

In Between The Shower's

Some 23,000 or 30,000 People
Went to the Fair,

An Ideal Afternoon for
Seeing the Grand
Display.

Conneaut's Civic Officials Among
the Distinguished Visitors.

Fireworks Fizzed and Banged
Regardless of the Evening's
Rain.

Beautiful Weather for the Wind-Up—
Unequivocal Success of the Silver
Jubilee Celebration.

Twenty-two thousand checks were sold from the wickets at the Western Fair gates yesterday, and it is estimated that 25,000 people were on the grounds. The grand stands contained about 6,000 people in the afternoon and about 8,000 in the evening. The day passed off most pleasantly. The ring attractions, which have been admired and applauded all week, met with the same treatment yesterday afternoon. About 6 o'clock an array of inky and threatening clouds gathered in the west, which a stiff breeze chased over the city, and a heavy downpour of rain followed that continued all night, dampening the ardor of Western enthusiasts. Thousands left the grounds, while other thousands sought refuge in the grand stand. The evening programme was hustled through, and the fireworks fizzed and banged in gorgeous glory in the drenching rain. The main building was completely packed with people, and this proved a great thing for the art loan exhibit. The rain doubtless deterred thousands from visiting the evening performances.

From 6 o'clock last night till 10 there was a constant jam at the gates. Every car that came in eight was filled to overflowing before it had a chance to stop properly. The open cars were simply a snarl. Men jammed into them regardless of women and children, some even going so far as to climb in over the wire netting at the side.

CAME FROM CONNEAUT.

The Conneaut citizens were delighted with their visit to London and the fair yesterday. "Next year," said one of the deputation, "we will come in larger numbers and stay a week." There can be no doubt, too, that the citizens of London were very much pleased at the opportunity of welcoming their friends from the enterprising city in the Buckeye State. The new ferry line to Port Stanley has, already, brought Conneaut and London closely in touch, with the result that, almost, of continued business relationships and frequent summer excursions to and fro, the good fellowship so suddenly brought about between the two towns, is bound to continue. The excursion was under the auspices of the Conneaut Board of Commerce, and for many in the party, it was their first day on Canadian soil. Until recently Conneaut people generally had never heard of London, until yesterday many of them had not the slightest idea of the size of the place or of the Western Fair. But the board of commerce deputation were so thoroughly pleased with their visit that they gave positive assurance of a bumper excursion—1,000, at least, next year. On this occasion arrangements had been hastily made, and the party numbered only about 60, but they were a jolly crowd. They included: J. E. Gordon, president of the Conneaut Board of Commerce, and wife; S. J. Smith, president First National Bank; and chairman of the reception committee of the board of commerce; Capt. E. Day, superintendent of Conneaut and Pittsburgh Dock Company, and wife; C. W. Smith, editor of Post-Herald, and also the following members of the board of commerce and their wives: W. E. Masters, F. L. Wingate, E. A. Burroughs, E. H. Pond, H. T. Culp, C. M. Travers, G. W. Travers, Ed. Travers, Capt. R. R. McLeod, of Shenango No. 1, and wife; Sheriff F. M. Pearce, of Ashtabula county; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Jackson, M. Feldstein, Miss Ida Kahler, G. Platt, ex-city engineer, of Erie; City Engineer Hewitt; Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Mason; Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Stone; Dr. Andrews, H. Stringfellow, O. W. Germond, L. Hiller and Miss Hiller, R. F. Fisher, Miss Randall and Miss Black; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Millard, and Mrs. H. H. Millard, of Atcheson, Kan.; Mrs. E. F. Millard, Mr. L. Naef, and Miss Naef, Mrs. F. E. Lake, Chicago; Mrs. F. M. Olmstead, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Stoddard, and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wheeler.

The Shenango left Conneaut at 8:45 a.m., and on the trip to Port Stanley the majority of the passengers had a touch of seasickness, for the lake was quite rough. They had all been long enough on terra firma, however, by the time they got to London to have forgotten the unpleasantness of the morning.

As representatives of the London Board of Trade, President A. B. Gordon and Secretary J. E. Niles, together with Ald. Carrothers and Ald. Jolly, left on the L. E. and D. R. R. at 10:25 to meet the visitors at Port. Owing to the late arrival of the boat the hospital arrangements made by the local reception committee did not transpire quite according to the lines laid down. It was expected that the party would reach London at 2 o'clock, and have time

to visit Springbank as well as the fair. But it was 2:45 p.m. when the train pulled into the G. T. R. station, and the party was escorted direct to Queen's Park. Special street cars, sent with Manager Carr's compliments, were boarded at the corner of York and Richmond streets, and the exhibition grounds were soon reached. The guests were bright red badges, provided by the fair board, and which entitled them to the freedom of the grounds. They were met at the directors' headquarters by the Chatham Band. President Gartshore gave a brief, cordial address of welcome, and subsequently a tour of the grounds was made. Several seats in the center of the grand stand had been reserved for the deputation by the directors, and after a hurried glance at the principal exhibits the party was escorted thither to witness the attractions. After the afternoon performance dinner was provided at the Tecumseh House. The party left on a special at 10:45 p.m., much pleased with their reception.

