

Note for Banff Indian Days-

Suggestions by N.K. Luxton-year 1950- July 20th to e
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Each year about Nov. or Dec. a letter must be written Jas. Smart Controller Of Dominion Parks asking for twelve Buffalo for the meat ration for the Days. This meat is Transported generally from Elk Island Park at Lamont to Burns Co. Calgary. by Dench of Canada.

Burns Co. has been a wonderful friend to Banff in so far as storing the meat FREE of charge until it is used the following July. This has been changed some, I found the buffalo meat made many of the Indians very ill so now Burns Co. Take the Buffalo meat and gives Banff an equal value of GOOD COW meat when we want it.

Meat- The meat is sent to Banff by Art's delivery in three installments. 1st on the Wednesday the day the Indians arrive. Again on Thursday and again on Saturday, Each afternoon at three p.m. ~~The~~ time of delivery is very important, because the other rations are delivered at the same time, and the rations must all be divided among the three bands and the visiting Indians immediately after the afternoon show. All this must be done each day with out time lost, because you will have the buses into the grounds to take the Indians to the evening show at the Banff Springs at 6.30 p.m. The evening show starts at 7 p.m.

Census Taking- The number of each Band must be taken, The Chiniquay, Bearspaw, and Wesley. To do this you appoint two to each Band. The Chief and one helper, some one that can write. This takes perhaps a half hour. With out this you could not divide the rations evenly. The rations are then divided ~~into~~ three ways pro rata as to the number in each Band. The visitors are taken care of by each band and giving some of theirs. Visitors are a damned bother but they have to be taken care of and they can be used to advantage in the Parades and showing them as individuals to the guests at the Hotel.

Train Service- Arrange with the C.P.R. to have two Passanger cars spotted at Morley in time for the Indians to board them Wednesday A.M. also one box car for the bucking horses spotted Tuesday, for Jonny Lefthand to load his buckers on and this car to be picked up by the same train that picked up the two passanger cars Wednesday. The train arrives at Banff about noon. Jonny looks after his buckers. You must have sufficient buses at this train to wheel the Indians to the ground. I forgot to mention another box car must be spotted at Morley Thuesday to take care of the Indians baggage, as the regular baggage car cant handle this excessive lot of tents and camp equipement. Some one must meet this train, See to the loading and appoint half dozen young Indians to help load the baggage on to trucks to take it to the Race Track. Charley Harbidge has always done this job, a new man might be hard to train, Give the job to Charley and forget about it, he will do it, He will also bring it back to the Car the following Monday when the Indians go home, with out any further bother to you.

Camp-

About six o'clock p.m wednesday the Camp is pretty well in order. Most of the Indians have arrived. Take your Census now. Work out the proratio for each Band. Your groceries and meat all have arrived, Each Band appoints helpers and you divide the Rations, The first day is the hardest to do the divideing because the Indians are doubtful, as to the division of the grub, but stick to it that you cant be wrong, some Indians come late, perhaps the next day, but a slight adjustment in the divideing of the grub will take care of any complaints.

Wed. Evening- It is a good idea to have a talk Wednesday eveing after the Indians have eaten and line up pretty well with them what you intend doing the following three days. Impress on them with out thir help the Days simply ~~we~~ wont go over. Help such as Geting out in the mornings early enough to leave the grounds at not later than 9.30. Arriveing on the bridge about ten o'clock. Geting out the entries for the races in the afternoons so as not to dela the program, appoint a couple of Indians to drum these entries out, giving them ~~no~~ gratuit of course. There will be lots to talk about at this meeting.

Parades.- Each morning some one must be at the gr grounds not later than eight o'clock, Wake the camp up and get them started cooking breakfast. Geting in the horses. Some will be dressing. But get out of the grounds by 9.30 sure. You have already arranged with the police for two of their men to ride in front of the Parade. be sure and do this, as it giveing the Indians more confidence, a feeling that they belong, the Police are their and they are their friends. Arrive on the bridge, following the same line of trail that has always been taken the last two years, any other line you might loose fifty dollars, \$25. each from the Homestead and the Y.W.C.A.

Col. Moore and Pearl will likely do your judging on the bridge, Firsts and seconds in each class is sufficient. Curtail your money as much as possible, but dont be stingely. Special prizes are even of more intrest than those in the best Men, Women, and Children, The prizes are paid for in front of the Hotel, All other in the Parade get one dollar, with the Cow boy and cow girls fifty cents each. Jonnie Lefthai will likely be in charge of this section, treat him as one of your leiutents, regarding pay.

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At Hotel- Your helpers Jonny Bearspaw and Tom Simeon will find the prize winners as you call out their names. First though you must have some one knowing the Indians to give a short talk to the Hotel Guests. I will likely be able to get Earnie Kehr to help you along. he is a good show man, knows the Indians prett well and they like him. He will give a talk on the program which is of course very necessary. The Hotel will appoint some Guest to pay the money prizes. Your cashier will hand the Guest the money each time as the winner comes forward. Encourage all photographers at ALL TIMES, it is that stuff that advertises the DAYS. Have a Bus ready at the Grage to take the Old Time Walking Indians back to the Grounds.

Yours faithfully,

Gate Help- This is one of the tough spots of all the organization. It is well to keep the same gate keeps through the four days. At the Race Track the gates should be manned not later than one P.M. at lease half a dozen selling numbered tickets and four taking the tickets. Sunday-while it is against the law to sell ticks on this day, it is seldom we have ever had any complaints. At the Concerts in the eveings, gate men should be on the spot not later than six thorty P.M. The success of the the Days is what you get at the gates, be sure you get IT ALL.

