ST. JOHN'S GREATEST EXHIBITION FORMALLY OPENED BY LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SNOWBALL

Record Audience Present at Opening Ceremonies---Nearly 5,000 People on the Grounds--Eloquent and Patriotic Addresses Delivered by President Skinner, Mayor Sears, Premier Tweedie, Hon. H. R. Emmerson, Hon. L. P. Farris, Dr. Daniel, M. P., and Dr. Stockton.

Present Exhibition Will Undoubtedly be the Most Successful in the City's History---Today is Citizen's Day, and in Addition to the Splendid Exhibits, the Pike and Amusement Hall Performances, the Ladies' Band Will Furnish Music---Visitors Pouring Into the City From All Points.

CITIZENS' DAY PROGRAMME

MORNING.

8 a. m. Gates open.
9 a. m. Pike in full swing, including Myles Bros' big show.
10 a. m. Flower Show—Judging of professional exhibits.
Poultry Show.
Judging of Art exhibits.
11 a. m. Arrival of Ladies' Band.

AFTERNOON.

3 p. m. Flower Show—Judging of cut flowers.
Judging of Cart and draft horses (city and country).
3—5 p. m. First performance of Ladies' Band.
3.15 p. m. Hippodrome Opens.
3.30 p. m. Other Amusement Hall opens

EVENING.

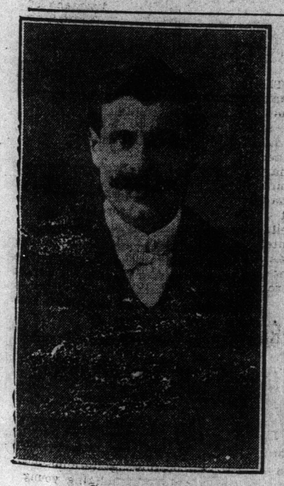
7.15 p. m. Performance at Hippodrome.
7.30 p. m. Second Amusement Hall
8—10 p. m. Ladies' Band.
8.30 p. m. Fireworks.
9 p. m. Performance at both Amusement Halls.
p. m. Exhibition closes for day.

The St. John exhibition was formally opened on Saturday evening by his honor Lieut. Governor Snowball, after a number of eloquent addresses had been delivered by prominent public men. Over four thousand people were on the grounds and as many of these as were able were present at the opening exercises.

As a result of the labors of A. O. Skinner, the president; C. J. Milligan, the manager, and their associates, the fair of 1906 gives every promise of being the best ever held in the city of St. John. For no exhibition have the preparations been so complete. No other has had so many attractions. No other has been half so well advertised.

The opening functions proved an entire success. It is true that no utterances of national import were advanced and no new policies set forth, but the different speakers were followed with the closest interest and attention and their uniform faith and enthusiasm for the future of this province accorded with the feelings of their audience.

4072 people entered the grounds on Saturday. In previous years the city was flooded with complimentary tickets for the opening of the fair, while this year the attendance, according to the management, is the "real stuff." It is doubtful whether, even with the complimentary tickets last year, that the attendance was as great by several hundreds.



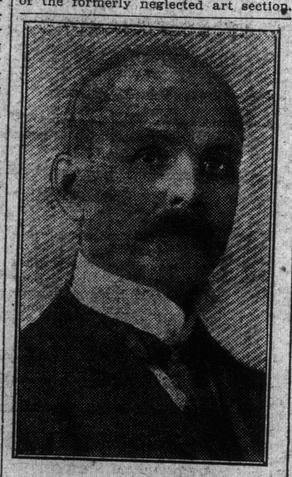
C. J. MILLIGAN,
Manager.

The large crowd pervaded every corner of the grounds Saturday evening, but was largest in main building which, unlike in other years, shone forth complete in all its glory. The evening's enjoyment was not marred by the sound of hammer and saws.

In every department the big show promises to at least equal any previous show, in the excellence of its exhibits and in most of them it will surpass them.

