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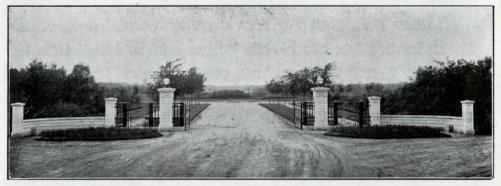
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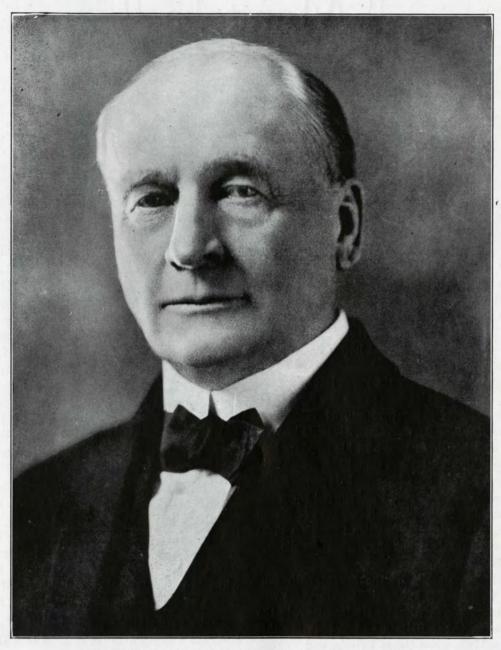


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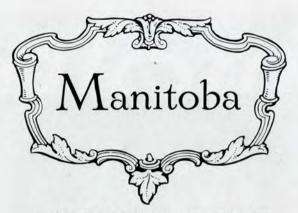
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HE first white man to set foot within the Manitoba of today was the navigator, Thomas Button. He had sailed from London in April, 1612, in the ship "Discovery." In the same little ship, in 1610, Henry Hudson, who in 1609 had discovered New York harbor and the Hudson River, entered the Bay which bears his name and hides the secret of his fate. Captain Button carried letters from King Charles I. to the Emperor of China and the Emperor of Japan, for it was hoped his voyage would take him to the Orient.

One hundred and twenty-six years later, in September, 1738, the first white man to see the Red River arrived at the site of the future site of Winnipeg. He was Pierre Gaultier de Varennes, Sieur de la Verendrye. He and his three sons and his nephew had set forth from Montreal six years before. Their hopes, too, were fixed on China and Japan. Rainbow-tinted dreams of glory and gain lured them on. They never saw the Pacific, though two sons of Pierre de la Verendrye crossed the prairies to within sight of the Rocky Mountains; but they were the discoverers of the Northwest.

In the closing decade of the seventeenth century and the first decade of the eighteenth there was bloody and desperate fighting on Hudson Bay, in the struggle between Great Britain and France for this continent. In 1782, when Great Britain and France were at war again, a French expedition of three ships, under command of Admiral de la Perouse, whose flagship, Le Sceptre, carried 72 guns, crossed the Atlantic and entered the Bay and took Fort Prince of Wales at the mouth of the Churchill River, which was one of the most extensive fortifications in North America; thirty-eight of its guns still lie rusting in its ruins. Few Provinces or States on this continent have within their boundaries a historic relic

more notable than Manitoba has in the ruins of Fort Prince of Wales.

The territorial rights granted to the Hudson's Bay Company by Charles II. in 1670, and extinguished by purchase when Rupert's Land was annexed to the Dominion in 1870, were of an immensity not realized by the Merry Monarch when, by a few strokes of his royal quill in signing the charter creating the Company, he made Prince Rupert and his associates, whose names are set forth in that document, "the true and absolute lords and proprietors, yielding and paying yearly to us, our heirs and successors for the same, two elks and two black beavers, whensoever and so often as we, our heirs and successors shall happen to enter the said countries, regions and territories hereby granted"fabulous areas which were unknown to the geography of that time.

In 1811 Lord Selkirk bought from the Hudson's Bay Company, in which he had become the owner of the majority of the shares, an area of 116,000 square miles of one of the most fertile regions of the continent of North America, including a large part of what is now Manitoba and parts of the present States of North Dakota and Minnesota.

