

PRIZES WON AT ALBERNI FAIR

EXHIBITION PASSED OFF SUCCESSFULLY

The Display Testified to the Wonderful Productiveness of the West Coast.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)
Alberni, Sept. 25.—The third annual exhibition of the Agricultural Society was held at Alberni's hall on Friday the 25th inst., and was the most successful of the three yet held. The entries were more numerous and on the whole the quality of the exhibits was of higher grade than last year. The presence of the Hon. W. Templeman and R. Smith, M. P., and their wives lent eclat to the opening proceedings and the attendance was a cheerful gathering. What at one time threatened to prove disastrous to the exhibition was ultimately successfully overcome, namely, the total neglect of the local government to furnish the judges which had been promised. It having been arranged that two judges and possibly three, would be sent here in good time, reliance was placed on this understanding and no local judges appointed. As time wore on and no word came of their arriving nor could urgent telegrams produce any reply, the management at last realized that they had been neglected and would have to supply the judges at short order from the local talent. No explanation is yet forthcoming from the agricultural department as to why the judges were not sent as arranged and the demand for men in charge was suddenly found necessary to omit Alberni from the itinerary of the judges, why it did not occur to those in charge of the matter to adopt the obviously sensible and courteous plan of at once notifying the local officials here so they could make other arrangements. However, the local fanciers responded to the demand and the judges were made up and the show was ready to be opened at the appointed time. The awards in the live stock sections gave general satisfaction and if it is possible to some of the judges in the fruit and vegetable sections had in some classes given a preponderance to bulk rather than to quality in making their decisions, yet it was conceded by all that considering the short time at their disposal and the crowded nature of the exhibition tables that they had done wonders.

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The Alberni Indian boarding school also had a nice display. A special country which must be noticed was an exhibit of his district, forwarded by Mr. George Fraser of Ucluelet. The apples shown would have taken a high place against competition, but as an illustration of his district, forwarded by Mr. George Fraser of Ucluelet. These are not the small species to be found in certain swamps on this coast, but the genuine eastern cultivated cranberry, the roots of which were imported by Mr. Fraser from the east, and by means of which he has demonstrated the complete success with which cultivated cranberries can be raised in certain parts of this coast. Mr. Fraser's orchard and cranberry swamp are the show places of his part of the district. The whole exhibition was a revelation to those visitors who had but a superficial acquaintance with the resources of the valley. Among other strangers who were present were Mr. J. S. G. Halpenny, M. P., and their wives lent eclat to the opening proceedings and the attendance was a cheerful gathering. What at one time threatened to prove disastrous to the exhibition was ultimately successfully overcome, namely, the total neglect of the local government to furnish the judges which had been promised. It having been arranged that two judges and possibly three, would be sent here in good time, reliance was placed on this understanding and no local judges appointed. As time wore on and no word came of their arriving nor could urgent telegrams produce any reply, the management at last realized that they had been neglected and would have to supply the judges at short order from the local talent. No explanation is yet forthcoming from the agricultural department as to why the judges were not sent as arranged and the demand for men in charge was suddenly found necessary to omit Alberni from the itinerary of the judges, why it did not occur to those in charge of the matter to adopt the obviously sensible and courteous plan of at once notifying the local officials here so they could make other arrangements. However, the local fanciers responded to the demand and the judges were made up and the show was ready to be opened at the appointed time. The awards in the live stock sections gave general satisfaction and if it is possible to some of the judges in the fruit and vegetable sections had in some classes given a preponderance to bulk rather than to quality in making their decisions, yet it was conceded by all that considering the short time at their disposal and the crowded nature of the exhibition tables that they had done wonders.