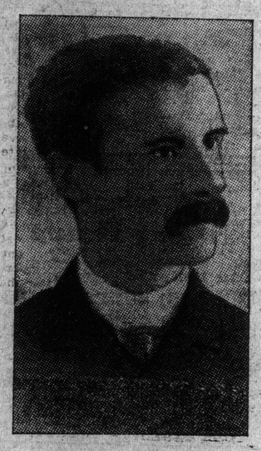
One of the most striking improvements has been made in the front entrance to the building. Thanks to the Common Council, there is a new coat of paint on the whole of the main building for the first time in ten or so years. Trees have been planted along the prettily arched walk which leads to the main doors. The whole entrance is a mass of flags and at night of varied colored lights.

In the main building exhibiting space is at a premium. Nearly all former exhibitors are again on hand and many new firms are represented. The Woman's Council have made one of the finest departments in the big fair out of the formerly neglected art section.



A. O. SKINNER,
President Exhibition Association.

In no part of the fair has there been so much improvement as in The Pike, due principally to the energy of F. G. Spencer and Meyer Cohen, under whose supervision these attractions were arranged. The disreputable Midway existing on sufferance of two years ago has emerged and shines out now in the full light of the management's approval. Nevertheless it has not lost but added to its fascinations.



R. O'BRIEN,
First Vice-President.

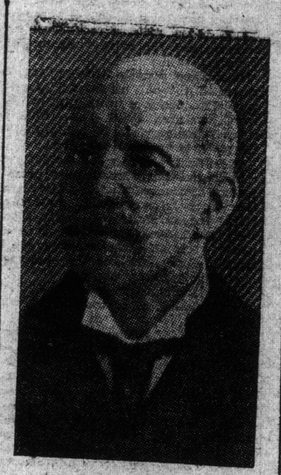
Today is Citizens' day at the exhibition, and as it is also Labor Day, there will doubtless be a large attendance. The attendance last year for Monday was 7,516. The shopkeepers and the citizens generally are expected to attend in large numbers, as the rest of the week they will be more busy than usual with the big crowds of strangers in the city. The management feel that the citizens, who get the most benefit from the fair should show their interest at least by patronizing it.

The city was filled with strangers yesterday, far more than is usual so early in the fair week, all giving promise of big attendances. The river boats are crowded and every railway line is bringing the people here in car loads.

OPENING CEREMONIES

The large Amusement Hall was crowded to the doors on Saturday night when the formal opening exercises took place. The stage was also occupied by a large number of invited guests. A. O. Skinner, the President of the Exhibition Association, occupied the chair. To his right sat Hon. H. R. Emmerson, minister of railways, and Hon. L. P. Farris, commissioner of agriculture. To the left of the president were seated Premier Tweedie and the Lieut. Governor.

Among the others upon the platform were the following:—Senator King, Senator Ellis, R. B. Emerson, Ald. Lantalum, Ald. Vanwart, Ald. Pickett, Director Wiseley, Ald. and Mrs. Bullock, Ald. Lewis, C. J. Milligan, Ald. McGoldrick, Miss Johnson, Miss Gastonguay, Mrs. A. O. Skinner, Miss Edythe Kerr, Miss Mary Gilchrist, Ald. Lockhart, T. A. Peters, C. J. Osman,



A. MARKHAM,
Second Vice-President.

M. P. P., and Mrs. Osman, Ald. Holder, Mrs. Sears, Miss Kitty Sears, Dr. Hetherington, Henry Gallagher, Richard O'Brien, Harbor Master Ferris, Dr. Daniel, M. P., Dr. Stockton, M. P., E. Lantalum, M. P. P., Wm. Pugsley, Jr., Pollard Lewin, Miss Edgecombe, Josh Ward and Miss Ward.

PRESIDENT SKINNER.

In his opening address, President Skinner welcomed the large audience assembled and hoped to have a banner attendance and a very successful exhibition. He expressed the hope that in the near future the St. John exhibition would become an annual event. The large number of visitors to the city greatly increase the trade for the merchants. Last year, when there was no exhibition, an effort was made to get up a carnival. The project, however, fell flat. The exhibition was the only sufficient drawing card.

