

## The Western Canada Irrigation Association.

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The Twelfth Annual Convention of this Association held at Nelson, B.C., on July 24, 25 and 26, 1918, attracted a large number to its sessions. The Local Board of Control left nothing to be desired in the manner in which they looked after the comfort and entertainment of the delegates and visitors.

A number of well prepared and instructive papers were read and the discussions which followed certain topics have no doubt already proved their value.

The following papers have already been published in pamphlet form:

- (1) Don'ts in Connection with Irrigation by Don. H. Bark, Chief of Irrigation Investigation Division, Canadian Pacific Railway, Strathmore.
- (2) The Irrigation District Form of Ownership and Operation of an Irrigation System—Its Practical Operation in California, by Mr. A. Griffin, Supt. of Operation and Maintenance, Canadian Pacific Railway, Brooks, Alberta.
- (3) Small Gravity Irrigation Schemes by W. J. E. Biker, District Engineer, B.C. Water Rights Branch, Nelson.
- (4) The Principles of Dry Farming by Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture, Regina.
- (5) The Measurement of Water by Dr. Samuel Fortier, Berkeley, Calif.
- (6) Irrigation by Pumping by Jas. J. Currie, Staff Engineer, Military Hospital, Balfour, B.C.

There has been a great request for them and the supply of the first two is already practically exhausted. A few copies of the other pamphlets are, however, still available and may be had by application to the Acting Secretary.

The report of Mr. Stead, Acting-Secretary, reviewed the work of the Association from the time of the Convention at Maple Creek and shows that the interests of the Association are being well looked after. A portion of Mr. Stead's report is quoted below:—

"Every effort has been made to keep the work of the Association and the general interests of irrigators in Western Canada before the public through the press, and it may be in order here to express the