The first white woman in the West came out from the Orkney Islands in 1806 in a Hudson's Bay Company's ship, disguised as a young man. Two years later she returned to Scotland. The second

white woman in the West, Marie Anne Lagimoniere, arrived at Red River in the summer of 1807; she came with her husband in one of the canoes of a brigade which travelled by the fur traders' route





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Premier of Manitoba

from the St. Lawrence, a journey of two thousand miles. From 1808 until the arrival of the first women among the settlers sent out by Lord Selkirk in 1812, Marie Anne Lagimoniere was the only white woman in the West of whom there is record. She was the only white woman in all of the Canada of today that is west of Lake Huron; and at that time there was not a white women within the area of the present States of Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

No record of the Red River era, however brief, can omit mention of the great buffalo hunt on the plains. The summer hunts began usually in June, the autumn hunt in August. In 1820 the number of Red River carts (two-wheeled and built altogether without iron), which went from the settlement for the summer hunt was 540; in 1840 the number of carts was 1,210, and the number of huntsmen, women and children in the great caravan which set forth for the summer hunt was more than 1,600. Sheriff Ross estimated that the summer hunt expedition in 1840 represented \$20,000 of capital supplied chiefly by the Hudson's Bay Company or by private trappers at Red River. More than 1,300 buffaloes were slaughtered on one day of that hunt; not less than 2,500 before the expedition returned to the settlement. No better organized, more effective and more picturesque hunting expeditions were ever carried out regularly in any land than the buffalo-hunting expeditions for which the Red River settlement was the basis of supplies.

The existence of Manitoba as a Province began on July 15th, 1870, the day on which Rupert's Land and the old Northwest Territory not included in the Hudson's Bay Company's charter, which covered all the area draining into Hudson Bay) became part of the Dominion of Canada; the territorial rights of the Company were surrendered in exchange for a payment of £300,000 and the title to one-twentieth of the lands in the area which had been covered by the charter.

The official census in 1871 showed that the population of Manitoba then consisted of 5,757 Frenchspeaking people of mixed blood, 4,083 English-speaking people of mixed blood, and 1,565 white people. A little more than half a century ago the only records written across the prairies of activities other than those of the changing seasons year after year, from century to century, were the buffalo trails, on the vast expanse which stretched ocean-like across the continent from the valley of the Red Rived to the Rocky Mountains. Not even the most visionary among the dwellers at the junction of the Red and the Assiniboine half a century ago, it is safe to say, dreamed of what the coming years held in storewheat fields stretching to the circling skyline, the growth of diversified agriculture, the towns and cities linked by a network of railways radiating from Winnipeg and covering Western Canada.





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N 1870, when the Province of Manitoba was established, Winnipeg was a small hamlet in the centre of the Red River settlement, isolated in mid-continent, far out of the world and accessible in its remoteness only by long and arduous journeying through wild regions. The Winnipeg of that time had no bank, no lawyers, only one doctor, and only one policeman, whose name was James Mulliganand he had nothing to do. There were nineteen buildings in the village, including a few taverns, a few general stores and some private houses. They were all log buildings. The village had grown up near Fort Garry, the headquarters of the Hudson's Bay Company, which consisted of a group of buildings in a large quadrilateral enclosure of limestone walls; it did not begin to be called Winnipeg until late in the 1860's. It was a sleepy little place, except in the spring and fall, when the plains hunters came in to get what they needed for their buffalo hunting. With their horse racing and other doings they made a good deal of disorderliness; but James Mulligan, the solitary policeman, did not interfere with them.

Farming was not pursued on any extensive scale in Red River. There was no outside market. Directly or indirectly, the whole community lived on the fur trade. The spring and fall buffalo hunts on the plains drew all the adventurous elements. A considerable proportion of the men of the settlement engaged in freighting. The settlement was dependent for its supplies upon the annual Hudson's Bay Company's ship to York Factory on "the Bay," several hundred miles to the north, and upon St. Paul, in the territory of Minnesota (which included the present States of Minnesota and North and South Dakota), more than four hundred miles away, across desolate, uninhabitated plains, over which roamed

semi-hostile, and sometimes more than semi-hostile, Indian bands.