Ring Events.

The sporting events were of more than an ordinary character, and by long odds the best of any day this week. The first race was an exciting one, and a keen contest. The start was made in fine style, and in two of the four heats run the horses held their original places from start to finish. In the second and third heats of this race, the Canadian record of 2:30 for trotting teams was reduced by 2%, a second by George G. McCormick's Polly Stanton and mate, which covered two pretty miles without a break. In 2:27 1/2, Walter Medium and mate followed in second place, until the third heat, when they passed Polly Stanton and mate. The evening was fast falling when the third heat was run, and an effort was made to have that heat settle the race. The people were disappointed, however, as the race was postponed until 2:30 today. Fast time was also made in the running races. Following is a summary:

2:30 TROT.

First race, open teams, mile heats, best two in three, purse \$100.

W. Chamberlain, Petrolia . . . 2 1 1
Polly Stanton and mate, Geo. G. McCormick, London . . . 1 2 4
Jedie Lambeth . . . 4 3 3 2
Eric R. and Anto J. J. W. Horton, Sheddin . . . 3 4 4 3
Time—2:32 1/2, 2:27 1/2, 2:28, 2:31 1/2.

H. Corry's (Peggy) Nutcracker and mate did not start.

RUNNING RACE.

Second race, 1/4 mile, running, heats, best three in five, purse \$100.

Jessamine Porter, b. m., John Dymont, Orkney . . . 3 1 1
Orkney, J. Jonathan, Orkney . . . 1 2 4
Dugma, blk. m., R. Huston, London . . . 2 2 2
Time—1:52 1/2, 1:52 1/2, 1:51.

Honeymoon (S. C. Bogart, Woodstock), Wabano, W. A. Sage (Niles stock), Nettie D. F. Elliott, Pond Mills), Topsy B. (S. Beattie, Clinton), also ran.

John Henry, the guideless stallion, with a trotting record of 2:14, made a mile in 1:57, did a mile without a guide in 2:26 1/2. John Henry is owned and was trained by Randal Learn, of Aylmer, who also trained the celebrated Goldring, which made his first public appearance here. Goldring is now in England, and is creating a sensation on the English tracks by his marvelous work as a guideless trotter. John Henry promises to be the perfecting equal in every respect to the performance of the horse yesterday speaks volumes for Mr. Learn as a trainer.

NOTES.

All manners of fakes have been worked to gain admission to the grounds. Mr. W. M. Spencer has an interesting collection of different kinds of passes used. One is an Orchard pass, which is good for one; another is a green ticket, a return check for gate No. 1; a brass check about the same size as the gate checks of the Western Fair, stamped "J. B. Reaton, good for one drink at the bar." A number of dollars in bad money were passed upon the check sellers.

Those interested in any way in the racing events have nothing but good words for Dan Ferguson, the official starter.

The parade of prize stock was an interesting feature of the ring attractions.