Race Track- Jack White has always been the chief of Races, the program need not be followed in detail, so long as you can put on four or five events of races is sufficient. Then you move into the inner field in front of the bucking chutes, pull the stake race and then go on with the bucking events. In the bucking it is well to be careful in geting a judge that knows bucking laws. I know no one in Banff right n now who is aviable. Chas Beil but he wont do it day after day. It is an expensive item to bring any one from the prairies. but I have had to do it twice, just paying the judges actual

expenches. Jonnie Lefthand looks after all organization of this event.

It is not the case already; it is possible that the above number should be placed on the property in such a position that it can be seen from the street.

Sunday Afternoon- One of the best programs the show puts on. With very little help from the Director of Events, the Indians will pretty well call the program. You will find Tom Simeon very helpful in this case.

Teepees- A judge is generally taken from some one attending the show. Prizes of \$15.00 \$10.00 and \$5.00 for best decorated teepee. and \$10.00 for the best Medicine teepee. and \$1.00 for all other teepees decorated or not. Perhaps some special prizes of five dollars can be paid as well, don't be stingy with your money unless you happen to run into wet weather.

Rain & Wet Days- Never postpone your program. Carry it through no matter what the weather may be. A continuation of wet days raises hell with the gates. That is the time the Indians must play ball and do their stuff for little or nothing so far as prizes are concerned. Your argument is, "The money we get is all yours, you have it all now so how can we pay more".

Concerts- Singing and dancing comprises the list. Earnie Kehr is a host in himself in getting lots of life into the evenings. Tom Kakquit and Tom Simeon are also good with ideas. You get rid of a lot of your hard earned money at these concerts, by giving the Indian Indians small numbered paper checks. Nothing but the word CONCERT and a number on them. These are given to those who really dance and take part in the program. All contestants should be in costume. Don't waste tickets on women and children who happen to get into say a Deer dance dressed in white men's clothes and generally spoil the glamor of the staging. These tickets are cashed on Sunday morning at the grounds and may be worth any thing from two bits to a dollar, depends on how much the Concerts have taken in at the Gate. Also how your cash is hanging out.

Sunday Pay Off- Sunday morning about ten or eleven O'clock is a good time to settle your accounts with your Indians. You have already payed off your work gangs foremaned by Tom Simeon for work done on chute, cutting down trees, laying out the Concert grounds and pitching the teepees, always have the women go over all teepees, put on new lugs and mend any part of toren canvas, have canvas ready for patching and needles and thread.

You pay off Jonnie Left hand and the list of men he has had helping him, such as chute men, pick up men, These men get about two dollars a day, Jonnie gets ten dollars for each horse he bring up and a bonas of what ever you can pay him, twenty five dollars perhaps,

You pay the Concert dancing tickets as already stated. The three nights might run perhaps two hundred dollars. The tickets are numbered from one up to say five hundred, and stapled to-gather in 25 lots, so you can keep track of how many tickets you are giving out, each ticket is duplicated with a stub, Stub carrying same number as the ticket toren off the stub. The stubs gives you a record of what you have given out. Which the Secetary needs for his records.

You pay each Chief say \$15.00 as a present for good will.

You pay Indian gate keepers from Wednesday the arrival of the Indians to Sunday afternoon. These men keep out all whites, while the camp is being pitched, all mornings while the Parade is on up to the time when the whiet ~~XXXXXX~~ gate keeps come on, All evenings up to ten or eleven O'clock keeping out all white people and drunken visiting Indians. It is well to have have a policeman or two dropping in and out in the eveings after the Concerts. Visiting drunken Indians have no mercy for, Stony Indian troubles settle among the Chiefs and your selves.

Monday Morning-

Tom Simeon and his gang will take the job of cleaning up the Concert grounds. This will cost you up to \$75.00 or more, This is important.

Sunday evening every Indian Camp must circle his own teepee and clean up any rubbish, tin Cans etc and pile in a common pile.

Have the Government inspect the toilets, repair and clean same. Impress on the Indians when you talk to them Wednesday eveing that they must use these toilets and keep them clean, Have toilet paper in all the privies.

Inspect Camp two weeks ahead of opening dates, Look well at the grand stand seat, for weak spots, Government will fix these to be safe. Inspect the fences around race track, Government will help out here too.

Get strips of cotton for wire fence around bucking enclosure and have the cotton streamers hung on to the wire fence. Tom Simeons gang can do this.

It is well to go to the train with the Indians that are leaving, some may have lost their tickets, others may need ~~xxxx~~ tickets.

Know where you can find a Doctor quickly, Arrange if possible to have a Nurse or two from Morley on the job all the time. A first aid teepee is a good thing, perhaps the Nurse will sleep in it, Doctor Atkin has always been my stand by. The Indians know him too and like him.

A good guide as to prices paid for labor, the money paid for prizes, would be 1949 statements, gotten out by Mrs Peter White She was positively the best Casier I ever had "God Bless Her."

Subscriptions-

I cant dwell to strongly on the necessity of geting in the collections from the business people of Banff. Last year 121 ~~xxxx~~ 121 subscribed, with a total of about \$1500.00 This should be increased this year, the price of food has gone up and many other expences as well. You know as well as I do what these Days of Indians means to Banff as an advertiseing medium, try to get more from each old subscriber and do not over look any new businesses.

Printing & advertiseing-

I have some very fine colored lithohraphs that will do fine for the hangers some fifty in number that can cover Banff and Lake Louis. The printing of tickets and special dodgers and prgrams will naturally be taken care of by Crag & Canyon. Their prices are very fair and any rush jobs they have always been willing to see through.