

A Reminiscent Ode.

Canadian Ticket Agents' Association meeting, Hamilton & Muskoka, Oct. 9 to 12, 1900.

My dear Old Tom! regret doth strong possess me,
That fate decreed your absence from the meeting
Where sages wisely talk of ticket matters,
And yearly join in warm and social greetings.

Beneath the snow-capped peak of Teetzel's mountain,
The wigwags of the braves were soon erected,
While October's dreamy face and smile expansive
Beamed on privilege and kindness unexpected.

Each want of inner man and maid looked after,
The landscape, bay and harbor then were seen,
After which, strains of music most enchanting
Sent the ladies to repose and happy dreams.

Our mundane sphere whirls round again—'tis morning;
The pipe of peace, the jest and hearty laughter
All combined to shorten time allowed for business,
Thank you, no! soda straight I'll leave till after.

Ere long the delegation and their sweethearts,
Pictured where the whitecaps splashed and curled;
Assembled for the banquet and reception
'Neath Union Jack and Stars and Stripes unfurled.

Perchance my lady fair who sat in state there,
And favored cavalier with glance and smile,
Had influence and added to the vigor
Of speech and song rendered in good style.

The new and handsome train at our disposal
Offered comforts and a luxury or two.
By the time the party lunched on Lake Muskoka
Maybe those who missed the cars were feeling blue.

At Monteith's we had a scramble and some Rugby
In an effort to get booked throughout the night,
The way that old and young sailed into victuals,
You bet, my jolly chap, it was a sight.

They sang with lusty lungs, "They're decent fellows,"
When the trio got the sunshade, cane and grip.
And Hie'land Mary (for the moment fancy called her)
The light fantastic toe did gaily trip.

In the morning every soul was gently wakened
By six thumps with a tough and healthy stick,
Through fog, cried the king who ruled that city,
"I'd like to know for why you trowed dat brick."

'Mid vocal serenade from Reeve and people,
We sailed away with music from the band;
You should have seen the "hoot mon" in his bonnet,
Oh! the silent speaker's antics, they were grand.

Homeward bound, bright sunshine gave us glimpses
Of scenery to inspire a painter's dream;
E'en now methinks I see the Port and Sandfield
In a setting—lake and hills and verdure green.

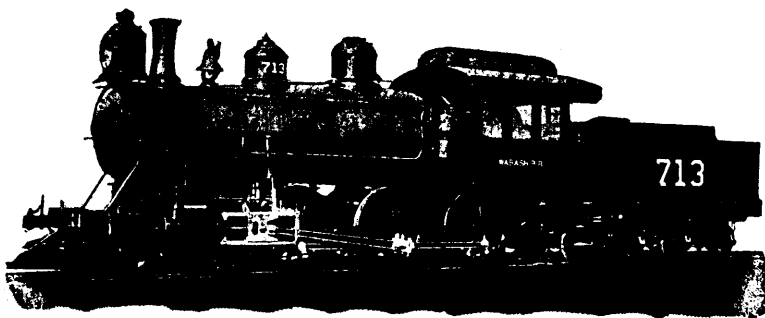
Then here's to all our gracious entertainers,
Their goodness on our jaunt we'll oft recall,
Let's drink their health and clasp each hand while singing
"Auld Lang Syne," and next year at Montreal.

J. M. COPELAND.

A Fast Freight Train.—The C.P.R. by running a train of 22 cars of beef for export, from Detroit to Newport, 660 miles, in 32 hours, claims to have made a record for fast freights. The time was 12½ hours under the schedule.

Canadian Roadmasters' Association. In the report of the discussion on the creeping of rails, on pg. 347 of this issue, J. Drinkwater is reported to have said:—"Have you noticed, Mr. Holloway, where the track creeps one way & the other the joint ties travel with the rail?" It should have been reported, "Have you noticed, Mr. Holloway, where the track creeps more on one side than the other, the joint ties travel with the rail?"

Fast Running on the C.P.R.—A fast run was made Nov. 12 with a special train carrying Lord Strathcona from Montreal to Ottawa. It left Windsor St. station at 8.37 a.m. & reached Ottawa at 10.27 a.m., a distance of 111.4 miles, in 110 minutes. At least 10 minutes should be deducted from this, however, for slow running through Windsor St. station yard at Montreal & the Central station yard at Ottawa, & for reducing speed at four interlocked grade crossings, & at St. Annes & Vaudreuil, to receive & deliver electric train staff. The train, consisting of Atlantic type locomotive 210, with Driver J. Smith at the throttle, one coach & the private car Metape-dia, was in charge of Conductor A. Chapman.



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The Government Crop Bulletin issued Dec. 12th, 1899, gives the following statistics for the year:

CROPS.

ACRES.	AVERAGE YIELD.	TOTAL.
Wheat.....1,629,995	17.13 bus.	27,922,230 bus.
Oats.....575,136	38.80 "	22,318,378 "
Barley.....182,912	29.4 "	5,379,156 "
Potatoes...19,151	168.5 "	3,226,395 "

STOCK.

Beef Cattle exported during the year	12,000
Stockers exported.....	35,000
Total value dairy products.....	\$470,559 09

10,500 FARM LABORERS

Came from Eastern Canada to assist in the harvest fields of Manitoba in 1899—and the demand was not fully satisfied.

MANITOBA FARMERS ARE PROSPEROUS.

Farmers erected, last year, farm buildings valued at one and one-half million dollars.

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