Mr. Skinner said the officers of the association were sure of a large attendance from outside districts, but but there are 35,000 people in the city alone who are able to come, and he thought they all should turn out. He hoped the government would never again be able to say, when asked for a subsidy for the exhibition: "Your citizens do not turn out to the fair, and why should the amount be granted?" He further expressed the hope that the 10,000 people who would visit the fair would go out as 10,000 advertisers of the best exhibition ever held in St. John.

He then introduced His Worship Mayor Sears.

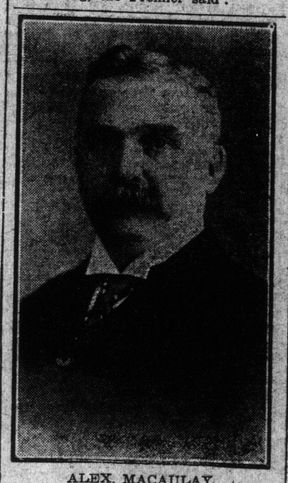
MAYOR SEARS.

The Mayor welcomed the visitors to the city and hoped they would enjoy their stay to the uttermost. His worship then read a number of interesting facts about the exhibition of past years, both in this city and in Fredericton and Sussex. He referred to the fact that the first exhibition was opened in 1851. This was more especially a St. John fair. Upon the conclusion of the history of exhibitions in this province, his worship expressed the hope that this fair would eclipse all others, both in attendance and in exhibits. He also hoped to see the port nationalized for the material benefit of Canadian trade and commerce.

Harry McClaskey was then introduced and received a most favorable reception from the audience. He sang a selection very acceptably, responding to an encore.

PREMIER TWEEDIE.

Premier Tweedie was the next speaker. This was the occasion for great cheering by his numerous friends present. He spoke of the great importance of holding a formal opening of the exhibition. He expressed himself as pleased with the large audience, referring to the great energy and ability displayed in working the exhibition up to this point, and thought it would be one of the greatest fairs ever held in the province. Continuing, the Premier said:



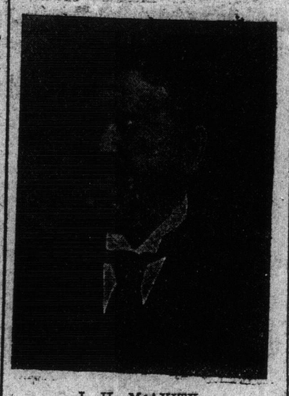
ALEX. MACAULAY,
Treasurer.

"The people tonight show that the country is prospering and the people are in a prosperous state. It is true that years ago this province and city suffered greatly from the loss of the ship building industry. Another great loss was caused by the fire of '77, but the people of St. John, refusing to be disheartened, took hold and built a city which is now more prosperous than before the big fire."

The premier then referred to the views of newspapers regarding the of the province get the more idea they have of leaving, but they will eventually return and we will gain the benefit. Today we are getting thousands of men from the United States in the western part of our Dominion, and it is quite natural that many of our own men should seek the land of promise.

EXHIBITION BUILDING.

The premier then said that we have every reason to be proud of our province, possessing a good educational system, peace and plenty of employment. Regarding comfort and comfortable living no other province in the dominion can equal New Brunswick. He referred to the $5,000 given to the exhibition by the province, and hoped that the minister of railways, when it



J. H. McAVITY,
Chairman Finance Committee.

came his time to speak, would promise the city of St. John $50,000 for a Dominion exhibition, such as is being held in Halifax this year. The city and province are deserving of this and should get it.

province. He thought the papers were sometimes wrong in describing the conditions in this province as compared with those in the west. There are not men enough in the country to do the work, and no man who is willing to work need remain unemployed for any length of time.

He referred to the depletion of population through the harvest excursions. The young men of the province are adventurous, and often leave good paying positions to try their fortunes in the west, not for the material advantages to be gained there but merely for the desire of a change. There is at present more demand for labor than can possibly be obtained.

