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FIFTY THOUSAND
SAW EXHIBITIONWeek's Attendance Large at
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CLOSING DAY FEATURES

Races and Special Attractions
Delighted Big Crowd of
"Get Away" Day

(From Sunday's Daily)

The final day of the Victoria exhibition found citizens and visitors alike desirous of viewing the horse races, the various special attractions and of making a last tour of the buildings containing the many beautiful displays which have so materially contributed towards the success of the 1908 reputation of establishing a record in the annals of the B. C. Agricultural association. Thus when the first event of the afternoon programme was called, the grounds once more were thronged, the grand stand was filled to its capacity, and carried over, and pedestrians numbering hundreds lined the track. That the entertainment afforded was appreciated there could be no doubt for the cheering and applause which followed the races was accorded that appreciative applause which only springs spontaneously from a satisfied crowd of pleasure seekers.

While it was impossible to obtain the exact figures of the attendance yesterday, J. E. Smart, the secretary, and his assistants, being busy winding up general business, it is estimated, conservatively, that over fifty thousand saw the fair. The total for the first four days, as published by the Colonist yesterday, amounts to 38,000. With the addition of those who paid admissions yesterday, the figures will mount well into the forty thousands. These figures do not include those who purchased season tickets or those to whom complimentary tickets were issued. It is thought that when 50,000 is mentioned as the grand total of the week's attendance, it is far under the mark. Such a result is deemed eminently satisfactory.

The final ascension of Prof. Sylvan, the aeronaut, was one of the features of yesterday afternoon's attractions. It took place before the grand stand while the horse racing was in progress. The trick performed so successfully on Thursday, was repeated. The professor contended himself with shackling his wrists and ankles, thus bound the balloon was given its freedom. It ascended with its usual velocity and went to an exceptionally high altitude. There was a little more wind than on previous days and the aeronaut was not taken so far east as he had hoped to go. However, he did not go fast enough to make a descent into the briny deep. After letting his balloons, which he had mysteriously taken from his limbs in mid-air, drop attached to a tiny parachute, he cut the larger one and commenced a leisurely fall. The umbrella shaped support was in full view of the crowd as it descended, and the aeronaut was seen to earth. As it got lower it became affected by another current of air and was carried back towards the exhibition grounds. Subsequently it moved towards the north and the last that the onlookers witnessed was the disappearance of the aeronaut behind some buildings situated on the Mount Tolmie slope.

The hippodrome and chariot races of yesterday were pulled off as before, at intervals between the events of the meet. The bareback riders, in their picturesque costumes, guiding their prancing steeds while standing upright on their backs, created favorable comment. And their display of skill in controlling the thoroughbreds, which were racing at full speed about the track, roused enthusiasm. Their adept handling of the chariots also elicited appreciative cheers.

The stock parade again came in for undivided attention and much laudatory comment. Once more the St. Andrew's pipe band, in procession and for the last time in Victoria, saw the handsome and spirited steeds which had carried off the blue ribbons of the best local show in the history of the agricultural society. The attractions, apart from the horse races, were brought to a conclusion by the exhibition of fancy shooting by W. H. Hillis, of the Remington Rifle Co., who entertained the crowd for some fifteen or twenty minutes by illustrating what may be termed an expert with a shot gun, a .32 and a high power rifle.

As for an expression of opinion as to the success of the exhibition the secretary of the B. C. Agricultural association was somewhat diffident. He did not care to talk along that line, deeming that it would be out of place for one so prominently identified with the arrangements to make the only statement possible. He went so far as to remark that it gave him much pleasure to note the evidence of general satisfaction. To illustrate the feeling among the spectators he pointed out that there had been only two protests throughout the week, while, in previous years, there usually were more. He said that the number of complaints thought this spoke volumes for the ability of the judges. They were efficient and they had done their work carefully and thoroughly. While the experts employed were responsible for this, he deemed it a feather in the cap of members of the executive as well as on them had devolved the duty of the selection of the affairs officials: no light task, and one, quite apparent, that had been handled with proper judgment.

enough to accommodate the industrial features, the fruit competition, and the women's department.

"To give satisfaction to those directly concerned and to the public, we must have separate structures for each of these," he said yesterday. The proper effect could not be obtained if the displays of the merchants were to be mixed with apples, pumpkins, etc. It wasn't systematic, nor was it convenient. Besides, there was no doubt that the entire space available in the principal building could be filled by the business establishments, in fact that might have been done this year, as many applications had to be refused during the last few days. By putting the horticultural feature apart from the others it would be possible for the growers to enter more of their products and to arrange them to better advantage from a spectacular standpoint. Then, the women of Victoria, if they had a structure devoted to them entirely, would be in a better position to enter an interesting and an attractive show. For all these reasons, but principally because Victoria's exhibition was growing in its scope by leaps and bounds each year, he was strongly of the opinion that no time should be lost in making the additional provision outlined for the exhibition of 1909.

