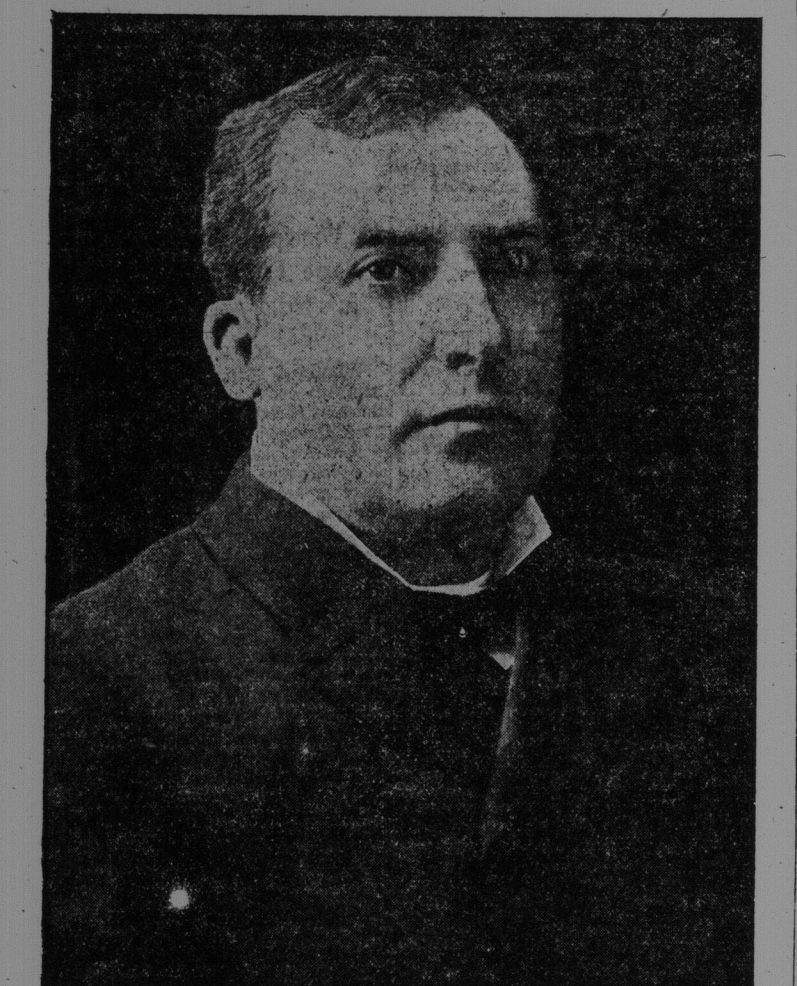


# EXHIBITION OPENING A STRIKING SUCCESS

Record Crowd Hears Cheering Speeches and Very Fine Singing at Inauguration of the Big Fair of 1906--Buildings Present Many Attractions, and Everybody is Enlivened by the Swing of the Pike.

Amusement hall, the scene of the formal opening, was gaily decorated and, after a little, brilliantly lighted, the electrical apparatus refused work at first and the people gathered and took seats in semi-darkness. A little after 8 o'clock all was in order and the lights were turned on to show the large building crowded to its capacity and more people stood on the stairs, filled the platform seats and occupied extra chairs placed wherever a place could be found for the people.

The association had the hall nicely decorated. The pillars are twined with hunting and the work is done with much taste—more so than is usual. For the opening exercises A. O. Skinner presided. Not all the speakers were present when the chair was taken, but arrived before their places on the programme had been reached. To the right of Mr. Skinner sat