Regarding the lumber industry the premier said that in the past ten years the industry had increased from 500 to 1,000 per cent. in value. He compared our lumbering to the coal mining industry of Nova Scotia, which will eventually be worked out, while the forests reproduce themselves; indeed they could be compared to a mortgage, growing all the time.

In reference to education the premier said that the more education the youth

HON H. R. EMMERSON.

Hon. H .R .Emmerson, Minister of Railways, was the next speaker and was vociferously applauded. He referred to the many exhibitions held in the province, at which he had been in attendance, telling at some length of the Sussex exhibition of '61, when visitors had to go to Norton, Apohaqui, and even as far as St. John to be accommodated. "Things have changed very materially," said the minister, "from that day to this, and I consider each intervening exhibition as a stepping stone, marking the progress of our own province, nay, not only of the province, but of the Dominion, of which we form a part.

"Our province is in harmony with the advances already made and still in the making, throughout all Canada. The people of New Brunswick and Canada are running accounts in the twentieth century of the Christian era. We do not often stop to think as to our location. The other day was but the nineteenth century; today is the twentieth. It behooves us as citizens of this province and Dominion to take account of what we are and what we would have.

"We find ourselves in peaceful possession of the fairest portion of this earth, a fertility of soil and salubrity of climate unsurpassed. We did not do much to acquire or establish this fair heritage, that belonged to our fore-fathers. They encountered and overcame all obstacles, putting us in peaceful possession of the fair country.

"The premier in his speech has simply touched on the province, the mayor in his speech has reminded you of what the city has become. These must suggest a sense of the responsibility which is yours in connection with your heritage and possession. I am sure a little reflection will lead you to conclude that while your ancestors had struggles, you will find difficulties, though in different form, and will remember that what they have done for you makes it obligatory that you should understand your great obligations to those coming after.

"We have inherited a system of government that is unparalleled on any continent. We have a system of government that allows for greater individual liberty and greater freedom than any other system of government under the sun.

"We read in the newspapers what is going to happen to Canada, and what will happen to New Brunswick. A pessimist will tell you that New Brunswick is going to the dogs; that it is retrograding; that we are not the people we were twenty years ago.

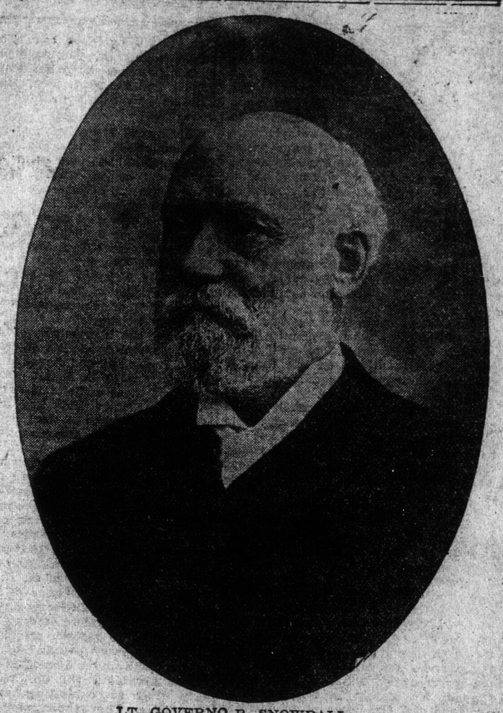
"So far as social conditions are concerned, the New Brunswick of today is one hundred per cent. ahead of the New Brunswick of twenty years ago. There are to be found happy homes in every settlement and every corner of the province. Anyone who has had the opportunity of contrasting the stand-

J. F .GLEESON,
Secretary and Deputy Treasurer.

ards of living in our homes today and the standards of living in the homes of that time will find the contrast altogether in favor of the present time.

"There is no danger of an invasion from foreign foes, but our land, our territory, our very laws are in danger. You must protect them. From what are they in danger? you ask. In danger of lethargy, in danger of that which is within, from want of energy, from want of faith in our country and in ourselves. The statement may seem academic that we should protect ourselves against ourselves, but it is nevertheless a positive truth. You know that in every decade of our history there have been dangers in regard to laws, either with regard to the repeal of good laws, or placing laws upon the statute book more honored in the breach than in the observance. There is the danger of putting on the statute books laws which will become obsolete and not respected."