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Plaut. Half bushel white oats — 1, T. S. Grieve. Half bushel peas — 1, R. Thompson; 2, H. Hills. Sheaf barley — 1, F. Cowley. Half a dozen corn on cob — 1, E. L. Gill. Half a dozen stalks ensilage corn — 1, A. H. Stephenson. Sweet corn — 1, J. Best; 2, R. F. Elton. Potatoes, Burkanaks — 1, T. R. Plaut; 2, R. Thompson. Potatoes, early rose — 1, J. Radford; 2, C. Taylor. Potatoes, late rose — 1, J. Redford; 2, Presbyterian Mission. Potatoes, rural New York — 1, A. W. Neill; 2, J. G. Halpenny. Potatoes, Delaware — 1, H. Hills. Potatoes, Rochester rose — 1, H. Hills. Any new variety potatoes — 1, J. G. Halpenny; 2, T. S. Grieve. Four yellow turnips — 1, A. W. Neill. Four globe mangels — 1, F. Cowley; 2, H. Woodward. Four long red mangels — 1, J. Redford; 2, F. Cowley. Four sugar beets — 1, F. Cowley. Six white carrots — 1, A. W. Neill; 2, F. Cowley. Six red carrots — 1, A. W. Neill; 2, Presbyterian Mission. Two heaviest squash — 1, F. Cowley. Two field pumpkins — 1, T. R. Plaut. Two field pumpkins — 1, F. Cowley; 2, J. Redford. Apples. Five Gravenstein — 1, W. Thomson; 2, J. D. Redford. Five Duchess of Oldenburg — 1, Mrs. A. M. Watson; 2, Mrs. Wilkinson. Five early harvest — 1, Mrs. Wilkinson. Five Northern Spy — 1, G. A. Spencer; 2, W. Thomson. Five King of Thompkins County — 1, W. Thomson; 2, H. Hills. Five Greening — 1, F. Cowley. Five Alexander — 1, G. A. Spencer; 2, Mrs. Erickson. Five Wealthy — 1, A. H. Stephenson; 2, Mrs. Wilkinson. Five Ben Davis — 1, H. Hills. Five Grimes Golden — 1, W. Thomson; 2, H. Hills. Five russet — 1, H. Hills; 2, R. Thompson. Five Newton Pippin — 1, W. Thomson; 2, H. Hills. Five Baldwin — 1, C. Taylor; 2, H. Hills. Five crab apples — 1, J. Redford; 2, Mrs. Smith. Four largest apples — 1, Mrs. Wilkinson; 2, Mrs. Smith. Plums. Five Damson — 1, Mrs. P. Nicolas. Five Lombard — 1, C. Taylor; 2, H. Hills. Five red egg — 1, Mrs. A. M. Watson. Five yellow egg — 1, Presbyterian Mission. Five green egg — 1, R. Thompson; 2, Mrs. A. W. Heath. Five collection prizes, five of each kind — 1, H. Hills; 2, R. Thompson. Five peaches — 1, E. L. Gill; 2, A. W. Neill. Five quinces — 1, R. Thompson; 2, J. Redford. Five Bartlett pears — 1, W. Thomson; 2, J. Redford. Collection of pears — 1, Mrs. Wilkinson; 2, H. Woodward. Five blackberries — 1, W. Thomson. Bunch grapes — 1, E. Coleman. Cut Flowers. Dahlias, six varieties — 1, Mrs. Smith. Gladioli — 1, F. Cowley. Pansies, five varieties — 1, Mrs. Wilkinson; 2, Helen D. Neill. Asters, three varieties — 1, W. Thomson; 2, Mrs. Neill. Sweet peas — 1, Mrs. A. M. Watson; 2, Mrs. Smith. Collection of annuals — 1, Mrs. Neill. Table bouquet — 1, W. Thomson; 2, Mrs. A. M. Watson. Hand bouquet — 1, W. Thomson. Specimen begonia — 1, G. A. Spencer; 2, Presbyterian Mission. Ladies' Work. Crochet work, cotton — 1, Christie Industrial school; 2, Mrs. Moore. Crochet work, wool — 1, Mrs. W. Roff; 2, Christie Industrial school. Any other kind fancy work — 1, Mrs. Brandt; 2, Christie Industrial school. Embroidery, table cover — 1, Mrs. Brandt; 2, Mrs. J. H. Hills. Embroidery, centre piece — 1, Mrs. Brandt; 2, Mrs. D. Morgan. Embroidery, pair doilies — 1, Christie Industrial school; 2, Mrs. W. Roff. Child's dress — 1, Christie Industrial school; 2, Presbyterian Mission. Stockings or socks, wool — 1, Mrs. A. M. Watson; 2, C. Taylor. Pillow shams — 1, Christie Industrial school. Pair mitts — 1, Christie Industrial school. Fancy knitting of any kind — 1, Christie Industrial school; 2, Mrs. W. Roff. Stocking darned with needle — 1, Mrs. A. W. Heath; 2, Christie Industrial school. Home-made rug — 1, Mrs. H. Hills. Stocking darned by girl under 12 years — 1, Francis Heath; 2, Presbyterian Mission. Sofa pillow — 1, Mrs. Brandt; 2, Miss Myles. Kitchen apron — 1, Mrs. A. W. Heath; 2, Mrs. Wilkinson. General. Pencil drawing — 1, W. Erickson; 2, Christie Industrial school. Collection native grasses — 1, T. S. Grieve; 2, J. D. Redford. Map drawn by child under 15 years — 1, Presbyterian Mission; 2, Christie Industrial school. Illustration of local scene, amateur photography — 1, Mr. and Mrs. Brandt. Collection garden seeds — 1, Mrs. Brandt; 2, R. Thompson. Loaf home-made bread, of Ogilvie's flour — 1, Mrs. Erickson; 2, Mrs. Wilkinson. One dozen buns from Ogilvie's flour — 1, Mrs. T. S. Grieve and Mrs. Erickson. Loaf home-made bread from Moffa's flour — 1, Mrs. A. W. Heath. Collection bottled fruit — 1, Mrs. Wilkinson; 2, Presbyterian Mission. Collection of pickles, six bottles — 1, Mrs. Gill; 2, Mrs. Wilkinson. Mr. H. B. Miller, the United States consul-general at Yokohama, reports that 4,000,000 gallons of Japanese beer were imported into India in 1906.

