

# Calgary and Banff to Unite in Carnival



Top left, Banff Springs Hotel in winter garb; below, a dog sled team. Stoney Indians attend the Carnival in full force and regalia, and figure skating, snowshoeing and ice yachting are but a few of the many seasonal attractions to the famous mountain resort.

Banff. Immediately one conjures up visions of the Bow River, the Valley, sunny skies, warm days, summer dresses, ponies, excursions into the snow capped mountains, swimming in the pools, hiking boots, breeks and bathing suits. There are a thousand pleasant memories of Banff in summer time. Comparatively few however, have any idea of this mountain resort in winter. The thought at this season gives us a chilly feeling perhaps. Yet, after all, having leisure, what better place could be found in which to spend a long or short vacation after snow has fallen. Cold? Certainly no more so than down on the plains where what winds there are sweep uninterrupted.

Sheltered by the rocky slopes on practically all sides, high and with a drier atmosphere, the frost there gives an invigorating touch that stimulates life and activity where elsewhere the country sleeps through the winter. As Quebec is to the East, so, perhaps even to a greater degree, is Banff to the West. The home of Winter Sports.

Instead of going to sleep, the little town of Banff comes to life with the coming of snow. One event and community effort follows the other, and a long list of sporting activities culminates in February with a huge seven day carnival in which all citizens and hundreds of enthusiasts from all parts of the World, take part.

It will only be the case of a very few years until tourists arrange their trips to take in the Carnival at

Banff as they now visit New Orleans in March for the Mardi Gras, or Pasadena for the Rose Tournament. Apart from the glorious scenery, it is a perfect Winter playground.

Preparations are even now under way for the next Winter Carnival. This, to be held from February 7th to 14th inclusive, is planned to be the greatest yet. Calgary enthusiasts have decided to cancel their own carnival arrangements and to unite with the Banff citizens to make it a success. A very comprehensive program of sports has already been drawn up covering events in curling, skating, snow-shoeing, ski running and jumping, ski-joring, tobogganning, trap-shooting, sleighing, and swimming in the hot sulphur pools. For none of these sports could the setting or the conveniences be excelled.

For the adventurous visitor Lake Minnewanka offers ice-yachting. Dog-sled races are a never failing source of interest. These races are often run down the main street, and, as in other sports, it is often a case of the best dog being beaten as a great deal of comedy is played. It often happens that an over anxious or jealous contestant grabs an opponent in any convenient place and in the ensuing mixup any old hound can waddle home an easy winner. But its all in the game; and the game at Banff is the out-door game—with dancing, cards or concerts in which each one plays a part in the evening.

## TRADE WITH RUSSIA IS IMPOSSIBLE

Illusion and Disillusion Summarize the "Opportunity" Afforded Foreigners in Soviet Territory, Says Export Reporter.

What is likely to be the result of any serious attempt to trade with Bolshevist Russia? A distinguished United States journalist, Isaac F. Marcossion, who visited Toronto recently, where he addressed the Canadian Club, gives proof, from the experiences of people who have made the experiment of trading with Russia, of the impossibility of doing it.

In a recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post, Mr. Marcossion, who has recently visited Russia, explains how Americans who have tried to reopen trade with that country have been despoiled. He prefaces his article by a catalogue of the foreign investments in Russia before the war, every penny of which has been lost, since the Bolsheviks have "nationalized" all the factories which were established by the aid of foreign capital and have repudiated every foreign debt. He continues:

With these post-mortems disposed of, the next step is to consider the American firms and individuals who have had the temerity to put their heads, so to speak, into the mouth of the Bolshevik bear. After the program of wholesale confiscation just exposed, you may wonder why people are willing to throw good money after bad.

The experience of most alien concessionaires in Russia proves that such continues to be the case. Two words—illusion and disillusion—summarize the "opportunity" afforded the foreigner to do business with the Soviet Government.