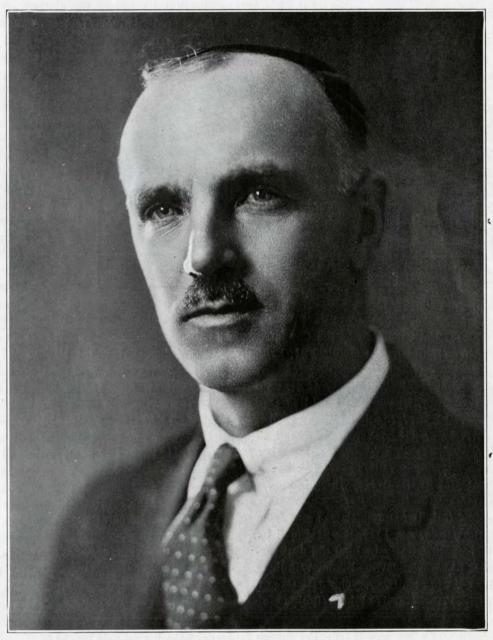
Such were the simple and primitive conditions of life here as the decade of 1860-70 drew to its close. In a few years' time those conditions had passed away forever.

In 1870 there was a once-a-week mail service, which was carried from Winnipeg by horse in summer, and by dog train in winter, to St. Cloud in Minnesota, where the railway ended, and went from there to St. Paul and Chicago. There was neither stage line, nor steamboat, and a traveller had, therefore, to depend on his own resources in going to Winnipeg, or in leaving Winnipeg. When Hon. G. Adams Archibald, the first Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, arrived at Winnipeg on September 2nd, 1870, he came by canoe from Pembina. On April 26th, 1871, the first party of immigrants to Manitoba arrived from Ontario. It consisted of eight men, who had taken four weeks to make the journey; they arrived on a flat boat, which they had navigated down the Red River from Moorhead, in Minnesota.

One of the first things done after the establishment of the Province was the construction of a telegraph line to Pembina. The first telegram from Winnipeg was sent on November 20th, 1871, by Lieutenant-Governor Archibald to the Governor-General at Ottawa, who replied to it the same day. After that the little frontier outpost at the junction

of the Red and the Assiniboine was daily in touch with the outside world. In 1871 the tri-weekly stage line, under contract with the Government, began running between Abercrombie in Minnesota and Winnipeg; in 1871 it became a daily service. In 1872 there appeared





LT.-COL. R. H. WEBB, M.C., D.S.O. Mayor of Winnipeg

on the Red River the steamer Selkirk, owned by an active young Canadian who was living in St. Paul, James J. Hill by name; he was destined to play an important part in railway development in the Northwestern States—and in Western Canada as well, for he was associated closely in the 1880's with Donald Smith, afterwards Lord Strathcona, who was the living spirit in the creating of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The appearance of the steamer Selkirk on the Red River in 1872 meant

the ending of the old picturesque cross-country freighting by caravans of loudly-creaking Red River carts. It was said that the profits of the first trip of the Selkirk almost paid the entire cost of the construction of that stern-wheeler. By 1874 there were seven stern-wheel steamers plying on the Red.

On November 8th, 1873, Winnipeg was incorporated as a city. In 1874 its population was 1,869.

On April 3, 1875, ground was broken at Port Arthur on Lake Superior for the extension of the Canadian Pacific Railway to Winnipeg. On October 21, 1876, the first shipment of wheat, consisting of 857 bushels, was sent from Manitoba, by way of St. Paul and Chicago, to Toronto, where it was sold as seed wheat. On October 10, 1877, the first railway engine in Winnipeg arrived on a flat boat from Moorhead, to be used in railway construction work. On December 8, 1876, regular passenger railway service began between St. Paul and St. Boniface, which is across the Red River from Winnipeg; on December 16th, the first carload of freight for export was sent from St. Boniface. On January 9, 1879, the first mail by train left for the South. Early in 1880 the first survey parties started to work eastward from Winnipeg for the Canadian Pacific Railway. The first Canadian Pacific Railway train arrived in Winnipeg on July 26, 1881.

Here may be quoted a few words from the speech which was made in December, 1879, by Alexander Logan, on being re-elected Mayor of Winnipeg. "Winnipeg," he said, "has grown from a little village into a city which is making progress by leaps and bounds. Today nearly one thousand dwelling houses stud the plain, where ten years ago they could be counted on the fingers of two hands. That Winnipeg is destined to be a great distributing centre of

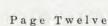
the Northwest is now no empty figure of speech, for it admits of no denial. It is now all but an accomplished fact."