A BODY FOUND INSIDE TRUNK

MYSTERIOUS LETTER CONNECTED WITH IT

The Discovery Was Made on the Beach Near Elliott Bay, Seattle.

Seattle, Sept. 25.—The body of an unknown girl about 18 years of age was found in a trunk yesterday on the beach about two miles south of Elliott Bay. In the trunk were two letters, one of which may lead to her identification. The letter was written on the letterhead of J. B. Covington Fuel, Feed & Hauling Co., St. Paul, Minn., and signed "Edith."

The explanation. St. Paul, Sept. 25.—J. B. Covington of this city, whose firm's letter paper was found in the trunk containing the body of a young girl at Elliott Bay, near Seattle, gives the following explanation of how the firm's letter paper had come to be in the trunk.

"Edith Covington, aged 25, and Frank Covington, aged 22, were brother and sister, raised by their grandparents in Cattsburg, Ky. After they had grown up they paid me a visit, and the boy left for San Francisco. While he was here his sister, who was still in St. Paul, received a letter saying he was going to the Klondike. That was the last we heard from the young man. The district attorney and I now living in Ruthersburg, Va. We have not heard from her directly, but had news from her recently, and she is happily situated. A few days ago a letter came to me from Seattle and we forwarded it to her. I presume that while Edith was here she wrote to her brother on the firm's letter paper, and that it was fully expected that she would explain how the letter got into the trunk."

"Our theory is that Frank left his trunk behind him when he went to the Klondike and it may have fallen into the hands of the girl. She evidently had an excellent reputation. That is as much light as I can throw on the matter."

Later Details. Seattle, Sept. 25.—The dead body of a woman believed to be Mrs. Aggie Covington was found yesterday in a trunk on the beach at West Seattle. The body was best double and was packed in the trunk with a lot of clothes and other articles. It was found by a man who was walking on the beach by the high tide. The face was dark and swollen and around her neck was tied a chemise. A gas bottle of the same kind was over the mouth and tied at the back of the neck and the body was wrapped in a white sheet.