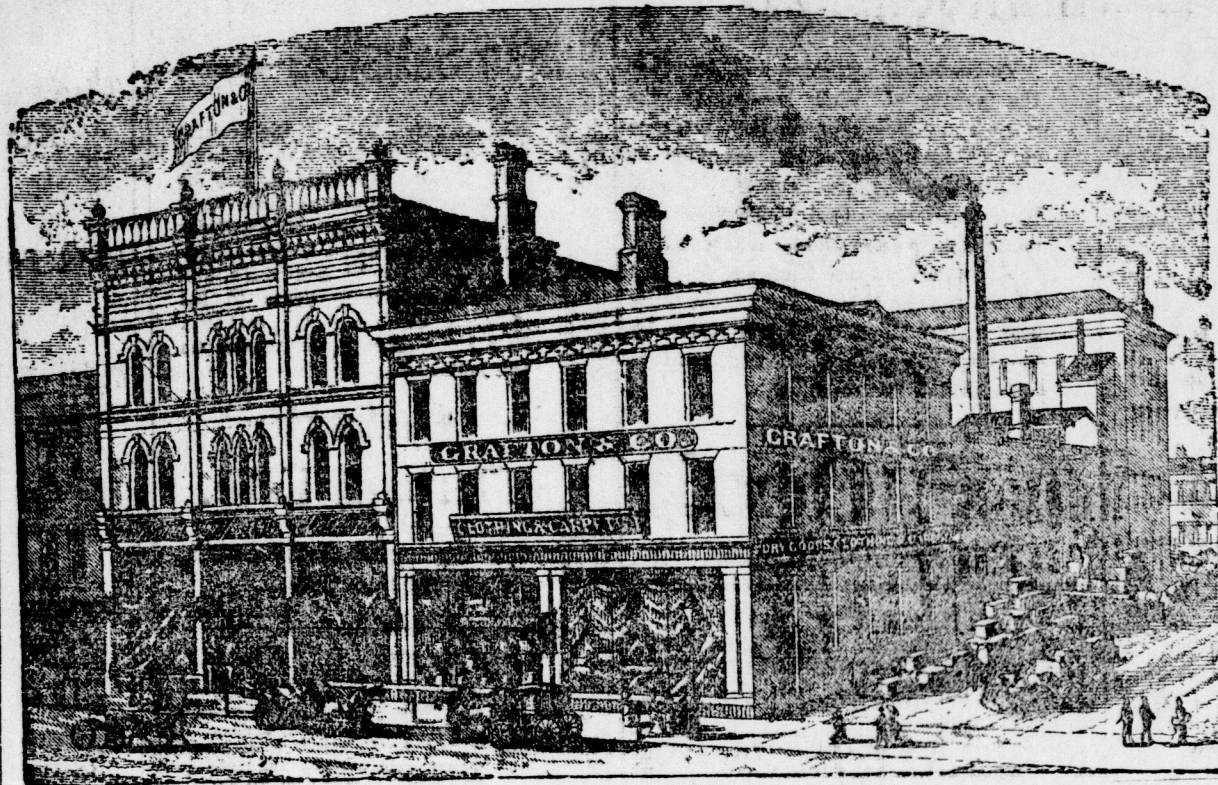
The Royal Canadian Dragoons returned to Toronto last night. Their marvelous performance was one of the chief attractions of the fair.

Notable Exhibits.

RESULTS OF COMFORT SOAP EXHIBIT.

Among the good results of the fair none will be more beneficial and few so far-reaching as the great publicity given to Comfort Soap. The unique features of the display and the clever idea of a popular guessing contest were characteristic of the Comfort Soap manufacturers. One result of their enterprise and originality is that no man, woman or child entered the main building without having the name "Comfort Soap" firmly impressed on their minds, and few left the building who did not carry home with them some pretty souvenir, which will be preserved and which will keep on telling everybody who sees it that "Comfort Soap is all right." Those five words tell the whole story. They mean that Comfort Soap is the perfect dirt-remover, will not injure the most delicate fabric, works quickly and thoroughly, and is the most economical soap in the world. The term "All right" is used in an absolute sense.

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CHARACTERISTIC CARRIAGES.

"That must be Greer's exhibit," said a well-dressed, shrewd-looking man, as he entered the transportation building yesterday in company with a number of friends. They were looking at a magnificent display of carriages, occupying the entire middle space of the building.

"I can tell Greer's carriages anywhere," continued the man. They have a characteristic beauty of design and elegance of finish that you don't find in any other carriages.

"Yes," said another member of the party, "I've noticed that, too. B. Greer is successor to B. J. Nash & Co. He grew up in the business. I have two of his carriages, and they are about as nearly perfect in every detail as a carriage can be made. They have the strongest and easiest running gear I ever saw."

OVERHEARD ON THE CAR.

"Well, dear, what interested you most at the fair?" asked a kindly-looking man of his wife as they were riding up town on the car, yesterday afternoon.

"Oh, I don't know," she replied, smiling, "there was so much that was lovely and interesting. But I don't believe I saw anything that pleased me quite so much as the New Williams sewing machine. You know, I was looking at the sewing machines all the time you were watching the horse race. And I didn't like any of the others as well as the New Williams. It does such lovely work, runs so lightly, and is so easily operated. They have a cabinet machine, which, when closed, makes it like the one they call the 'Drop-head' best. It has no box. When closed it makes a neat, handsome table. When you want to use it, the machine part is swung up into position through a little trap door in the top of the table. It's by far the neatest thing I ever saw."

Then the little woman said slyly: "My birthday's next week, dear." He understood, and answered as any good and loving husband would: "All right, dear, Fessenden Bros., 233 Dundas street, sell the New Williams. I shan't forget."

ACETYLENE GAS MADE WITH SAFETY.

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T. W. ECKERT.