So spoke "Sandy" Logan as the decade 1879-80 closed, with the true Winnipeg spirit, the true Western spirit. The little muddy frontier hamlet had developed in ten years like a husky boy growing so rapidly that he bursts his clothes. Mayor Logan foresaw the whole panorama of Western progress to be unfolded in the decades to come, the inflow of im-

migration, the extension of the railways, the tall, red, hump-shouldered elevators rising where settlements clustered into villages and towns, the creation of the Previnces of Saskatchewan and Alberta, the spreading of industry and prosperity throughout the length and breadth of that empty vastness between the Red River and the Rocky Mountains which General Butler described in the title he gave the

famous book he wrote in 1872, "The Great Lone Land."

Winnipeg, the capital city of the Province of Manitoba, the gateway to the Canadian west-a stretch of 900 miles of the best wheat producing land in the world, and the gateway also to the great mineral field in the North, has grown to have a population now of 285,490. The city has 500 miles of streets, 134 miles of boulevards and 834 acres of public parks. Winnipeg's unique geographical situation has made it one of the greatest transportation centres of the continent; from here diverge lines of two great transcontinental systems spreading a net-work of railways across the prairie markets of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Winnipeg has the largest railroad yards in the world owned by a single company. Winnipeg is the third largest city in Canada and ranks fourth as a manufacturing centre. Two giant hydro-electric plants supply power at the lowest rate on the continent, and a practically inexhaustible water supply is furnished from Shoal Lake through a gravity concrete aqueduct with a capacity of 85,000,000 gallons a day. Winnipeg is Canada's third largest banking centre, with 67 branch banks; the bank clearings in 1925 were \$2,892,376,615.00. The growth of Winnipeg thus far is a presage of its continued growth in the years to come.



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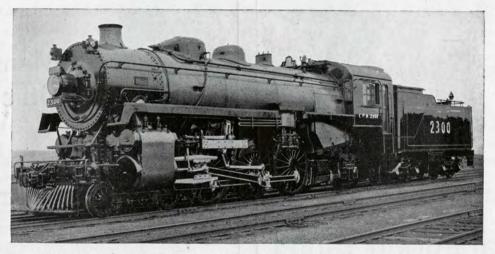
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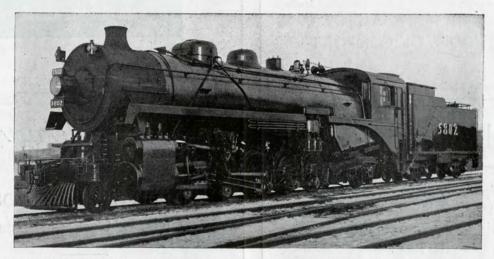
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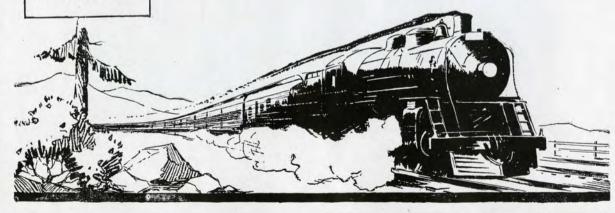


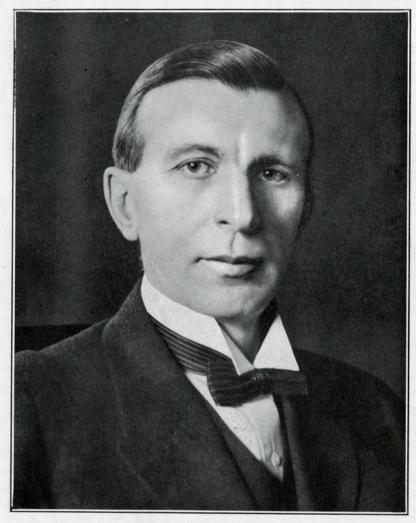
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N April, 1863, a few engineers in the employ of the Michigan Central Railroad Company conceived the idea of forming an association to promote the welfare and interest of their profession and elevate their standing and character as men. With these objects in view, they assembled at the house of one of their number, in the city of Marshall, Mich. The result of their deliberation was the issuing of an invitation to the engineers employed on the adjacent roads to meet in the city of Detroit on the fifth day of May. In response to the invitation, at the appointed time ten delegates assembled, who, with-but little formality in their organization, entered upon their duties, and, with the assistance of a few engineers residing in Detroit, a constitution and bylaws were presented and adopted, embodying the fundamental principles of our present organization.

The necessity of something further on the part of engineers than the common consent to become and remain members of the association so long as suited their own convenience, became apparent to the minds of the delegates, and one obligation, as a bond of union, was formulated and unanimously adopted and on the 8th day of May, 1863, twelve engineers joined hands and hearts, pledging themselves to support the constitution and by-laws, assist the needy and maintain the right.