The case is the biggest mystery the Seattle police ever had to deal with. There are no means of identification except a letter bearing the postmark of St. Paul and dated April 11th, 1906, addressed to Frank Covington and signed Edith.

Mrs. Jennie Robinson, aunt of Mrs. Covington, who examined the body this morning, expressed the belief that the victim of the murder was Mrs. Aggie Covington, who was formerly Mrs. Aggie McCombs, of Vernon, B. C., and who came here from that city. Since her arrival in Seattle, she has been living with her sister, who is now believed to be in Alaska, her relatives lost trace of her.

ENLARGING SMELTER. Dominion Copper Company Will Increase the Capacity of Its Plant. It has been definitely announced that the Dominion Copper Co. will at once begin the work of enlarging the capacity of its smelting plant, located at Boundary, B.C., says the Phoenix Pioneer. This is the first time since the plant was built that the company has been enlarging the old battery of two small blast furnaces to be used daily. The new furnace has mechanical feed devices, somewhat similar to those in use at the Granby and B. C. Copper Co. smelters, and the two old furnaces have still been fed by hand. While copper was bringing 25 cents per pound the margin was sufficient so that the difference in cost of feeding was not so pronounced, but with copper at 15 or 20 cents, the case is different, and the old hand feeding will be done away with, and the electric motor used in the enlarged plant when finished, a few weeks later.

It is the intention to tear down the two old blast furnaces and rebuild them together, making one large furnace that will exceed the new furnace by some two or three feet in length. This will result in giving the smelter a capacity of several tons per day more than the present plant has—and the ore can be fed at less expense than at present.

The two old furnaces have already been blown out and the work of reconstruction commences at once, the plans having been worked out by Manager W. C. Thomas and Consulting Engineer M. M. Johnson some time ago. It is expected that a couple of months will suffice to make changes and enlargements needed.

As a result of the curtailing of ore shipments by the Dominion Copper Co.'s mines, many of the men employed at the Brooklyn and Idaho mines were laid off Thursday for the time being, but the force is kept on at the company's Hawk Hill mine in this camp, at the Mountain Rose mine. Some of the wood camp and these mines will keep the 700-ton furnace in continuous operation till the enlarged plant is ready, when a large mining force than before will be required to get out the increased tonnage needed.

Supt. Charles Rundberg was asked how long he expected to find it necessary to curtail operations at the Idaho and Brooklyn, and said it depended entirely on the time required to complete the alterations at the smelter. Meantime, he may do some necessary work at the mines referred to.

Plans have been drawn for the Dominion Copper Co. for a new central office building and warehouse, to be erected on the Idaho claim as soon as possible. The necessary lumber has been ordered, and work will start at the carpenter gang when it arrives. The plans call for a building 24 feet by 75 feet, two stories, the warehouse itself occupying a space 24 x 48 feet. The building will be specially arranged for the storage of lumber, and it is hoped to occupy it before winter sets in.

IS VISITING WEST. Sir Samuel Chisholm, a Glasgow Merchant, Touring Canada. Winnipeg, Sept. 25.—Sir Samuel Chisholm, prominent merchant and philanthropist of Glasgow, is among the visitors in the city at present, having arrived on Saturday afternoon on his way on a special pleasure trip around the world. He has identified himself with the public life of the city of Glasgow for many years, having been proved for the term from 1889 to 1902, a member of the council for many years, and chairman of the city improvement trust funds committee, besides being head of a large wholesale mercantile business in the city. In philanthropic and religious work he has been connected with many prominent organizations, being president of the Boys' Religious Society of Glasgow, and having occupied the position for 17 years. The society has a membership of some 18,000 in Glasgow, looked after by 1,800 workers, meetings being conducted every Sunday morning in 80 different halls throughout the city.