The second proposal which Mr. Smart made was that there should be a larger Grand Stand. "We should have a new structure, of modern design, capable of holding between 8,000 and 8,000 people." That was the statement the secretary made in this regard and then he went on to give his reasons for the opinion that such was imperative. On Thursday, when there was an attendance of 14,000, he pointed out that the stand was crowded beyond its capacity, and that then there was a throng standing about the track, the major portion of which would have been willing to spend twenty-five cents if they thought they could obtain seats. But they knew that the attempt would be futile and they resigned themselves to staying on the grounds. Much the same, he said, was the case on Wednesday, Friday and on Saturday. Though the gate receipts on those days were not as large as on Thursday, the Grand Stand seats were at a premium. Under such circumstances there was no doubt that the cost of the erection of a new structure, along up-to-date lines, having provision for taking care of at least half of the average number that might be expected to attend daily, would be well repaid by the returns.

The erection of more and better stalls for the stock was the third and last improvement which the secretary thought should be undertaken before the next show. This was equally as necessary, according to his ideas, as any of those referred to because the attracting to Victoria of a large entry of pure bred horses, of the various classes, and high class cattle, depended on whether the facilities which the management had to offer for their care during the week were adequate. If the fanciers once placed Victoria on their black list one of the greatest drawing cards in the possession of the exhibition and, certainly, one of the strongest factors in the promotion of its success, vice versa, would be lost. Any of those referred to, he stated, had been given every possible attention. The stockmen had not gone away dissatisfied. This year the stockmen on the whole, better quality than ever by the fact that there had been only two protests. But he, and he felt that members of the executive were of the same mind, thought that their ambition should not be to send competitors away lukewarm in their praise but to so anticipate their needs that they would leave full of enthusiasm, thus forming the best possible advertisement of the Vancouver island provincial show.

Mr. Smart did not want his remarks to be misconstrued. While he had mentioned improvements which he was anxious to see made he felt assured that there were few who would say that the directors had not made the best of the fair under the circumstances. But for the rain on Wednesday, which had been set apart as a civic holiday, it would have paid handsome. Just what the results would be he was not in a position to state but he thought that it would prove much the same, perhaps slightly better, than last year.

His Worship Mayor Hall, interviewed yesterday, stated that there could be no question but that the exhibition had been a notable success in every respect. The daily programme of attractions had been brought off smoothly and, quite evidently, they had been appreciated by the general public. The most important feature of a fair exhibition was the industrial, the agricultural and the stock exhibits. This year in each case there were more entries and, on the whole, better quality than heretofore. Moreover, the judging had given eminent satisfaction. These two points, he thought should be accepted as the index to the show if that were done there was no other conclusion possible than that the exhibition was one of the finest yet held under the auspices of the B. C. Agricultural association.

One of the directors of the society under whose auspices the fair was held and one who is always prominently identified with anything Victorian in its character, Mr. H. H. McKenney, K.C., expressed himself without hesitation yesterday when asked his opinion of the past exhibition. He thought it had been managed in a masterly manner and he was of the opinion that J. E. Smart, the secretary, and those associated with him, should be accorded the highest praise for the satisfactory results of their indefatigable efforts. While the show was a success, Mr. McKenney also thought that the facilities were not altogether satisfactory and that the experience gained during the past week would lead to the suggestion of improvements, which if carried into effect, would materially promote the interests of next year's show. While on this subject Mr. McKenney mentioned a feature which had been successful in obtaining for the exhibition of 1908. While in conversation with Capt. Balcom, of the Pacific Whaling Company, Mr. McKenney enacted a promise that he would send an exhibit of a complete set of whaling tools, to Victoria next fall. The captain stated that it would be of a character which would permit the public to glean a complete idea of the whaling and the various uses to which its hide, bones and flesh are put in industry. He thought that such a display would be highly interesting and an opinion with which Mr. McKenney heartily agreed.

That the Douglas fir and the cedar of British Columbia can be converted into a commercial commodity of the first importance, apart from its value as lumber, is what is proved by the demonstration of a H. E. Harman, of the British Canadian Wood Pulp and Paper company, in connection with that concern's exhibit which is situated in the machinery building. Mr. Harman has a miniature pulp mill at his disposal wherewith to show the public in a practical way, what can be done with the immense quantities

of the class of wood mentioned which is wasted annually in this province.

Mr. Harman, however, is not satisfied with showing the people the results of the process. As stated, he has the means of actually making the paper on the spot and, before the eyes of visitors, he takes a quantity of wood, boils it for eight hours under high pressure, extracts the liquid from the pot, washes it and then presses the pulp into thin sheets of brown paper. As explained by Mr. Harman the process appears exceedingly simple and his statement that in two years at the outside the industry will develop into one of the most important of the west does not seem to be an exaggeration.

While in the limited space at the disposal of the company at the local show it was impossible to illustrate the methods pursued in obtaining the different by-products Mr. Harman's knowledge of the subject and his clear explanation throws considerable light on just how the new industry proposes to work. It is claimed that gas and turpentine, both of the purest quality may be secured from the wood product which is handled in the proper scientific manner. In fact it is confidently asserted that as much can be secured from a cord of wood treated as it should be as can be gotten from a ton of coal.

