

Chief Constables' Association of Canada

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Fifth Annual Convention Niagara Falls, Ont., 28th and 29th July, 1909

The Convention opened at 11 a. m., the President, Chief Constable Roszell, in the Chair. The President called upon His Worship, Mayor Slater, who said:—

Address of Welcome

On behalf of the City of Niagara Falls, Canada, I welcome you to our City. I feel it an honour to address a body of men, who owing to the position they hold, must be highly thought of in the different communities from which they come. You know we feel that there is only one ideal place for holding Conventions, and that place is Niagara Falls, Canada, but we can hardly expect you all to concur in that opinion; however, we will try and treat you so well that you will go away with the idea that if you cannot say it is the only place for Conventions, you can safely say it is a very good place.

The grandeur of Niagara needs no words of mine, but I may be pardoned if I mention in that connection that we have the most beautiful park in the World, and also that there is now constructed and under construction the most extensive, latest improved power development in existence up to this time. Permission to inspect these plants has been secured and you will be able to form some idea of the extent of the same, and you will be told that when completed, on the Canadian side alone there will be developed about 450,000 H. P., and then this will serve the people for all time. It is a boon to this country that can scarcely be estimated: as a labour saver its magnitude is almost beyond figures; and I am sure, and I want you to particularly notice, that all the water being taken does not in the least mar the grandeur or beauty of Niagara, and when you go to your homes you will be able to tell your fellow citizens that this great out-cry about injuring the beauty is really all moonshine, and only exists in the minds of some super-sensitive aesthetic magazine writers.

The committee wish me to mention that they are under compliment to several gentlemen and corporations for special privileges granted to the members of this Convention and their ladies, namely:— The Toronto Electrical Development Co., The Canadian Niagara Power Co., The Ontario Power Co., The Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway, Zyback & Co., The Maid of the Mist Co., The Niagara Elevator Co., and the Clifton Incline Co., and I am sure you will appreciate their kind consideration.

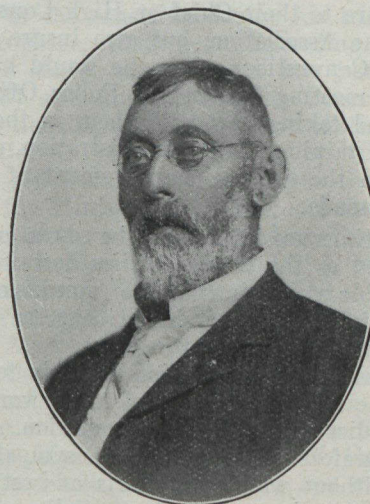
In addition to this, I may also mention that you are on historic ground. The whole frontier, from Niagara-on-the-Lake to Buffalo and Fort Erie, was the battle ground between the United States and Great Britain and Canada about one hundred years ago, and one of the most bloody hand-to-hand battles, considering the number engaged, was fought at Drummond Hill, within a mile of this place. I trust you will find time to visit it. You will see monuments erected to the memory of both British and American soldiers, many of whom fell at that time where they now lie buried.

I trust that you will enjoy yourselves, gentlemen, and I put myself at your disposal to give you any information or assistance that lies within my power to make your visit both pleasant and profitable. I thank you for the kind invitation to address your Association, and also for the kindly manner in which you have listened.

President: Mr. Mayor, on behalf of the Chief Constables' Association of Canada, I beg to thank you for the kind words of welcome and to assure you that it is much appreciated by everyone present.

The Secretary: At this stage I beg to move, seconded by Chief Trudel, of Quebec, the appointment of the following committee to report on applications for membership:— Chiefs Newton, of Belleville; Rideout, of Moncton, and Inspector McClelland, of Toronto. Carried.

President's Address



Chief Constable Roszell, Peterborough, Ont.

Gentlemen:—

I bid you welcome to the Fifth Annual Convention of our Association, and in doing so would express the hope that our coming together in this city of historic association and world wide fame may prove pleasurable and interesting to us personally, and profitable to us as an organization.

I desire at the outset to thank you for the honour implied in my election to the highest office in your gift, and while the duties of the position are not onerous, I have undertaken them with a determination to discharge them in such a manner as to reflect credit upon myself, and give you no cause to regret having honoured me with your confidence.

The necessity for such an organization as this becomes more apparent day by day. The extent to which the Police of the various Cities, Towns and Rural Districts have to rely upon each other for assistance makes it incumbent upon us to come together at intervals in order