For some time past Sir Samuel has been occupied with the duties of the Westminster church yesterday morning, and gave an interesting discourse on the work of the society in Glasgow. He is accompanied by Lady Chisholm, Mr. and Mrs. Lowe, of Manchester. Mr. Lowe is a prominent manufacturer of that city.

TEN STEAMERS FOR NEW SETTLERS. Salvation Army Will Send About Twenty Thousand People to Canada Next Year. Colonel David C. Lamb, head of the Salvation Army emigration department in England, is visiting Canada and with Commissioner Combes, was in Ottawa this morning, says last Tuesday's Ottawa Free Press. Colonel Lamb was seen by the governor of the army's colony at Haddfield, and he gained there eminently fitted him for the more important position he holds to-day. He is a great organizer. A born leader, a member of the governing body in his home town, and has made rapid strides in the army.

Seen by a Free Press reporter, Col. Lamb said concerning the army's emigration plan for next year. He stated that before he left England he made arrangements with the Allan and Dominion lines to charter ten ships, and that it was fully expected the Army would send not far short of 20,000 people to Canada next season and all good emigrants too.

What is your percentage of failures? the Colonel was asked, and he replied that it was really less than two per cent, the greatest care being exercised on the other side in the matter of selection. "Wasters were certainly not being sent, and the Army would continue to show the same vigilance in the future."

Questioned as to whether he had seen the suggestion of Mr. W. D. Scott's that each immigrant should have a certain sum of money on landing in Canada, Col. Lamb said it was already the practice of the Army to require that each single man or woman should have at least \$10 on landing, and families \$25, these sums being over and above their rail fare up country.

What you are doing anything for the British Columbia this year? the Colonel was asked. He replied that among the first parties next season there would be a thousand for British Columbia. The rest would be booked through the Army, and the Army would provide for sleeping in the colonist cars, and places would be found for them all.

CHALLENGE FOR AMERICA CUP

SIR THOMAS LIPTON SUGGESTS NEW RULE

An Interest Has Already Been Aroused in the Defence of the Trophy.

New York, Sept. 25.—Sir Thomas Lipton's challenge for the America cup reached here to-day and members of the New York Yacht Club are waiting with keen interest the meeting on Wednesday, when the challenge will be formally considered. It was said that no intimation of the contents of the communication of Sir Thomas would likely be divulged until after the meeting. It is said, however, by club members, that Sir Thomas wants to compete for the cup with a sloop 75 feet on the water line, and the present racing rules of the club to govern. With a 75-foot water line the Irish challenger would spread something under 7,000 feet square of canvas.

That Sir Thomas has not challenged under the old rules, under which the Reliance, the Columbia, and the Shamrock were built, is certain, for William Fife, the English designer who drew the plans for Sir Thomas's challenger, informed an interviewer, while here at a meeting, that England would never contest for the America cup under the old rule, whose conditions made it impossible for any chance of success for the challenger. Those members of the club who have been active in cup matters in the past declare the race for America's cup should be a contest for the fastest yachts that can be built, and that the only condition imposed should be that the water line lengths should not exceed 90 feet. If the contest is sailed under new rules several prominent yachtsmen, it is declared, will build boats to compete for the honor of defending the cup.

Preparation for the defence of America's cup has been begun by the New York Yacht Club. At least one syndicate is being organized to build a yacht to defend the trophy, and there may be a second, perhaps more. There seems to be only one opinion as to the management of the defender. Every one appears to agree that it will be vested in E. D. Morgan. It is understood that several of the more prominent younger men in the club have either tentatively or definitely promised to handle the syndicate. There are a few others of the older men who have not been represented in previous syndicates will subscribe. Those mentioned as being generous subscribers to the syndicate are E. D. Morgan, J. R. A. Rainey. The cost of reproducing the Reliance would be upward of half a million dollars.