To say that the Bolsheviks hold the absolute power of economic life and death states the case precisely. Anybody who ventures commercially into Russia makes himself a party to a supervision—it is really an iron dictatorship—that is well-nigh incredible. Tie up with Moscow and you cease to be master of your money or your enterprise. More frequently you lose both and sometimes your freedom as well.

The Soviet Government is no less high-handed with nations. To comprehend the procedure, you must know that the supreme trade authority in Russia, excepting, of course, the political ring that bosses everything, is the Commissariat of Foreign Trade, which has a monopoly of all imports and exports. Its direct representative outside Russia is usually a so-called trade delegation, which also is a nest of propaganda. In countries that have not recognized Moscow, the nearest trade delegation handles the Bolo commercial interests. Before France entered into diplomatic relations with Russia, the intermediary was Berlin or London.

When Moscow gets peeved, she has a habit of arbitrarily removing her trade from the country of the fancied insult to another. This occurred immediately after the German police raided the Soviet trade delegation in Berlin in order to get a notorious Communist, who had sought refuge there. Russia immediately shifted her business to Holland and Czechoslovakia.

It was not until 1921 that any American business man broke into Soviet Russia. Concerning the initial concessionaire, there is a characteristic story. He was Washington Vanderlip, a Western mining prospector, financed by a group of Los Angeles citizens who put up enough money to send him to Moscow. He got what came to be known as the Vanderlip concession for a considerable mineral area in Kamchatka, a peninsula of the north-eastern Siberian coast opposite Alaska.

It is typical of the cunning of the Bolshevick Government that they gave the wide impression in Europe that the concession had been bestowed on Frank A. Vanderlip, the former Wall Street banker. This grant was capitalized for all that it was worth and was used as a selling point to get the trade agreement with England. Washington Vanderlip believed he had a big thing that was to be the beginning of a real era of American-Russian co-operation. Despite all the hot air generated about the concession, it came to naught.

American participation in Soviet oil disclosed the usual inability to get anywhere with the Bolsheviks. The case of the International Barnsdall Corporation will illustrate. In 1922, Mason Day, who had been managing director of an American trade concern in Constantinople, procured a contract from the Soviet Government to drill some wells in the Baku area on what was formerly Crown land. It was not a concession in any sense but an arrangement to put down wells on a royalty basis. A considerable part of the compensation was to be paid in oil.

One of the first jokers in the agreement was that the Americans were to be paid only for work to a depth of 2,400 feet. After that it was their own financial responsibility. They discovered to their cost that the oil was considerably below the stipulated stage. This was merely the beginning of the troubles. There was, as always, irritating Bolshevick supervision. Then the Bolo workmen demanded an increase of forty-five per cent in wages. A further complication grew out of the payment, or rather the non-payment for the equipment, all of which was brought from the United States.

An instance of what happens to Americans in Russia is revealed in the experience of the Far Eastern Exploration Company, organized by former Mayor H. T. Hunt of Cincinnati and a large number of associates, to exploit a mining concession

on the Harga River in Siberia. This area had been developed before the World War to a considerable extent by the Lordkin interests. The Americans were led to believe that gold still existed in commercial quantities. After they got their equipment in shape, they discovered that the game was not worth the candle; first, because the ore was insufficient; and second, because of the inaccessibility of the region. It is 1,500 miles by river from the coast, and there is no adequate overland transport. In consequence the concession has practically been abandoned.

The Bolsheviks lend little aid or encouragement to those whom they ask to work their concessions. When an American engineer reached the Siberian coast to make a survey of the Far Eastern Exploration properties, he was compelled to pay 1,300 roubles duty on some tents that he had purchased at Shanghai for 300 roubles.

More unfortunate was the experience of John Maitland of Detroit, who, after retiring as worker in Russia for the American Relief Administration, got a concession to erect a group of buildings for the Soviet Government. After he had constructed three warehouses and spent more than 1,000,000 roubles, he received a notice one night to leave Russia within two weeks. No explanation was given, nor has he yet discovered the reason for his dismissal.

