

## Annual Meeting of the Travellers.

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The scrutineers who had been appointed to count the ballots, handed in their report, and the chairman declared the following elected as directors.—F. W. Dewry, J. A. Lindsay, W. Hargrave, J. B. Perso, S. S. Cummins, M. W. Rublee, K. Mackenzie; also H. S. Binns, the retiring president, in accordance with the provisions of the new by-law.

The following report from the officers and directors was read and adopted:  
To the members of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada:

Gentlemen.—It is a matter of satisfaction to your directors in submitting the fourteenth annual report to state that the prosperity, which has been such a marked feature in the Association's work in other years, has been well sustained during the year now closing. As the result of the resolution passed by the association last year, for the purpose, if possible of obtaining a reduction in passenger rates, the president and vice-president were instructed to proceed to Montreal and there meet delegates from all the Commercial Travellers' Associations of Canada. Your delegates met and conferred with those from the sister association of the east, and placed the matter before the Canadian Pacific Railway authorities. The delegation was received very kindly and courteous consideration was given to their requests. Mr. McNicol, general passenger agent, stated that at present the C. P. R. Company could not grant the 2½ cent rate from Fort William to Canmore and on the branch lines in Manitoba, as asked for by the delegation. While your directors regret their inability to report that the reduction in passenger rates, which they believe should be granted, has not been allowed, they still believe if the matter is kept prominently to the front, this and other reductions will ultimately be conceded. Your directors would refer to the hearty co-operations of the delegates from the other associations in this matter with our representatives, and express appreciation of their generous assistance. It affords us much pleasure to state that during the year, in response to our repeated requests, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has reduced the rate on the Prince Albert, Edmonton and Macleod branches from 5 to 3 cents per mile to commercial travellers; and has also granted permission to members of the association to use their certificates on that portion of the C. P. R. west of Canmore without endorsement, thus doing away with the inconvenience of sending the certificates to Vancouver to be endorsed as formerly.

The insurance carried by this association through the Mortuary benefit at present amounts to \$52,167.03. The only call upon this fund during the past year was in the case of the regrettable death of W. F. Henderson.

It is a matter of congratulation that we have been able to renew our contract with the Manufacturers' Accident Assurance Company under more favorable conditions than in former years. Our relations with this company during the past year have been most satisfactory in every way.

The British Columbia branch of this association still continues to grow in numbers, under the able management of our local secretary, A. R. Tufts.

Your officers and directors in retiring from office, desire to testify to the harmony which has existed among all our members, and to express their thankfulness for the prosperity which this association has enjoyed during the year.

We hope the commercial activity now so observable may continue through the coming year, and that our association with the

whole business community may profit thereby.

A. S. BINNS,  
President.

JOHN M. O'LOUGHLIN,  
Secretary.

The treasurer's report was then read, and the members were much pleased to learn that the financial standing of the association was eminently satisfactory. After a full discussion the report was adopted as read. The report follows:

To the members of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada: Gentlemen.—The success which has attended our association during the past year is again a matter for congratulation. Our membership now consists of the following: Active, 345; honorary, with mortuary benefits, 8; honorary, 14; and honorary life, 2; making at total of 369.

There was one claim upon the mortuary benefit reserve fund during the past year, owing to the death of our late member, W. F. Henderson, and which was promptly settled by payment of the amount of his mortuary benefit, viz., \$120 to Mrs. Henderson, being settlement in full.

The interests collected during the past year amounted to \$999.37, and there are arrears on mortgage of interest unpaid of \$19.51. During the year our association received the dividend from the Commercial Band of Manitoba, \$381.49, which pays the original claim in full. There is a possibility of receiving the amount of interest due.

The balance of the funds are on deposit in the Molson's bank, and that portion of the funds on deposit receipt drawing interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. It is very gratifying to know that our funds continue to show a steady increase. The balance on hand at the end of this year amounted to \$16,410.31 in assets, which shows an increase over the balance of last year of \$2,121.48. There are no unpaid accounts. The books and vouchers have been duly audited and the auditors' report is submitted with the statement.

I have to thank the secretary for the assistance he has rendered me, thereby reducing my work to a considerable extent. I have to thank you also, gentlemen, very sincerely, for the honor conferred upon me by re-election for the coming year, and I trust that at the end of the year 1897 we shall be able to report as favorably of the success of the association as at the present time.

I am yours respectfully,

L. C. MACINTYRE,  
Treasurer.

A resolution was passed urging the board of directors to use every reasonable effort towards obtaining reductions in passenger rates for the commercial travellers of Canada, and in that direction to act in conjunction with the Eastern Commercial Travellers' associations.

Votes of thanks were then passed to the retiring officers and board, the auditor, the scrutineers, the grain exchange, and also the board and the very energetic secretary of the British Columbia branch. The meeting then adjourned.

The officers and board for the ensuing year will be as follows:

President—A. L. Johnston.  
Vice-president—J. Mundie.  
Treasurer—L. C. MacIntyre.  
Secretary—J. M. O'Loughlin.

Directors—F. W. Dewry, J. A. Lindsay, W. Hargrave, J. B. Perso, S. S. Cummins, M. W. Rublee, K. McKenzie.

A letter was read from D. B. Hanna, manager of the Dauphin road, stating that all privileges granted by other railways would be given the travellers as soon as trains were running regularly on that road.

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