HON. L. J. TWEEDIE, NEW BRUNSWICK'S PREMIER

Hon. H. R. Emerson, minister of railways and canals, and Hon. L. P. Farris, New Brunswick's commissioner of agriculture. To the left sat Lieut. Gov. Snowball, who was to formally declare the fair open; Premier Tweedie and Mayor Sears. Others on the platform were Senators Ellis and King, Dr. J. W. Daniel, M. P., Dr. A. A. Stockton, M. P., Dr. A. A. Hetherington, Henry Gallagher, C. B. Robinson, of Ottawa, private secretary of the minister of railways; F. H. Foster, Peter Mahony, C. B. Allan, manager, C. J. Milligan, of the exhibition; A. L. Lewis, Rowan, Lantulum, Baxter, Vanwart, Willet, Holder, Sprink, Peckett, Lockhart, and McGoldrick. Director Wisely, B. L. Gerow, Dr. J. H. Frink, F. A. Dykeman, Josh Ward, R. A. Courtenay, E. H. McAlpine, K. C., T. A. Peters, deputy commissioner of agriculture, Geo. Jenkins, M. Coll and others, besides a large number of ladies.

A. O. Skinner, in welcoming the visitors to the exhibition on behalf of the executive of the association, said they desired to make the event the banner exhibition of St. John for several reasons. There was to be a dominion exhibition in Halifax and it had been claimed that it would be impossible to hold one in St. John on that account. It was, therefore, greatly to the credit of the citizens if they made it a success. He would like to see an exhibition every year. There was nothing to equal these occasions for bringing people from the country, making them acquainted with the merchants and inducing them to spend their money.

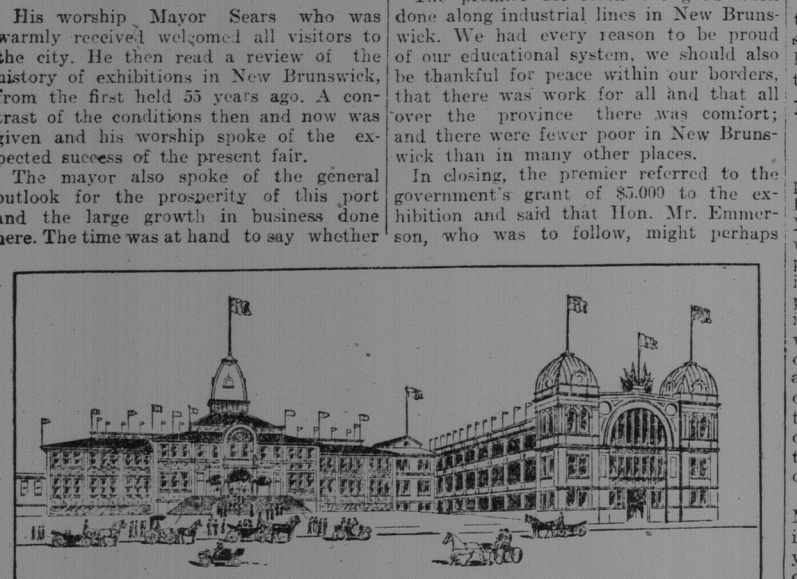
There were several features, the speaker continued, which would be found entirely new. Many changes had been introduced and people could not say it was the same old story over again. With auspicious weather he believed they would have a record attendance.

He would like to impress the citizens with the importance of supporting their own exhibitions with their attendance. There was no need to urge this on the people outside. There were 35,000 people in St. John alone to come and it was their duty to turn out every time and demonstrate to the city fathers and the government that they appreciated and supported these events. He hoped on this occasion they would have at least 10,000 present at the exhibition on Monday and they would go out as 10,000 individuals prepared to advertise and recommend it.

**Mayor Sears.**

His worship, Mayor Sears who was warmly received by all visitors to the city. He then read a review of the history of exhibitions in New Brunswick, from the first held 55 years ago. A contrast of the conditions then and now was given and his worship spoke of the expected success of the present fair.