The best summing up of the concession business in Russia, says Mr. Marcossion in conclusion, was made by an American who has been in the game and who was glad to escape with a whole skin. Here it is:

"If I had \$1,000,000,000, I would not put one cent of it in Russia except as philanthropy pure and simple, or to buy works of art. The very nature of things there precludes the possibility of bringing about any big development or industrial extension on a profit-making basis. Trade is the only thing show-

ing any profit to individuals, and this is small, precarious, and therefore, highly speculative. There is strength in the Bolo government, but it is by turns either flabby or vicious. Always it is unreasoning. You never know when your property is to be confiscated. Anarchy seems constantly to lurk around the corner."

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# THE CHRONICLE

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## TWENTY YEARS AGO

From The Chronicle File of February 23, 1905.

James Smith, a resident of Bentinck, near Vickers, died on Friday last at the age of eighty-six years. He had been ill for some time.

Ben Woods will hold a credit auction sale of farm stock on February 28, Lot 15, Concession 2, Egremont.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. A. W. Hunter is again successful in taking honors in his medical examination at McGill College, Montreal, out of the whole class, Archie stands fourth. In one year more, he'll come out a full-fledged M.D.

The drug business, carried on for a number of years by the late Mr. Parker, is still being conducted by the estate. Mr. J. R. Gun has charge of it.

We learn that John McDonald has been appointed assessor of Glenelg for this year.

As we go to press this morning at eleven o'clock, Rev. Rufus Dean Ryan is tying the knot which makes man and wife of Mr. J. Nicholls of Toronto and Miss Cora McClocklin of town.

We have just heard from Kenneth McKenzie of Port Huron, formerly of Glenelg, and feel pleased to learn that in his eighty-seventh year, he is enjoying better health than he has for many years.

On Friday last, there died in Normanby, Mr. George Johnston, brother of William Johnston of this town. Deceased was a resident of the township for thirty-nine years.

The regular meeting of the South Grey Farmer's Institute was held here Thursday afternoon and evening. About one hundred farmers were present to listen to the provincial delegation, Messrs. Kydd of Simcoe and Barbour of Crosshill. President W. J. Young was in the chair, but the convention seemed to sustain loss through the absence of the efficient secretary, George Binnie, who was on duty in Owen Sound—one of the County auditors. Misses Jessie Munro and Ida Wilson rendered pretty selections and were forced on every occasion to re-appear, while Mr. George Wright furnished some splendid music on the organ.

Orchard correspondence—Master Russell Gun of Durham visited at Mrs. A. Schram's last week.

An Thursday, the first meeting of the Women's Institute for 1905 was held in the town hall. After the opening remarks by the president, Mrs. D. McCrie gave a short account of the last meeting. She was followed by Mrs. David Hamilton who gave an excellent report of the meetings she attended as delegate to the convention in Guelph. Mrs. McGirr gave a short paper on "Children," after which Mrs. C. McArthur spoke on the same subject.

Vickers' correspondence—Mr. E. Hunt had the misfortune to get one of his horse's legs badly cut while working in the swamp. Our school

has been closed for the past week owing to a number of cases of scarletina in the section. Born—40 Mr. and Mrs. William Livingston, a daughter.

We have again to chronicle the death of a citizen. Last Thursday, after a week's illness from pneumonia, Albert Kearney, passed away in his twenty-first year. He was a son of Mrs. A. Beggs.

Two of his brothers are still in a critical condition from the same trouble. J. M. Hunter has his store to rent. We had a short call from Mr. Thomas Derby of Hampden, who enters his eightieth year next month.

Mr. Ted McClocklin has severed his connection with W. Black, and is at present with H. H. Mockler.

Mr. Thomas McDonald and son, James of Morrisburg, spent a couple of days with friends in town and vicinity.

Mr. S. Wright of Henfryn was in town Tuesday. He has disposed of his brickyard to S. S. Cole of Ethel.