The minister then referred to the danger of placing laws on the statute books which would hurt the respect in which the law is now held, and would create incalculable difficulty in future years. He also spoke of St. John's worth, of the construction of the three great transcontinental roads and of the

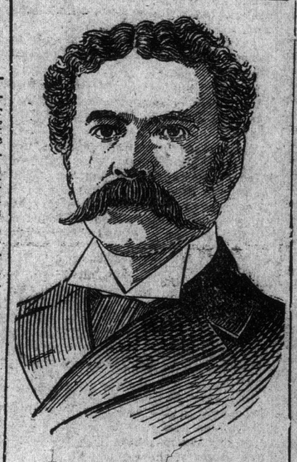


LT. GOVERNO R SNOWBALL.

bright future in store for Canada.

In referring to the remark made by the premier about the holding of a Dominion fair here Hon. Mr. Emmerson said that he had frequently got himself into trouble for making promises which he could not fulfil, but he would reply to the premier with the quotation from Shakespeare that "If ye be but thankful for what ye have, ye will have more."

happy and prosperous people who were thronging the grounds. He had been asked, he said, to speak from a Dominion standpoint. He could not possibly be so cruel as to inflict any re-



DR. J. W. DANIEL, M. P.,

marks on this subject at any length. An exhibition is an inducement to travel and brings into the city people from all the surrounding districts. Then when exhibitions are held in other places it induces our people to travel and see other parts of our country. Canada is immense in its distances and we in the eastern extreme know too little of our fellow-citizens on the western extremes, while at Ottawa much is heard of the west, and the east is seldom mentioned.

Mr. McClaskey then sang two numbers, scoring a distinct hit with the audience.

HON. L. P. FARRIS.

Hon. L. P. Farris then spoke of the pleasure he had in visiting the exhibition, of the great benefit accruing to the city and province from this fair. He thought the fair was a great boon to the farmer, as he returned home filled with new ideas and ready to cary out all the plans he had formulated for the betterment of his farm during his stay in the city. He referred to the necessity of the farmer's son receiving as good an education as the lawyer's or doctor's, and that the government realized this was shown by the fact that they paid the way of students from this province to and from the Agricultural College at Truro, N. S. He congratulated the board of directors on the fine manner in which they had carried on the initial work in connection with the exhibition, and hoped it would be a complete success.

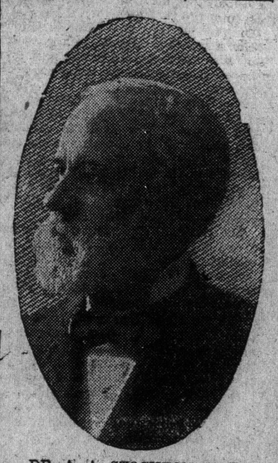
DR. DANIEL, M. P.

Dr. Daniel said that if hitherto he had ever had any doubts about the value of exhibitions any such feelings had faded away at the sight of the

The value of bringing people together in this city in great numbers and a knowledge of the city is diffused not only through the province, but through the whole land.

To show what ignorance exists yet of Canada, the speaker told about an incident at the great medical convention at Toronto the other day. For a medical exhibition which was held in connection with the convention a package arrived with the inscription, "Protect from frost,"

It has been stated and stated truly, that Canada affords great opportunities to make wealth. Canada has youth on its side. It is just now trying its wings in tiny flight under the protection of the mother bird.



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President Skinner then introduced Dr. A. A. Stockton, M P., who was heartily received. He referred to the reminiscent remarks of Premier Tweedie and Hon. Mr. Emmerson, and said he had not arrived at that stage as yet. He had heard of the exhibition of '61 in Sussex, to which they referred, by tradition. He then remarked that one of our writers had said, "It is with words as with the sunbeams, the more they are condensed the more they burn." Dr. Stockton decried any attempt to burn his hearers with his words, but said that he would be as brief as possible.

ION. H. R. EMMERSON,