The mayor also spoke of the general outlook for the prosperity of this port and the large growth in business done here. The time was at hand to say whether



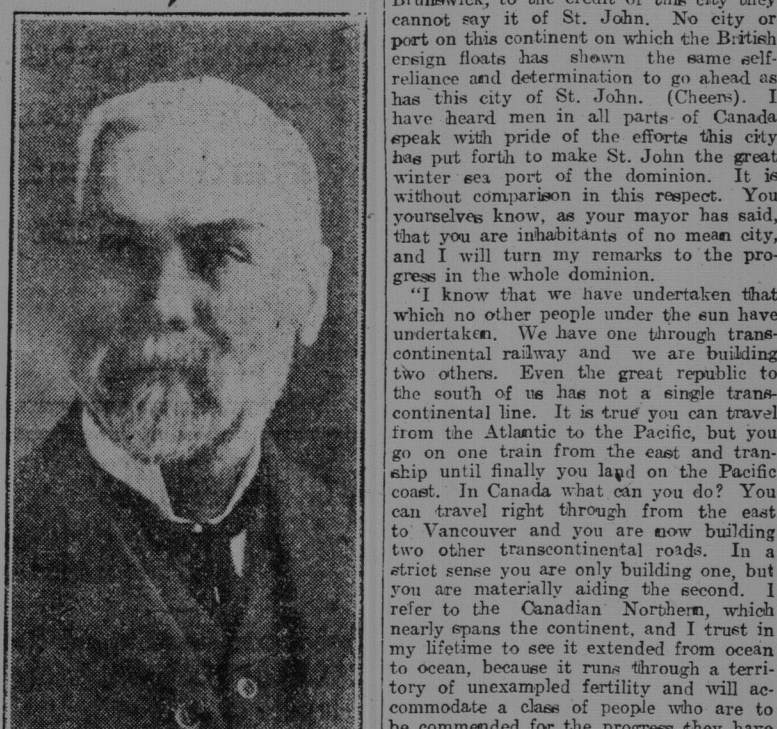
BUILDINGS WHERE THE BIG EXHIBITION IS BEING HELD

promise \$50,000 from Ottawa for a dominion exhibition to be held in this city. Mr. Tweedie trusted the St. John fair of 1906 would meet with every success.

**Hon. H. R. Emerson.**

Hon. H. R. Emerson was applauded as he was announced. In his opening remarks he asked his hearers if it were ever possible to go anywhere without hearing unpleasant reminders. He had fancied himself rather a young man, but when he came on that platform and he, I think, the mayor referred to past exhibitions and especially to one in Kings county in 1861, he was reminded that he had been there. It was a good many years ago, and he regarded it as one of those things which might be termed unpleasant reminders, and his hearers could therefore figure out the rest for themselves. (Laughter.) Mr. Emerson, continuing, said in part:—

"It is a far call from 1861 to 1906, and I am sure no better theme could be taken."



HON. L. P. FARRIS, COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

up that to note the contrast that existed between those days and today. I remember well the exhibition in Sussex Vale, how the village was unable to meet the congestion and people were sent to Apoliqui, to Norton, and indeed as far as the city of St. John. Things have changed since then.

"I have had the pleasure, in the long period which has elapsed, of attending other provincial exhibitions and each as a stepping stone has marked the progress of our own province and not only of our own province but of the dominion of which we possess the fairest portion of this earth, fertile and salubrious of climate. We did not do much to acquire it. It has come down to us from our forefathers. They fought and struggled with the difficulties of founding and putting us in possession of this land of promise."

