

Returning to Halifax, Monday, the 9th, the delegates spent the time between that and the sailing of their ship in the city, where a banquet, in honour of their visit was given Friday night at the Halifax Hotel.

Mr. Murphy and Mr. Hutchinson sailed for home on board the SS. "Sardinian," on Saturday, 13th, whilst Major Stevenson remained one week longer for the purpose of visiting Prince Edward Island before leaving for home.

Not deeming it necessary to accompany Major Stevenson to the Island, I returned to Ottawa, having been 102 days with the delegates, and travelling nearly 10,000 miles by rail, and over 800 miles by waggon, and seeing more of the Dominion of Canada than perhaps any other party in the same length of time.

I cannot close this report without referring, however briefly, to the personnel of the delegation, and the faithfulness with which they prosecuted their work. Having spent over three months in their company, and travelled with them from one end of Canada to the other, I am bound to say that a more capable and thoroughly conscientious body of men would be hard to find for such a work. The selection of the men was an advisable one, reflecting great credit upon those on the other side, whose duty it was. They came to Canada with the evident intention of learning all, not only of agriculture itself, but of everything affecting the agricultural classes. How well they did this, the distance travelled, the places visited, the people they met and the information received, will attest. I am sure they left Canada wonderfully impressed with the country and the people; and I believe not only their reports, but their influence at home, will have a most decisive effect upon the future of immigration to Canada.

I was particularly pleased at the reception accorded them by the people everywhere they went throughout the country, and the desire on their part to assist them in every possible way in accomplishing the object of their visit.

Almost everywhere we went, immediately upon our arrival, we were most cordially received by the mayors, presidents of the Boards of Trade, the leading business men of the place, members of Parliament, senators and local members. Indeed, I may say that from Winnipeg right on to the Pacific, all the western members and senators placed themselves at our disposal, from the time we arrived till we left, and rendered invaluable services to the delegates. Mr. Scarth, M. P. for Winnipeg, remained with us and accompanied the party during our entire trip through Manitoba, occupying about fifteen days. Mr. T. M. Daly, M. P., accompanied us from Brandon across to Rapid City, and along the line of the M. and N.-W. Railway and back to Brandon. The services of both these gentlemen cannot be over estimated. At Regina we were joined by Mr. Davin, M.P., who accompanied us on our Prince Albert trip, and showed the delegates every kindness and attention. At Calgary, Mr. Davis, M.P., and Senator Lougheed, were untiring in their efforts to serve the wishes of the delegates, and the British Columbia members were also especially attentive and kind. Governor Schultz, of Manitoba, and Governor Nelson, of British Columbia, received and entertained the party most hospitably. The heavy rain prevented their calling upon Governor Royal, at Regina, but that gentleman met the delegates and gave them a hearty welcome to the Territories. This report being merely an account of our trip through the Dominion, I have not attempted to describe the various places we visited, or to give any impressions of opinion regarding the country, leaving that to the delegates to deal with.

It will be observed that at nearly every place we visited, the delegates were entertained by the citizens at a supper, lunch or dinner. These banquets so called were not such as is generally understood by that term, but were rather informal gatherings of the representative people in the various localities; and the farmers from the surrounding communities, who came together for the purpose of meeting and talking with the delegates, and giving them such information as they desired of the country. These meetings were always well attended and thoroughly representative in their character, including all classes of the people and all branches of trade and industry, thus affording the delegates an opportunity of meeting a large