COAL FOR BATTLESHIPS. No Difficulty Will Be Experienced in Supplying United States Fleet With Fuel. Washington, Sept. 24.—There will be no difficulty in securing ample coal for the use of the Atlantic battleship fleet on its voyage to the Pacific, just as there will be no difficulty in securing coal for the Pacific fleet on its voyage to the Atlantic, it was stated today at the bureau of equipment of the navy department. A number of proposals were presented, most of them for transporting American coal to the Pacific coast by the navy department, although there were also a number of firms who offered to contract for delivering "fresh admiralty coal. To the navy, but not surplus of the department, there were but few offers to ship the American coal in American bottoms. Admiral Cowles said to-day that the proposals that had been submitted showed there would be no difficulty in securing all the coal needed. Between fifteen and twenty bids in all were submitted.

Owing to the varying details of the bids no eight-hour trial can be made as to which is likely to be accepted. A sample bid was that by the United States Shipping Co., who offered to transport the entire 135,000 tons of American coal required by the department in foreign bottoms for \$780,000.

NORTHERN TRAIL. Completed From Edmonton to Dawson — Is Entirely Over Canadian Territory. Ottawa, Sept. 24.—After two years' hard work the Mounted Police have cut an eight-foot trail from the Peace river through the Rocky mountains, giving a route from Edmonton to Dawson entirely over Canadian territory. Yesterday Col. White, controller of the Mounted Police, received a telegram from Commissioner Perry, with the police, announcing his arrival on the Pacific coast, after a seven hundred mile ride on the trail from Edmonton. The trail has been built to the Dawson telegraph, and thus continues to the Yukon capital. The trail, besides giving access to a hitherto inaccessible portion of the country, will be useful for justice purposes in transporting prisoners who would be able to take advantage of territorial immunity if taken over the route of travelers, which crosses American territory.

EPILOSION ON LAUNCH. Occupants Blown Into the Water and Four Drowned. Gallipolis, Ohio, Sept. 24.—While out in the Ohio river last night with a party of twenty-two men aboard the gasoline tug of the yacht Blanche M. exploded. All those on board were blown into the water and four were drowned.

The lost are: John Edwards, of Gallipolis; J. R. Simmons, of Harrisville, W. E. H. Harris, of Harrisville; Willis Fidler, postmaster at Harrisville, and secretary of the West Virginia Congregational conference. None of the bodies have been recovered.

Harvey E. McGinnis, of Harrisville, and W. M. Messervy were badly burned. The explosion was caused by a lighted lantern falling from the roof of the yacht to the engine, igniting the gasoline.

EARTHQUAKES SHOCKS. Recorded at Albany, and Is Believed to Have Originated on the Pacific Coast. Albany, Sept. 24.—Slight earthquake shocks were recorded by the seismograph in the state museum yesterday, according to an announcement made to-day. The beginning of the vibration was at 4:46 p. m. and the disturbance continued until 5:37 p. m. It was preceded by a faint movement, which continued for nearly as long a period. It is stated that the earthquake probably originated somewhere on the Pacific Coast.

BURGLAR GOES TO PENITENTIARY

MUST SERVE TEN YEARS FOR BANK ROBBERY

Boy Crushed to Death—Man Died in Cell While Awaiting Trial.

Montreal, Sept. 24.—Ten years in the penitentiary was the sentence imposed to-day upon Robert Hazelton by Justice Trenchome in the court of the King's bench. Hazelton was found guilty of having broken into the provincial bank at St. Croix, and in company with confederates, stole about \$5,000. He is known to the police officers all over the continent as an expert bank burglar.

Boy Killed. Brantford, Sept. 24.—Lewis Williams, aged 12 years, son of William Williams, of the Indian reserve, was killed on Saturday night. Feeling a fit coming on he started to run from the field to the house and fell on the way. His father, with a heavy load of grain drove over the body, fracturing his back.

May Be Reorganized. Lindsay, Ont., Sept. 24.—The Raven Hill Portland Cement Company, established six years ago with a half-million dollars capital, has assigned. A meeting is to be held in October when attempts at reorganization will be made. It is believed the company could not produce cement with the present plant in sufficiently large quantities to pay dividends.