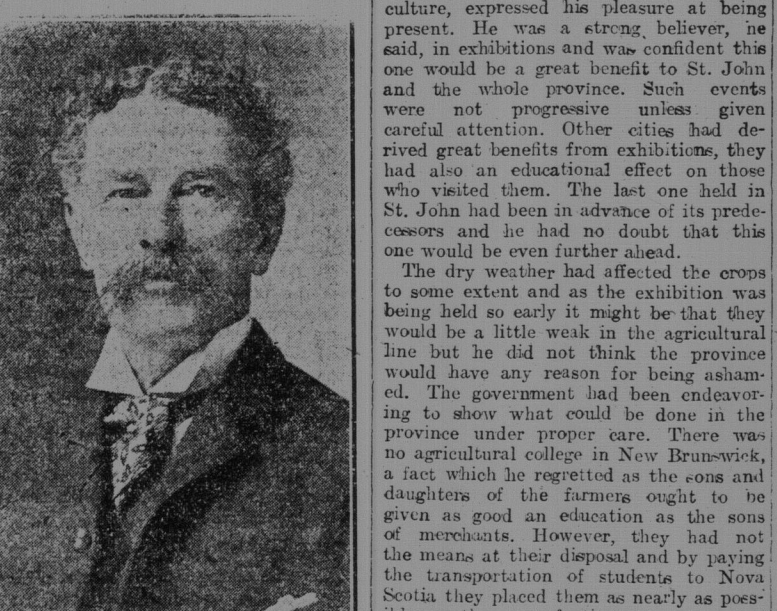
"Does not this suggest a sense of responsibility in connection with this, your heritage and possession? I am sure that as a little reduction you will conclude that while your forefathers hewed out the path for you to tread, difficulties in different forms are yours also and responsibility rests upon you with regard to those that will come after. These responsibilities are very great."

"A nation consists of its territory, its people and its laws. The only everlasting thing is the territory. That endures. When you realize its vast extent, the character of the people, and consider the perfection to which your laws have been brought, you must conclude that so far as your territory is concerned you should make the most of it and as a people not wrap up your talent in a napkin." As I said just now, the only durable thing is the territory. Generations come and generations go, but the earth goes on forever. It is, however, not merely our territory and our people, but our laws which should be the basis of our progress.

"From those who have gone before us we have inherited a system of government unparalleled on any continent. (Applause.) There is greater individual liberty for us

than under any government under the sun, and while we might fairly congratulate ourselves on that, yet let us reflect that it only emphasizes our responsibilities, and there were fewer poor in New Brunswick than in many other places."

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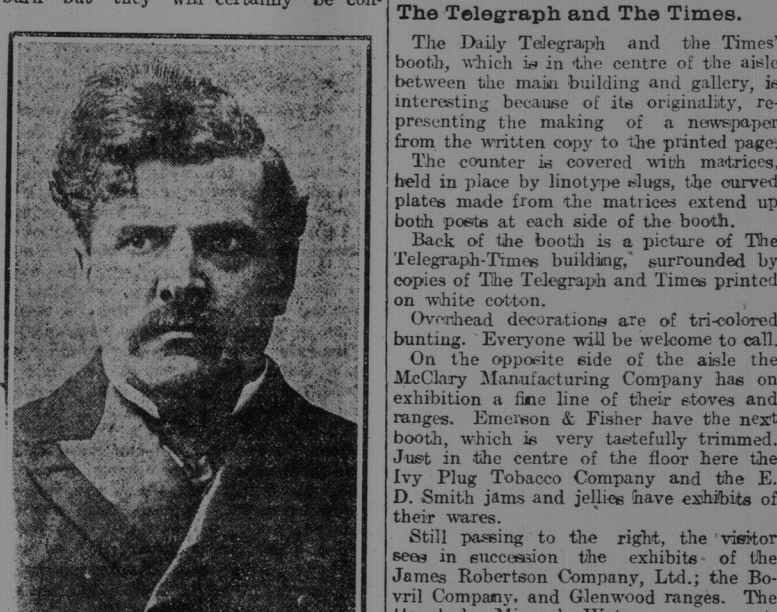
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People said we could not make money now like in old days. He believed otherwise and it was for us to make use of the opportunities offered by the great natural resources of the country.

The speaker pictured this sturdy young country in the present and expressed his conviction that there was a bright future in store. He congratulated the exhibition management on the success so far achieved and, in conclusion, spoke of his pleasure in the presence of Gov. Snowball and the minister of railways. He continued, "The minister of railways, he continued, "have been reminiscent in some of their remarks. I have not reached that stage yet. I was not present at the exhibition at Sussex Vale in 1861, but I have heard of it by tradition." (Laughter.) "One writer has said that words are as sunbeams, the more they are condensed the deeper they burn. I don't know if my remarks will burn but they will certainly be condensed."