Officers were elected, and Detroit Division No. 1, Brotherhood of the Footboard, stood forth as the pioneer in the great work of reformation and elevation of the locomotive engineers of this continent.

The work of organizing sub-divisions soon began, and in a short time there were twelve divisions formed, and, in accordance with previous arrangements, a call was issued for each division to send a delegate to meet at the hall of Detroit Division No. 1, on the 18th of August of the same year.

The result of their deliberation was the forming of the Grand National Division, Brotherhood of the Footboard; electing as the Grand Chief, William D. Robinson.

Like many other associations in their incipiency, many important points were lost sight of for the want of experience.

During the first year of its existence, forty-four sub-divisions were organized. On the 17th of August, 1864, the first convention was held in the city of Indianapolis, Ind., with forty-four division representatives, at which time the name and title of the organization was changed to its present one, making it international in character, so that all locomotive engineers, regardless of nationality, would be eligible.

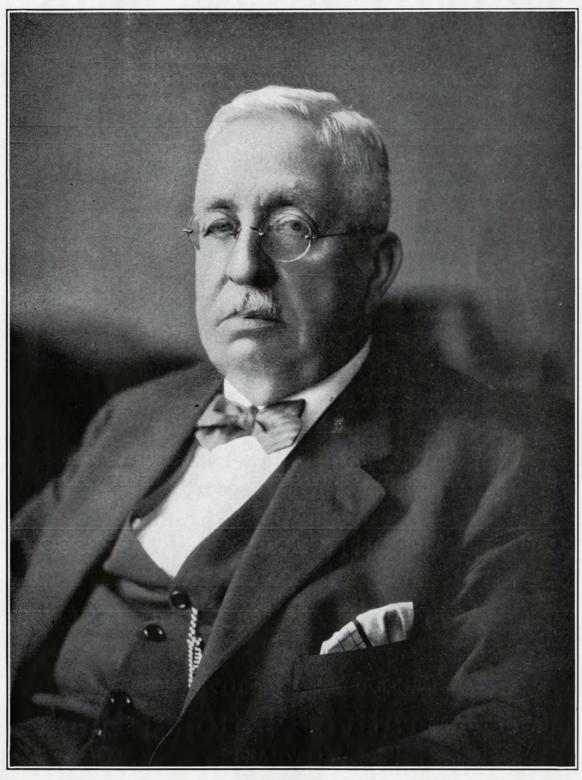
The organization has been in existence, as a society, forty years, and during that time has gradually increased in numbers and importance; emerging almost silently from its original obscurity, until they now have 675 sub-divisions, comprising a membership of nine-tenths of the best locomotive engineers on this continent; and they have gained an enviable position by a strict adherence to their mottoes, "Sobriety, Truth, Justice and Morality," "Vigilance, not Violence," and "Do unto others as ye would that they should do unto you, and so fulfill the law." They stand aloof from all political bodies and sects and ignore all questions of creed and race, and look only to the improvement and protection of the locomotive engineers and their families.

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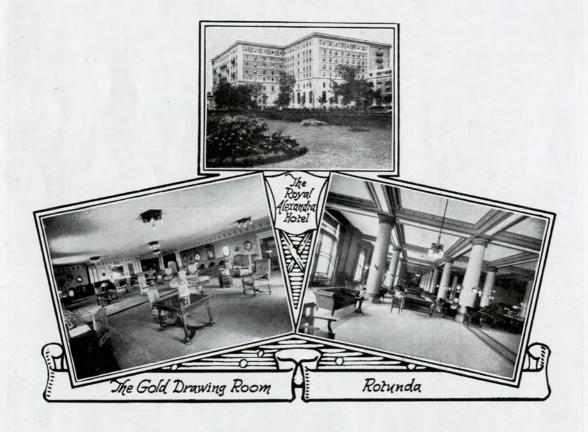


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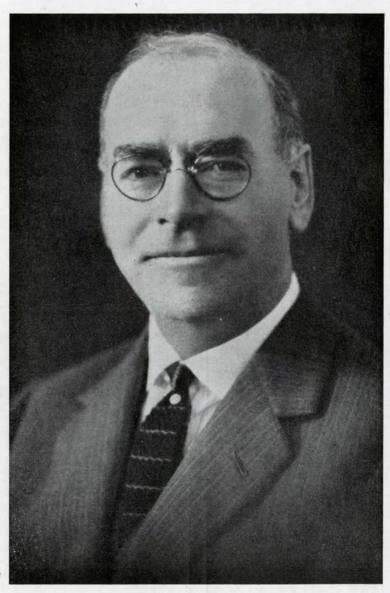




