

The Convention in Winnipeg

Meetings in the Western Metropolis Create Great Interest.

Manitoba has been famed in the past for her wonderful resources of wheat. However, if the spirit of the addresses at the fifteenth Convention of the Association held in Winnipeg on the 7, 8 and 9, of last month can be taken as a criterion it is evident that the West will also before long loom large among the sisters of confederation in the production of forest wealth as well. The Convention was a success in every way, and was particularly beneficial to the forestry movement in general, in that its first meeting in a country which was supposed to be less interested in the problem of forest conservation than any other part of the Dominion, was found to be abounding in the spirit which will go far in the future to make forestry a live issue in which all legislatures and the people as a whole can take an active interest.

The provincial and civic bodies took the keenest interest in all the proceedings, and the press of the city and province devoted columns of space both in news and editorial sections to the objects of the Association.

The meetings were held in the spacious hall of the Industrial Bureau on Main street just a few steps from the corner of Portage avenue, the greatest business street in the West. All the facilities of the Bureau were placed at the disposal of the Association and every opportunity afforded for the proper handling of arrangements.

The subjects dealt with were of the greatest importance to Central Canada, and the interest in all the meetings was unusually well sustained. As the report of the Convention is now in the hands of the printer with the object of getting it distributed to members of the Association at the earliest possible moment, detailed reference to each of the papers is reserved until the next issue of *The Journal*.

A feature of the Convention which had direct appeal and effect among thousands of citizens was the exhibit of native woods prepared by officers of the Dominion Forestry Branch and placed in the main entrance of the Industrial Bureau. Every day the Bureau was thronged with visitors, and it was noticed that the woods exhibit was undoubtedly the centre of

attraction. The remark "wouldn't have believed it" was the most common among the admirers of the collection. There were twenty different species shown, some of which were wonderfully well developed. Burr Oak 33 inches in diameter, Red Pine 19 inches, Jack Pine 19 inches, Cottonwood 42 inches, White Spruce 40 inches, were a few of the larger specimens. There were some samples also of the finished products, such as lumber, cooperage, excelsior and pulp.

The exhibit of insects parasitic upon the woods of Manitoba, in charge of Mr. J. M. Swaine, was placed in the Convention Hall and was much appreciated by all. Mr. Swaine's paper, which was distributed during the Convention, gave the delegates a clear idea of the depredations of the pests.

The opening session, on Monday evening, July 7th, was attended by a crowd which completely filled the auditorium. On the platform were Sir William Whyte (in the chair) Hon. W. A. Charlton, His Honor, Lieut. Governor D. C. Cameron, Hon. George Lawrence, Minister of Agriculture for Manitoba, His Worship Mayor Deacon, Mr. John Stovel, President of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, Mr. Wm. Grassie, Vice-President of the Industrial Bureau, Mr. R. H. Campbell Dominion Director of Forestry, Mr. James White Secretary of the Commission of Conservation and Mr. J. E. Rhodes of Chicago representing the American Forestry Association. Following a short speech of introduction by Sir William Whyte, His Honor the Lieutenant Governor opened the Convention, with words of welcome which betokened the warmest of sympathies with the efforts of the Association. His Honor dwelt upon the extension of the boundaries of the Province of Manitoba and expressed the opinion that the forest wealth of the West would rank high in the country in the future.

Hon. George Lawrence extended a warm welcome to the Association and invited all to be guests of the Government in a trip to the new Agricultural College at St. Vital on Wednesday. Mayor T. R. Deacon added the welcome of the people of Winnipeg, and wished the Association every success in its efforts. His Worship greatly deplored