

General Assemblage of Delegates to the Seventh Annual Congress of the Western Canada Irrigation Association. Phytography he Newson C. Particular Seventh Annual Congress was Held in Lethbridge and Ended August 7th. The Photographs by Norman S. Rankin



Some of the Irrigation Delegates may have been Surprised to Find Electric Cars in Lethbridge.



Delegates from the Cypress Hills Know What Intensive Farming Means.



The Ladies of St. Cyprian's Church Served the Delegates with Refreshments.

Paying for Rain

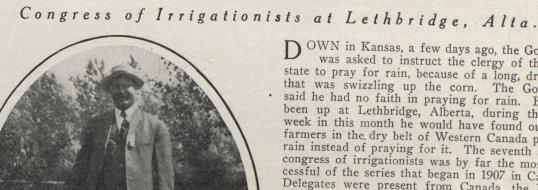
ends, it will make use of the heretofore vacant plot in the centre of London. If you asked a Londoner which was the hub of

London, he would tell you it was that district bounded by the busy Strand on the south; the spacious and stately Kingsway on the north; G'ad-stone's statue and the church of St. Clement Danes stone's statue and the church of St. Clement Danes of the east; and the Gaiety and Lyceum theatres on the west. The space in between, about two acres and a half, is a sort of island—the Strand Island. Here, it is suggested, should be built the Dominion House, and it is certain that no other spot in the whole of "Old Lunnon" could surpass this in its command of the public eye, and the public interest. Within a stone's throw are Fleet Street, the fas-cinating home of British newspaperdom, the theatre district, the hotel region, and Somerset House. Taken together, they are fairly representative of what the visitor to London wants to see. No other location could be so fitting for the "Imperial Covent Garden," as the scheme has been called. The establishment on the Aldwych site of the Dominion House would enable (1) The Govern-ments of the Self-governing Dominions, of their various states and provinces, to concentrate on one

ments of the Self-governing Dominions, of their various states and provinces, to concentrate on one central site their offices, now widely distributed in different parts of London. (2) The attention of the home consumer to be effectively and impres-sively focussed on the products of the Dominions overseas. And (3) the manufacturers of the United Kingdom to ascertain and meet the require-ments of Greater Britain ments of Greater Britain.

ments of Greater Britain. In his letter to the London shareholders, Lord Grey says, in addition to outlining the above main aims, that the erection of the Dominion House on the Aldwych site would provide room and accommo-dation which would meet not only the official re-quirements of the Dominion Governments, but the commercial and social needs of their peoples. So far as building this Dominion House is con-cerned, two alternative methods present themselves. Either the Dominion Governments might associate themselves in direct responsibility for the under-taking, or it might be left in the hands of an inde-pendent corporation, whose tenants the Dominion

pendent corporation, whose tenants the Dominion Governments would become during the currency of the lease. The choice will, naturally, be left to the Dominions themselves. The Pall Mall Gazette goes



Mr. D. J. Whitney gave his Farm to the Irrigation Delegates -For a General Picnic.

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so far as to suggest that Britain should find the purchase money for the Dominions. A three-year option upon the site, at a cost of \$15,000 a year, has been secured, which option is vested in a syndicate with the title of "The Do-minion Site, Limited." Lord Grey is chairman. The other directors are Lord Plymouth, Sir Starr Jameson, Sir J. Henniker Heaton, Mr. George McLaren Brown, and Mr. Harry E. Brittain. H. S. E.

D OWN in Kansas, a few days ago, the Governor was asked to instruct the clergy of the corn state to pray for rain, because of a long, dry spell that was swizzling up the corn. The Governor said he had no faith in praying for rain. Had he been up at Lethbridge, Alberta, during the first week in this month he would have found out how farmers in the dry belt of Western Canada pay for rain instead of praying for it. The seventh annual congress of irrigationists was by far the most suc-cessful of the series that began in 1907 in Calgary. Delegates were present from Canada, the United States and Australia. The President for 1912-13, Hon. Duncan Marshall, Minister of Agriculture for Hon. Duncan Marshall, Minister of Agriculture for Alberta, was given a very enthusiastic farewell. His province has more irrigation than British Columbia, which sent many delegates to the convention; and after this the Mountain Province intends to run Alberta a closer race than ever for irrigation undertakings. At any rate, B. C. supplies the water used by the irrigation farmers of Alberta.

used by the irrigation farmers of Alberta. Since the Association was organized, in 1907, the areas under irrigation and the population engaged in that kind of intensive farming have very largely increased. Even in 1907 the irrigation enterprises of Western Canada were over an area one quarter the irrigated area of the United States. The irri-gation farmers are among the best in this country. They are not wheat miners. They are tillers of small plots by intensive methods. The Association has done a great work; aided by a few small gove has done a great work; aided by a few small government grants.

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One farmer at the Congress rose to say that 160 acres is not enough land for one man. "No, my friend," said Hon. Duncan Marshall, "not when you have only eight acres broken out of the hundred and sixty." New officers elected at the Lethbridge conven-tion were: Hon. Pres., Dr. W. T. Roche, Minister of the Interior; President, Hon. W. R. Ross, Min-ister of Lands for Rritish Columbia; First Vice-Pres. Mr. J. S. Dennis. Pres., Mr. J. S. Dennis.