

RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS.

The railway lines throughout Canada have kindly arranged for a single fare rate for this Convention on the certificate plan *without regard to the number in attendance*. Most of the railways in the United States will allow return for one-third fare provided there is an attendance of over one hundred.

Each person must purchase, not more than three days unless it takes a longer time to reach the place of meeting, (Sunday not to be counted a day) prior to the opening date of the meeting, or during the continuance of the meeting, a first-class ticket, either unlimited or limited, to the place of meeting, for which the regular tariff fare of not less than fifty cents must be paid, and upon request the ticket agent will issue a standard certificate of such purchase properly filled in and signed by said ticket agent.

If through ticket cannot be procured at starting point, purchase to the nearest point where such through ticket can be obtained, and there purchase through to place of meeting, requesting a standard certificate, properly filled in by the agent at the point where each purchase is made.

It is absolutely necessary that a certificate be procured, indicating that full fare of not less than 50 cents has been paid for the going journey. It likewise determines the route via which the ticket for return journey will be sold, and *without it no reduction will be made*, as the rules of the individual lines provide that no refund of fare can be expected because of failure of the parties to obtain certificates.

It has been arranged that the special agent of the lines will be in attendance to visé certificates on Thursday, 11th January. You are advised of this, because if you arrive at the meeting and leave for home prior to the special agent's arrival, you cannot have the benefit of the reduction on the return trip; or if you arrive at the meeting after the special agent has left, you cannot have your certificate viséd for reduced fare returning.

Tickets for the return trip will be issued by ticket agents at place of meeting only to those holding standard certificates signed by ticket agent at point where through ticket to place of meeting was purchased, countersigned by the secretary of the convention, certifying that the holder has been in attendance at the meeting, and viséd by a validation paster affixed at the meeting by special agent of the lines. To defray expenses of special agent provided for the purpose of viscing certificates entitling persons to whom issued to obtain tickets for return trip, the special agent at time of validation will collect from the holder of each certificate viséd a fee of twenty-five cents. This fee should be paid when the certificates are handed in at the convention.

Tickets for return trip will be issued only on standard certificates procured not more than three days (Sunday not to be counted a day) before the opening day of the meeting or during the continuance of the meeting, via route traversed in going to the meeting, and will be available for continuous passage only; no stop-over privileges being allowed on tickets sold at less than regular unlimited fare. Certificates will not be honoured unless presented to the railway ticket agent at Ottawa within three days (Sunday not to be counted a day) after the adjournment of meeting, except in case of those issued at points in Canada from Port Arthur westward, in connection with which a period of two weeks will be allowed after the close of the convention for the presentation of certificates to the railway ticket agent. No certificate will be honored if issued in connection with children ticketed at half fare or mileage or at less than lowest regular one-way first-class fare. The tickets are not transferable.

HOTELS.

Rates have been quoted by the following hotels:—Russell House, American plan—\$2.50 to \$4.00 per day, European plan—\$1.50 to \$2.50 per day; Grand Union, \$2.00 per day; Windsor, \$2.00 per day.

REGISTRATION.

The meetings of the Convention will be held in the Railway Committee Room of the House of Commons and delegates may register on and after Tuesday morning at the place of meeting.