

## The Immigration Convention.

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And whereas the imperial authorities have contributed more or less directly towards the development of other parts of the empire, notably in South Africa;

The executive are instructed by the convention to memorialize the imperial government through the proper channel setting forth the facts as to the formation of this association, its aims and objects, and pressing upon them the desirability of their active co-operation and support.

Mayor Barnes, of Rat Portage, informed the convention that he had communicated with Hon. A. S. Hardy, commissioner of crown lands for Ontario, asking if the Ontario government would be willing to contribute to the expense and maintenance of the association. Hon. Mr. Hardy had telegraphed the following reply: "Am unable to give answer without knowledge of the proposed work and the scheme generally, but will consider any definite proposals."

Dr. Pennefather presented a plan of assisting settlers to locate on small farms.

Mayor Barnes, of Rat Portage, read a paper on the resources of the Lake of the Woods district.

Dr. Patterson, of Winnipeg, read a paper on the climate of Manitoba. The convention then adjourned.

On re-assembling in the evening, James E. Sæen, of The Commercial, followed with an address on "Individual Effort in Immigration Work."

Hugh McKellar of the Manitoba agricultural department, referred to the injury worked by the quarantine regulations in keeping out settlers.

Mayor Marks, of Port Arthur, referred to the agricultural wealth of Alberta, including the territory between Lake Superior and the eastern boundary of Manitoba.

A resolution to allow the passing into the country of live stock without undergoing the quarantine, was defeated, owing to the opposition from the ranching districts.

C. C. Macdonald, Manitoba dairy commissioner, gave a short address on the dairy industry. He said the Province of Manitoba is surpassed by no other country in the world as a field for successful dairying. The climate, and all the natural conditions are peculiarly well adapted for the production of the standard quality of butter and cheese.

Thomas Stone, Calgary, was the next speaker. Mr. Stone spoke of what had been called the arid region of Alberta, the country extending west from about Swift Current. There is considerable rain in the spring and up to June, after that there is seldom any rain fall but the grasses mature early and in a cured state furnish the very best of fattening food for cattle. The proof of this is the excellence of the range cattle which are shipped to the British markets from that country.

R. P. Roblin, M. P. of Winnipeg, followed in a forcible address, in which he put in a strong plea for the Hudson Bay Railway.

Thos. A. Bell, appeared as a delegate for Fort William and addressed the convention on the resources of that district.

A. F. Andrews, of Stockton, Man., read a paper in which he referred mainly to the necessity of looking after and assisting new settlers to locate on their arrival here.

C. J. Whellams, of St. Paul, Minnesota, addressed the convention in an interesting manner.

The convention then adjourned.

On the resuming of the convention on Saturday morning, Capt. McIntosh, of the Dauphin district, Man., addressed the assembly on the resources of that district and Isaac Cowie spoke of the advantages of the Edmonton district, Alberta.

F. H. Turnock, of Calgary, moved the following resolution:

"That in the opinion of this convention the development of the great mineral resources of the west is of the greatest importance in connection with the settlement of the country; for the reason that such development will not only result in the introduction of a vast amount of capital into the west, but will also greatly increase the exchangeable wealth of the country, and will furnish a large and profitable local market for the products of the ranch and farm. The convention, therefore, urge the Dominion government to take every possible step to bring the mineral resources of the west to the attention of the mining men and capitalists of Great Britain and the United States and to render every encouragement and assistance to extend this important industry.

T. J. Deane, in seconding the resolution, dwelt on the importance of advertising the great mineral resources of British Columbia, which were practically unknown to the mining men and capitalists of Great Britain. He trusted the association would take measures to force a knowledge of our wonderful mineral richness upon the financial world.

The motion was then put to the convention and carried unanimously.

Wm. Pearce, of Calgary read an excellent paper on the "Mineral, Fuels and Pents of Manitoba and the Territories."

R. J. Dibbyn, of Melita, Man., spoke on the resources of his district.

F. Proudfoot, of Winnipeg, spoke of the iron deposits of Manitoba.

Mr. Pearce, of Calgary, submitted a paper on "The Rocks of Manitoba and the Territories, and the clays adapted to the manufacture of brick, pottery, drain pipes etc."

S. J. Damin, of Calgary, presented a paper on the "Reclamation and Colonization of the arid portions of the Territories."

Thos. Sissons, of Portage la Prairie, Man., spoke of his personal experience at farming in Manitoba, showing how he had begun with nothing and had now property valued at about \$50,000 and no liabilities.

F. J. Deane, of Victoria, British Columbia, spoke of the resources of the Pacific Province.

### THE EXECUTIVE.

The executive council of the association met on Saturday afternoon, Ex-Mayor Gilroy presided, and there was a full attendance of the delegates representing the six districts between Port Arthur and the coast.

The following officers were elected:  
President—Thos. Gilroy.  
Vice-President and treasurer—A. J. Andrews.

Secretary—F. W. Heubach.  
The chairmen of the different districts were elected, as follows: Western Ontario, George V. Marks, Port Arthur; Manitoba, James Elder, Virden; Assiniboia, S. C. Elkington, Fort Qu'Appelle; Saskatchewan, Thos. McKay, Prince Albert; Alberta, Thos. Stone, Calgary; British Columbia, A. C. Flummerfelt, Victoria.

The committee decided that the chairmen of each district should call a meeting as soon as possible for the purpose of discussing and explaining what had been done in Winnipeg in order that each local organization should be completed, suggesting that the municipalities in Manitoba and the local electoral divisions in the Territories, British Columbia and Western Ontario be taken as the districts.

The details of the plan which the executive proposes to carry out were discussed, but not settled, as time did not permit of it. The meeting adjourned to meet again at 10 o'clock Monday morning.

The executive committee of the immigration association was in session again on Monday and outlined the work which the association proposes to undertake this year.

It was decided that before this programme could be finally adopted and put into operation that the Dominion government would have to be approached in connection with the matter. The advisability of sending a delegation for this purpose to Ottawa was discussed at length and a motion of Mr. Neff and Mr. Deane, it was decided that "a delegation of this executive and such others as may be found desirable proceed to Ottawa as soon as possible and discuss with the government of Canada the various matters arising out of the convention affecting this association."

It is understood that the question of a grant and also the question of the government appointing some one to have charge of the money voted for immigration purposes, who will act in conjunction with the association as an advisory board are two of the principal considerations the delegation will request from the government.

Another meeting of the committee will be held immediately on the return of the delegation which leaves on Saturday, March 7.

### THE BANQUET.

On Friday evening the delegates were entertained to a banquet at the Leland House, by the citizens of Winnipeg. The banquet was largely attended and was very enthusiastic. Mayor Jameson occupied the chair. Hon. Mr. Daly made the first speech in reply to the toast "Canada," and Hon. Robert Watson to "Manitoba." Mr. Elder of Virden also responded to the latter toast, "Western Ontario" was replied to by Mayor Barnes of Rat Portage and Mayor Marks of Port Arthur. "Assiniboia" brought responses from Mr. Ross, Moose Jaw and Mr. Neff of Moosomin. "Alberta" was replied to by Rev. Mr. McDougall of Morley and Mr. Turnock of Calgary. "British Columbia" was ably represented by Prof. Odum and T. J. Deane of Victoria, British Columbia. "Saskatchewan" was also toasted, but there were no delegates from the northern territory present to reply.

Mayor Jameson and Ex-Mayor Gilroy replied to the toast "The city of Winnipeg." "The Western Canada Immigration Association" was replied to by A. J. Andrews and Secretary Heubach. There was plenty of music, vocal and instrumental, during the evening.

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