Born—in Durham on February 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. John Bryan, a son. Born—in Durham, on Friday, February 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Watson, a son.

The annual meeting of the National Portland Cement Company will be held in Toronto on Tuesday. Durham would be the best place on account of the plant being here, but it would be impossible to provide sufficient hotel accommodation.

## O. S. PRESBYTERY BALLOTING ON UNION

Fifteen Out of Forty Congregations Have Already Voted, of Which Twelve Entered Union.

Rev. P. T. Pilkey, M. A., organizer for the Presbytery of Owen Sound, has prepared a report which states that up to and including February 15, of the congregations had balloted out of the 40 in the whole Presbytery, with the result that of the 15 congregations that have balloted, 12 voted for Union and 3 against. Of the ballots cast, 1,578 were for Union and 880 against, according to the report, which adds that Leith, Johnstone, Peabody, Kilsyth, North Derby, Woodford, Sydenham and St. Paul's have voted to enter the United Church without a ballot. Temple Hill, Knox, St. Vincent and Knox, Holland, have not voted, but are reported as favorable to Union. Elsinore, Desboro', Dornoch, Burns (Rocky Saugeen), Williamsford, Lion's Head, Lindsay, Adamsville, Mar and Spry so far have not reported anything done. Berkeley is voting. Kemble, Sarawak and Lake Charles are already a United charge. Heathcote, where the ballot vote is a tie, having failed to vote out, according to the Union Act, goes automatically into the Union on June 10.

Opportunity seldom knocks in a small town, but gossips make up the difference.

## BEAR PLAYS PEEK-A-BOO, TAG AND OTHER GAMES

Exciting Time on Stone's Line When a Bear Appears.

Last Thursday, while a couple of men were working in the bush on Stone's Line, a small black bear came wandering along. Their dog saw it and gave chase, and when he came back, he showed signs of having had all he wanted. He was scratched up and bleeding. This bird of a bear evidently ignored old traditions. He came out on the previous Monday, saw his shadow, and was so pleased with the picture that he decided to stay out.

On Friday, Bruin, Jr., was seen in a farmer's field, and a couple of men gave chase, following the trail until dark, when they retired to their homes, unfettered by bear meat.

Saturday the bear came around again to play hide-and-seek and his challenge was again accepted. This time, Teddy Bear ran into a driving shed where he was cornered. One man threw a rope around him, but the bear said "woof" and made a lunge for the lassoo, who took to his heels and distanced the bear by several rods. Again the chase was taken up, and one pursuer got so close to the prey that he was able to kick the little animal in the place where a bear ought to grow a tail but don't. On Sunday, the bear showed himself again, but as everybody on that concession is a good Presbyterian and keeps sacred the "Sabbath" day, the challenge went unheeded. But Monday! Oh, my!

The whole concession (or a big portion of it) decided that they would tag that bear or die in the attempt, neither of which eventually occurred, of course. "The best plans—you know the rest. The unforeseen occurred. A heavy rain came on, the hunters came home disconsolate, and the little bear is hidden somewhere out in the long swamp between here and Priceville.

The gentleman whom we referred to, tagged the bear last, and as the bear "it," he will have to show up again. In the meantime, the tag game is postponed, and this truthful chronicle of an actual bear hunt in Artemesia Township has to be "Continued next week"—Flesherton Advance.

## STANT MOTHERS

Mrs. Ayars Tells Pinkham's Compound did Her

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Interest to relatives on Sound and dis- ed in Strongfield, January 28th, at and Mrs. J. H. Al- r daughter, Mary n in marriage to an, son of Mr. and of Little Woody, ny was performed J. Russell, pastor of Church of Bro- presence of about and friends. The arming gown of ver white satin, gold lace, and car- and beautiful bou- s, narcissus and Etta, was brides- nile georgette and ions and fern. The ere the ceremony stefully decorated carnations, roses he Davidson sup-

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