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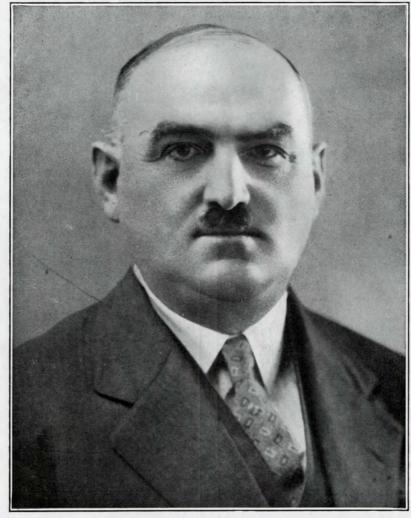
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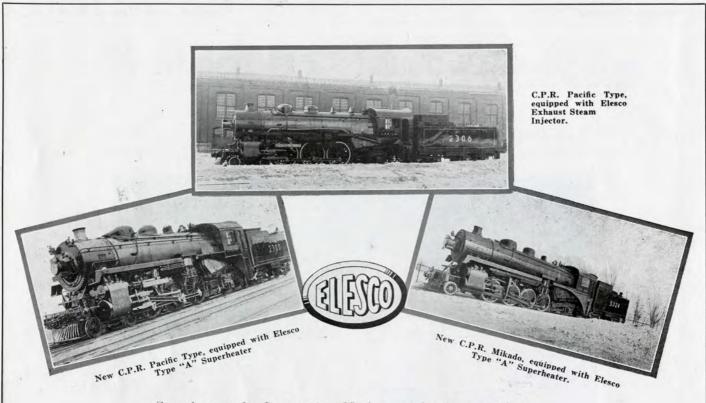
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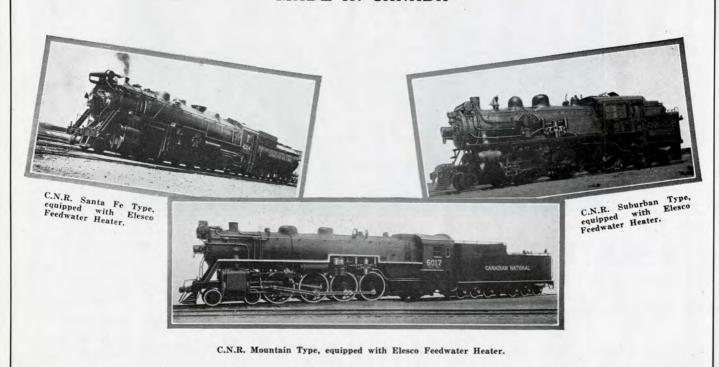
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TUESDAY, JULY 27th-

Registration starting at 7 a.m., Convention Hall, Royal Alexandra Hotel.

Secret Session, 1.30 p.m.

Public Reception, Walker Theatre, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28th-

All-day Secret Sessions for B. of L. E. and the G. I. A., Royal Alexandra Hotel.

8.30 p.m., Informal Ball in Royal Alexandra Hotel Ball Rooms.



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Afternoon, Sports at City Park, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Buffet Luncheon and Dance, Addresses of Welcome by Hon. Sir James Aikins, Lieutenant-Governor, and Premier John Bracken at the Parliament Buildings in the evening, starting at 8.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 30th-

Trip through the Wheat Fields, Winnipeg to Souris, via Brandon, leaving the C.P.R. Station at 8 a.m., Stop-over at Brandon for Dinner and drive around the City, then resuming trip on to Souris, returning, leave Souris via Holland and Glenboro to Winnipeg.



