OF Coal Mining Regulations

Coal mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the North-West Territory and British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of \$1 an acre, not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal sub-divisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

Every lessee of coal mining rights which are not being operated shall furnish the district agent of Dominion Lands with a sworn statement to that effect at least once in each year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of \$10 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

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