**Dr. Stockton, M. P.**

Dr. A. A. Stockton, M. P., was well received. He said he was glad to see such a magnificent attendance at the opening ceremony. "My friends, the premier and the minister of railways," he continued, "have been reminiscent in some of their remarks. I have not reached that stage yet. I was not present at the exhibition at Sussex Vale in 1861, but I have heard of it by tradition." (Laughter.) "One writer has said that words are as sunbeams, the more they are condensed the deeper they burn. I don't know if my remarks will burn but they will certainly be condensed."



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Proceeding to speak on the future of the dominion, Dr. Stockton said the great hopes expressed by the minister of railways were not too optimistic—or his reference to the possibilities in store. These friends to the south had not a single transcontinental line from ocean to ocean, whereas Canada already had one and would have two. When the resources of the dominion were more fully developed he believed there would not be sufficient to bring the products of the west to the east.

Everyone, continued the speaker, admitted the value of exhibitions. They enlarged the mind and people went home determined to make efforts to achieve greater success. If his hearers had been in Ottawa during the last parliamentary session they would have listened to much about the west and the future of the dominion. It might be well to be proud of the west but it would not do to forget there was an east also. If the crowds must go to the west his hearers should be proud of their going as it was all part of Canada under the British flag and was bringing about the development of the empire.

But so far as Canada was concerned, the speaker said, the economic and social conditions were not so good as they were in the little province of New Brunswick. (Cheer.)

His friend, the minister of railways, had quoted Shakespeare to the effect that he was satisfied with what he received, but he would not be satisfied with what he had. He, his colleague and himself, the minister of railways also, had frequently referred to that St. John had done. There was nothing political in what he was saying, but it was beyond dispute that the time was not far distant when public men would see the importance of nation-building the ports of St. John, Halifax, Montreal and Quebec, not only for the benefit of the people themselves but for the benefit of the whole people of Canada. For that reason a project which should receive universal support.

In closing Dr. Stockton spoke of the work of Mr. Skinner, the president, and of Mr. Milligan's untiring efforts as manager and predicted for the exhibition a magnificent success.

Mr. Skinner then introduced Lt. Gov. Snowball, who formally, in a few words, declared the exhibition open, saying: "I have the honor to announce that the Canadian Exhibition of St. John for 1906 is now open." God Save the King was sung and the proceedings were over.