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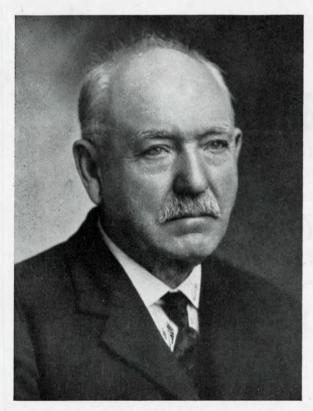
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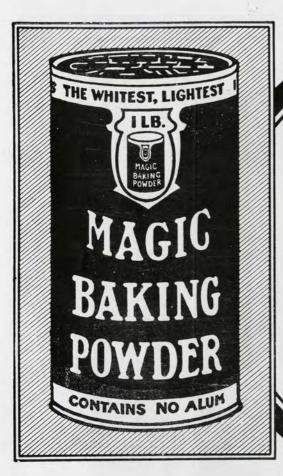


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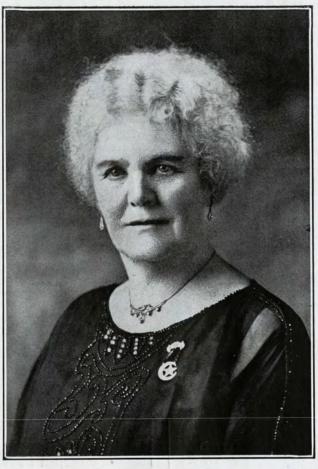
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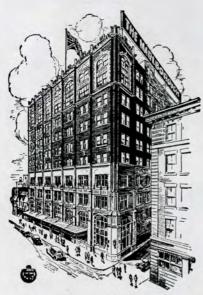
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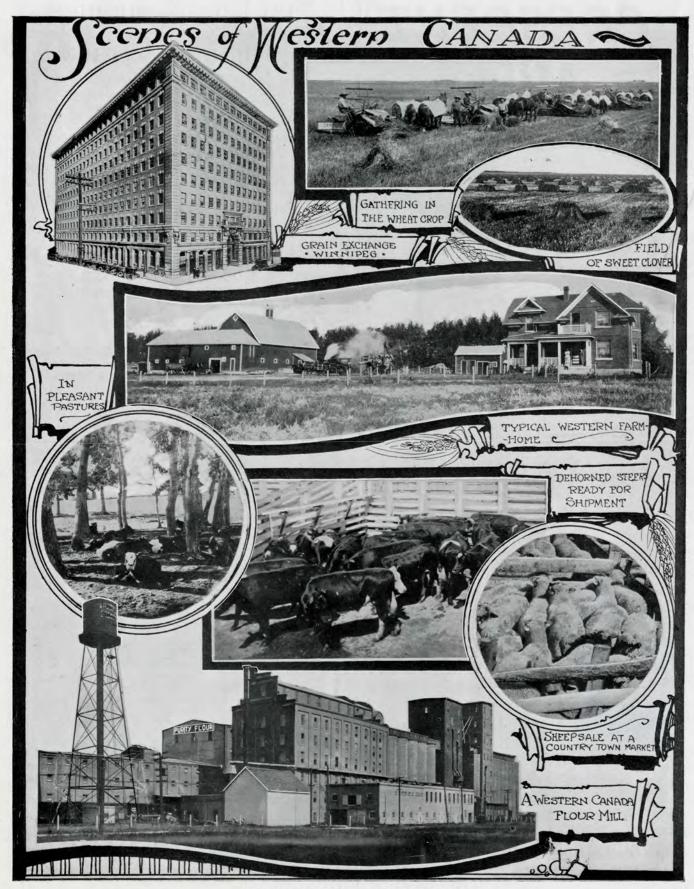
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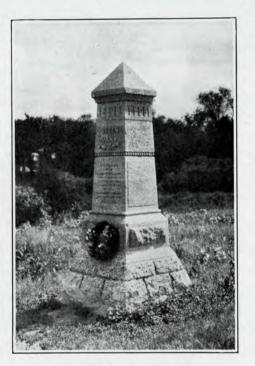
trail the latter retreated towards the blue hills of Brandon and then to the upper waters of the river which still bears their name.

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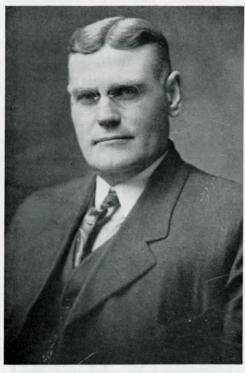
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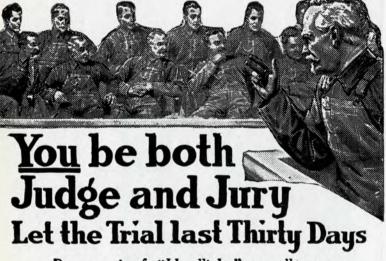
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