Coach Horses.
Two-year-old filly or gelding—Robt. E. Barkley, Westholme.
Champion stallion and mare—Diploma, G. E. Cornwall, Vancouver.
Class 12.—Hackneys.
Stallion, three years or over—1. W. E. Butler, Ingersoll, Ont.
Brood mare—1. G. H. Hadwen, Dunsmuir, 2. G. Sangster, Sidney.
Two-year-old filly or gelding, any age—1. W. E. Butler, Ingersoll, Ont.
Two-year-old filly—1. W. E. Butler, Ingersoll, Ont.
Foil—1. Jas. Mitchell, City; 2. G. H. Hadwen, Dunsmuir; 3. Geo. Sangster, Sidney.

Three animals, the set of one registered sire, all under seven years—1. G. H. Hadwen, Dunsmuir; 2. G. Sangster, Sidney.
Champion stallion and mare—1. W. E. Butler, Ingersoll, Ont.
For best Hackney stallion on exhibition, imported or native bred from imported stock, moved from abroad, Ingersoll, Ont.; 2. G. L. Watson, Cariboo Rd.; 3. C. Moses, Saanich.
For best Hackney gelding, any age—1. W. E. Butler, Ingersoll, Ont.
For best Hackney mare, any age—1. W. E. Butler, Ingersoll, Ont.
For best Hackney stallion or gelding, any age—1. W. E. Butler, Ingersoll, Ont.
For best Hackney mare, any age—1. W. E. Butler, Ingersoll, Ont.

Class 13.—Thoroughbreds.
Stallion, three years or over—1. W. E. Butler, Ingersoll, Ont.
Stallion, two years—1. Irving H. Wheatcroft, James Island.
Field mare or gelding, any age—1. Irving H. Wheatcroft, James Island; 2. G. Mitchell, Calgary.
Three-year-old filly—1. and 2. Irving H. Wheatcroft, James Island.
Two-year-old filly—1. Irving H. Wheatcroft, James Island.
Class 14.—Shetland Ponies.
Stallion, any age—1. R. Thorburn, Vancouver; 2. A. G. Smith, City.
Pony mare—1. and 2. J. A. Graham, City.
Championship.
Standard bred, coach, Hackney and thoroughbred—1. W. E. Butler, Ingersoll, Ont.
Female, any age (reserve)—1. W. E. Butler, Ingersoll, Ont.; 2. J. H. Wilkinson, Chilliwack.

Fowls.
The American Buff Leghorn Club offers for best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet, each special ribbon—1. W. Baylis, City.
Blue Andalusian Club offers special ribbon each for best male and best female blue—1. W. Baylis, City; 2. J. H. Wilkinson, Chilliwack.
American S. C. Brown Leghorn Club offers a silver cup, provided ten or more members show a pair of best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet, as follows: best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet, one for best striped or male, one for best hackle or female—1. W. Baylis, City; 2. Blackstock Bros., City; 3. J. D. West, City.

The American R. C. B. Leghorn Club offers a diploma for best exhibit of rose comb brown leghorns—H. D. Reed, City.
The American Black Minorca Club offers special ribbon each for best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet—1. W. Baylis, City; 2. W. Baylis, City.
The International Stock Food Co. offers package International Roup Cure accepted as the index to the show if that were done there was no other conclusion possible than that the exhibition was one of the finest yet held under the auspices of the B. C. Agricultural association.

W. C. Ellison, Minneapolis, Minn., offers a ribbon and medal for the best shaped male, best shaped female, and ribbon for best colored male, ribbon for best colored female—W. Baylis, City.
The American Plymouth Rock Club offers for the best shaped barred Plymouth rock male a handsome silk prize and for the best shaped male, best shaped female, best colored male, and best colored female—W. Baylis, City.
The Canadian Barred Rock Club offers silk badges each for best barred rock cock, hen, cockerel and pullet—W. Baylis, City.

The National Columbian Wyandotte Club offers nine ribbons at shows where members are to compete, to be placed as follows: One each for best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet, one each for best shaped male and best shaped female, one each for best colored male and best colored female, and pen—W. Baylis, City.
The American Cornish Club offers club ribbons for first cock, hen, cockerel, pullet, and pen, and for best male, best female, best colored male, and best colored female to be competed for by club members—F. Longland, City.

The Canadian Leghorn Club offers special ribbons each for best colored male, best shaped male, best colored female and best shaped female in each class of leghorns—1. H. D. Reed, City; 2. W. Baylis, City; 3. Blackstock Bros., City.
Grain.
Collection of not less than 10 varieties of 10 lbs. each, of grain and grass seed—1. Mr. H. A. King, Cedar Hill.
Best collection of grain, not less than 10 lbs., special, donated by Victoria Farmers' Institute, 100-0-1, Mr. H. A. King, Cedar Hill.

Another crowd
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Game, any other variety, pullet—1. J. H. M. Fullerton, City.

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