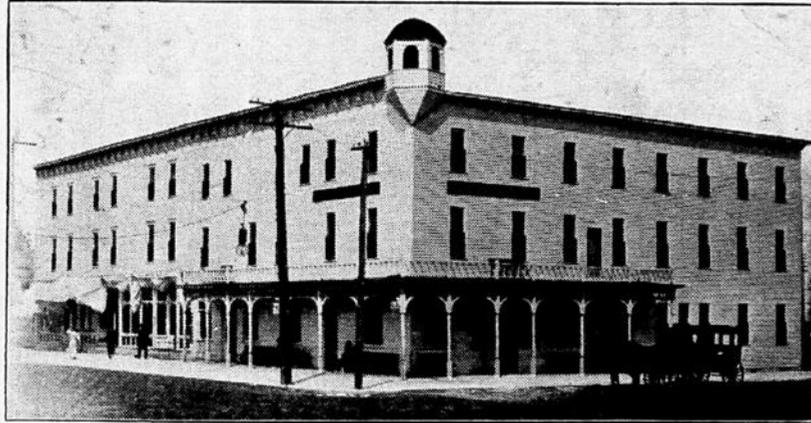


BEMIDJI'S LEADING HOTEL



HOTEL MARKHAM.



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Popular Hotel Man of the Great Northwest.

Mr. Lycan has been a resident of Bemidji for two years only, coming here from Crookston, where he disposed of his hotel interests in order to assume the management of the Markham hotel, the largest and most luxurious hotel in the state, barring the Twin Cities and Duluth. The Markham hotel, interior and exterior views of which appear in these pages, is a three-story building, not counting the basement. It contains eighty-two rooms, aside from those assigned to the help, and its furnishings are superb in every way that that term implies. Every room in the house is commodious, clean and perfectly ventilated, the furnishings of each are conducive to absolute comfort, while the bedding is all that could be desired by the most fastidious or affluent, both as to freshness, cleanliness and texture. The hotel contains private bath rooms, an exceedingly spacious office, and a dining room sufficient to accommodate, in an emergency, several hundred persons.

It is steamheated, the service afforded is of the sort that all high-class hotels observe, and every detail for the convenience and comfort of guests is painstakingly attended to.

The cuisine of the Markham hotel should be especially noted, as should also the table service. One of the best chefs obtainable is retained to produce the appetizing dishes for which the Markham is noted, plenty of help is employed so that promptness as well as gratification may enter into the preparation of a meal, while the culinary equipment lacks nothing which facilitates service and improves the cooking, baking or roasting of edibles. The table service is metropolitan in every respect, elegant silverware and immaculate linen forming important adjuncts. The tables are conveniently arranged, thus allowing either privacy or party gatherings, and a corps of polite waitresses serves the guests.

The Markham hotel is indeed a decided credit to the city of Bemidji, as it reflects the fact that this city is an important railroad center and distributing point, else how could a first-class hotel exist here? The citizens of Bemidji are

correspondingly vain in their boast that they possess a hotel of this magnitude and class, and for this they can be pardoned without comment.

F. S. Lycan, the proprietor of the Markham hotel, is a man of many years of practical hotel experience. He can comprehend the needs of his guests, and he sees to it that their wants are attended to. Although having been here for but two years he has exhibited a business sagacity that has served as the medium which impelled his election to the presidency of the Bemidji Commercial Club, and he is condescended to be one of the most useful and progressive citizens Bemidji can claim. He is not only alert to the exigencies of this day of grace, but he continually puts into practice all feasible theories which are suggested or which may arise. By virtue of his tenure of service in the hotel business, Mr. Lycan can claim legion friends, he is one of the most widely known men in his business to be found in the state, and The Pioneer can unhesitatingly endorse Mr. Lycan as one of the most energetic and ingenious men that the city affords.