Yesterday afternoon at the Western Fair, and again at the Bell warehouses last evening, Mr. T. W. Eckert exemplified the wonderful qualities of the Bell Orchestral Piano. At each rendition the passages around the Bell exhibit were so thronged with people as to completely block the thoroughfare, and in each instance Mr. Eckert was obliged to desist from playing in order to put the sight-seers again in circulation.

The last recital will be held tonight at the Bell warehouses at 8 o'clock.

LIFE SAVED.—Mr. James Bryson Cameron writes: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs and was given up by physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, stating that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice, I procured the medicine, and less than half a bottle cured me; I certainly believe it saved my life. It was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any remedy to do me good."

HELD THE CARS

Ohio Volunteers Determined to
Have Sleepers.

Condition of the U. S. Troops at Santiago—Evacuation Commission at Work.

Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 16.—There was a sensational scene at the union station Saturday night, when troops A, B and C, First Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, of Cleveland, took forcible possession of a train, and refused to permit it to be moved. The soldiers were brought in here from Huntsville, Ala., in tourist sleepers, but the contract only called for their use as far as Columbus, so the Pennsylvania Railroad ordered the Cleveland men out, that the cars might be returned to Cincinnati. The men refused, and when an engine was coupled on to the five cars, an armed line of guards was thrown around the train, the intention being to have one of the Cleveland roads to haul the cars. Major Webb Hayes and District Passenger Agent J. M. Harris finally compromised the matter.

Gen. Lawton's bulletin on the sanitary condition of Santiago is as follows: Total sick, 511; total fever, 529; total new cases fever, 80; total returned to duty, 230; deaths, 2.

At the meeting of the Spanish and American evacuation commissions, at San Juan, the American commissioners were firmly and were met in a proper spirit by the Spaniards. The latter displayed no disposition to delay the work in hand. The American commissioners say everything is progressing favorably.

Hospitals have been established on an island in Santiago harbor, about two miles from the city. Conditions have greatly improved during August. Yellow fever has been less a scourge than had been expected, the death rate being held down to 12 per cent, but the period has proved deadly, entirely the light nourishment necessary in the treatment of the disease.

HAD LAUDANAUM

In Her Pocket—Pretty Canadian Girl in Trouble in Buffalo.

Buffalo, Sept. 16.—Ethel Stokes, a pretty Canadian girl, 20 years old, was found wandering on Main street by the police Wednesday night. She was taken to the police station, and on being searched, a bottle of laudanum was found in her pocket.

To Matron Church, of the first police precinct, she told a pitiable story, which was in effect that three months ago she married a traveling man in Chatham, Ont., against the wishes of her parents. A few days ago he deserted her, and rather than go back home she set out to find him. She believed him to be in Buffalo, and

came here. All she had left was 35 cents. She walked the streets all day yesterday in the hope of meeting him, and being discouraged, bought the laudanum. She would not admit, however, that she intended to take the stuff. Her parents have been notified of her whereabouts.

POLITICAL POINTS

Trials of Protests Postponed—Bars to Close on Plebiscite Day.

It is thought today that the Ottawa protests, as London and Powell, will not materialize.

The trial of the protest against Mr. Marter, M.P.P. for North Toronto, which had been fixed for Sept. 27, is postponed indefinitely.

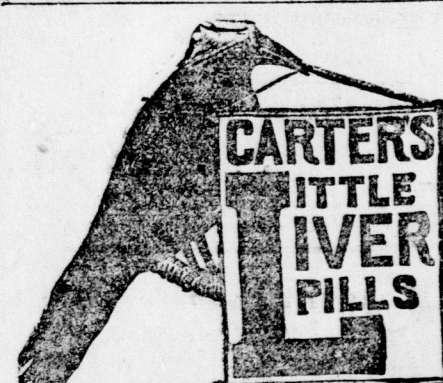
The protest against W. J. McKee (Lib.) of North Essex, will probably be dropped. The date originally fixed for the trial was Sept. 18.

So far as Ontario is concerned, there will be no open bars on Sept. 29, the date set for taking of the plebiscite vote. The attorney-general has so decided, and notices are being sent out to the hotelmen of the province that they will be required to close their doors on plebiscite day, as on any election day.

The eight rota judges will assemble in camera Saturday morning at 10:30, and will rearrange the dates of the trial of the various election petitions. The statement that the petition against the return of Mr. Marter in North Toronto has been abandoned, is unfounded.

FIVE FOOT CUCUMBER.

Coldwater, Mich., Sept. 15.—Elmer Dingman, a California township farmer, raised a cucumber of the common variety that measures five feet in length.



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