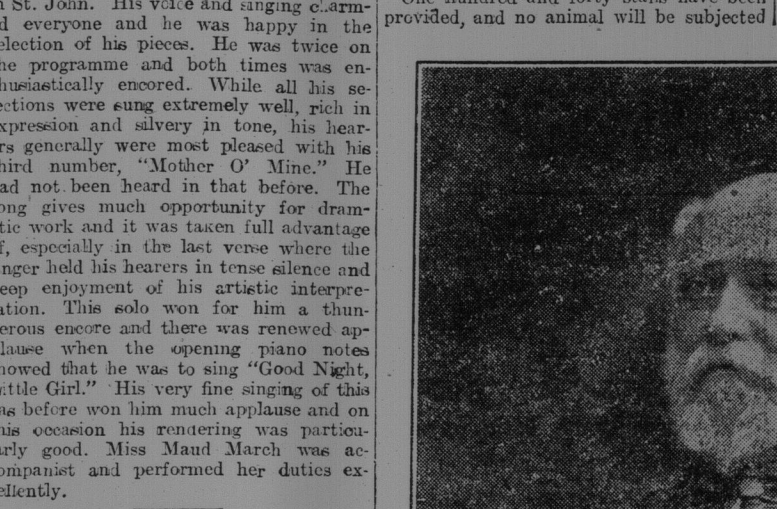
**Harry McCleskey's Fine Singing.**

Delightful beyond words was the singing of Harry McCleskey, who has never been heard with such pleasure before in St. John. His voice was a joy to everyone and he was happy in the selection of his pieces. He was twice on the programme and both times was enthusiastically received. While his selections were sung extremely well, his expression and delivery were in tune, his heart generally was most pleased with his third number, "Mother O' Mine." He had not been heard in that before. The song gives much opportunity for dramatic work and it was taken full advantage of, especially in the last verse where the singer held his hearers in tense silence and deep enjoyment of his artistic interpretation. This solo won for him a thunderous applause and there was renewed applause when the opening piano notes showed that he was to sing "Good Night, Little Girl." His very fine singing of this last before won him much applause and on this occasion his rendering was particularly good. Miss Maud March was accompanied and performed her duties excellently.

**Motor Boats and Dog Show.**

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WHAT IS TO BE SEEN

**Some Things Which a Tour of the Buildings and Grounds Reveal.**

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**The Live Stock.**

The entries of cattle and horses are large and many specimens of the standard breeds will be seen. Many have already arrived and others are now on the way. The sheds and stables have all been thoroughly renovated and are neat and clean in appearance.

The showing in horned cattle will this year be much larger than usual. Individuals have been entered from the most famous herds in the province, and the judges will have some difficulty in awarding the prizes where general merit is so high.

The sheep and swine pens will also be well filled up, and will no doubt attract much attention, as well as proving valuable object lessons to farmers.

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**The Telegraph and the Times.**

The Daily Telegraph and the Times' booth, which is in the centre of the exhibition, is a large, attractive and interesting because of its originality, representing the making of a newspaper from the written copy to the printed page. The counter is covered with matrices, held in place by linotype slugs, the curved plates made from the matrices extend up both sides of each side of the booth.

Back of the booth is a picture of the Telegraph-Times building, surrounded by copies of the Telegraph and Times printed on white cotton.

Overhead decorations are of tri-colored bunting. Everyone will be welcome to call. On the opposite side of the aisle the McClary Manufacturing Company has on exhibition a fine line of their stoves and ranges. Emerson & Fisher have the next booth, which is very tastefully trimmed. Just in the centre of the floor here the Ivy Plug Tobacco Company and the E. D. Smith jams and jellies have exhibits of their wares.

Still passing to the right, the visitor sees in succession the exhibits of the James Robertson Company, Ltd.; the B. V. Company, and Glenwood ranges. The Havelock Mineral Water comes next, while the space opposite is taken up with a display of the Edwardsburg Corn Syrup Company's goods. D. K. McLaren has a full line of genuine English oak stained in a booth close at hand, and the Dustless Brush Company has also a fine booth near.

**In the Gallery.**

Passing now upstairs, J. Grondine, the painter, and Scottie White Liniment have the first two booths, after which come the "backers" and having come to a fine booth in which the work of the children of the Free Kindergarten has been tastefully arranged. A beautiful Japanese tea booth next claims attention, and here the visitor can sip tea or coffee, waited on by dainty Japanese ladies, while he listens to the music of the band.

The next booth, that of the Woman's Art Association, which contains paintings by local ladies, will claim a good deal of attention on account of the excellence of its contents. The order of King's Daughters have a cozy home-like booth next, contiguous to which Mr. R. A. Led. have a fine exhibit.

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Besides these booths in which the various local and out-of-town merchants display their wares, the main building is well supplied with places in which visitors may buy souvenirs of the city and exhibition. There are very fine refreshment booths and refreshment rooms in which all may linger pleasantly and profitably.

**Carriage Hall.**

The Carriage Hall is well filled this year with a fine display of single and double carriages of all kinds and classes, road carts and fashionable coupes. There is also a goodly collection of sleighs and express wagons, all by the best makers and exhibiting to the best advantage. Among the exhibitors in this line may be mentioned the McLaughlin Carriage Company, the Nova Scotia Carriage Company, Kentville; E. N. Heney Company, Ltd., Montreal; J. Clark & Son, Fredericton; the A. G. Edgecombe Company, St. John; and Geo. Cooper, Fredericton.

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