

PROVINCE WINS AT APPLE SHOW

F. R. E. DE HART MAKES
WONDERFUL SWEEP

He Secured Over \$4,000—Two
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Prizes.

F. R. E. De Hart, of Kelowna, B. C., winner of thirteen first and one second out of fourteen entries, with money and other prizes totalling \$4,420, won at the National Apple Show at Spokane last week, was in the city yesterday. He has established before judges of international repute and against the pick of the apple growing districts of the continent, the fact that British Columbia

prizes thus coming to British Columbia.

For the best individual plate exhibit of apples grown by women, Mrs. E. Lowe of Kelowna, B. C., took the first prize of \$50, worth of Burbank's crimson winter-rubarb and a diploma.

Mr. De Hart in referring to the show, aside from his successes, said it was undoubtedly the greatest apple show ever held in the world. The advantages that would be derived to British Columbia through the successes of himself, Mrs. Smith, and other exhibitors from the province could not be underestimated. There were present throughout the show expert apple buyers and growers from all over the American continent and from Europe. The judges were from American horticultural colleges, and all of them possessed international reputations. The attendance at the great armory, which Mr. De Hart says is the largest building in the Northwest, was twenty thousand persons every day. During the show the state band played a concert each day and continuous yodeling was given in portions of the building. The extent of the exhibit can be gathered, he says, from the fact that in the carload lots there were eight entries and that in the car which won

placed our results before the leading experts of America and Europe. Mr. De Hart spoke in high terms of the courteous treatment received by exhibitors and visitors, the warmest welcome being given all present. He was accompanied to the show by James Gibbs, of Kelowna, an expert packer. All Mr. De Hart's exhibit was packed by himself and Mr. Gibbs at the show.

SHIPPING LUMBER.

Schooner Going to Load and Barque Leaving Chemainus Mill.

The American schooner Lyman D. Foster passed up to Chemainus Tuesday to load lumber. She is a small vessel of 692 tons, and has recently arrived on the Sound from Canada. It is not known here to what port she will take her lumber, but it is expected that she will take it to Callao.

Steamer Belfast, carrying gypsum from Tacoma to Vancouver for Evans, Coleman & Evans, struck on a rock and sank in Deception Pass on Friday night. The crew escaped in boats and the vessel has since been raised and towed to Everett.

TESTING LIABILITY OF ELECTRIC COMPANY

Interesting Case Has Come Before Judge Lampman To-day.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

An interesting case, involving an important point of law, is before Judge Lampman and a county court jury to-day. Frank Crompton, Heywood street, is suing the B. C. Electric Railway Company for \$1,000 damages for injuries and loss of time resulting from a shock received on December 26th last from an electric light wire. The company sets up the defense that there was contributory negligence on the part of Crompton. The case is being tried in the county court because it was not entered within six months of the occurrence.

The plaintiff relies largely as to the liability of the company on a clause in the original charter under which the company is working in part, holding it responsible for all injury or damage sustained, thus doing away with the question of negligence on either side. In such case it would merely be a question of the amount of damage.

This is the first time the point has been brought up.

The following jury was sworn: R. H. Swinton (foreman), A. Johns, Ernest D. Dowler, R. McFadden and E. W. Millington.

J. A. Alkman is acting for the plaintiff and A. E. McPhillips, K. C., for the company.

The plaintiff said he had been working in the B. C. Telephone Company's employ a year ago, apprenticed as an electric engineer. He went down to the cellar to cut wood and in some way his saw touched the wire. This was the last he knew for twenty minutes. His shirt sleeve was set on fire as a result. For two weeks the doctor treated him at home and then he had to go into the hospital to have some skin grafted on his arm from his leg. He was nearly four months out of work and lost his apprenticeship, besides being put to considerable expense.

Cross-examined, he denied ever telling Mr. Goward that he had received a slight shock and then put on a rubber glove to handle the light.

Mrs. Elizabeth Burton, who was a neighbor of the Crompton's and whose light wire came from the same pole, also received a shock on the evening in question. She put out her hand to turn the switch when she received a shock which threw her down.

This was the plaintiff's case, the matter of medical attendance being admitted in the absence from town of Dr. Ernest Hall.

A. T. Goward, local manager of the company, told of a visit from Crompton to complain of the accident. The young man said he had put his hand on the light to move it and got a slight shock, touched the wire and got another and then went upstairs and got a rubber glove with which on he moved the light.

To Mr. Alkman witness said he had admitted the company's liability. He had not promised to pay half if the city would pay the other half because a city at light wire crossed the company's. To further questions he stated that without admitting any liability he said he would see if the city would do something. If it had the company would have paid something. Mr. Goward said he understood the wires had become loose and that a strong wind which prevailed that day. This was the first case of an accident of this kind in his seventeen years' experience.

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**A. J. MORLEY WILL
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He Decides to Oppose Mayor Hall at the Coming Elections.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

A. J. Morley is coming out as a candidate for the mayoralty of Victoria. He so informed the Times this afternoon, and will announce the fact to the newspapers in an open letter to them.

The Dominion Express Company will keep their office open until 10 p. m. each evening from now until Christmas to receive and deliver parcels.

DISCHARGED PRISONER.

Alexander Vied After Ten Days in Jail Is Set at Liberty.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

After hearing evidence against Alexander Vied this morning the police magistrate decided that he had been sufficiently punished by spending ten days in jail, and discharged him after telling him that it was against the law in Canada to carry weapons of any kind; that it was not necessary for anyone to carry them or use them to defend himself.

Vied was one of the Roumanians who were engaged in a fracas in the Colonial hotel bar on December 8th, and he had an altercation with Martin Hauptmann, who is now awaiting trial for stabbing Eli Heio. During the fracas he drew a knife, but did not attempt to use it on anyone.

W. C. Moreby defended Vied in the police court proceedings.

BRITISH SHIP HAS STORMY VOYAGE

The Monkbarns Sustains Damage on Trip from Liverpool to Sydney.

A long and sensational voyage of 123 days from Liverpool to Sydney was completed just before the steamer Monkbarns left Australia. She arrived with some damage on deck, the rigging strained and a very tired crew.

Captain Parry said he had hardly had proper sleep out of his clothes for close on three months, as the ship was beset by frequent gales, which constantly required his presence on deck. The Monkbarns experienced fine weather to the Equator. On the 49th day out she ran into a hurricane, which raised mountainous seas, and tons and tons of water constantly thundered aboard, flooding and washing her fore and aft. She was then in 44° W., and for two whole days she was handled unmercifully by the elements. The great seas, sweeping her decks, burst in the galley door and flooded the fore-castle. Other damage was done about the deck. At times the ship was running lee-ward under, although he was under a greatly reduced sail area. During the worst of the weather the ship laid over to such extent that some of her cargo shifted.

On October 27th another gale assailed her, and she got a severe tossing for a couple of days. Again on November 8th the weather became very bad, the point of the Monkbarns being then 41 deg. south 140 deg. east, and she was severely handled. These blows were interspersed with heavy weather, which kept the crew hard at it. Captain Otway was signalled on November 6th, and Wilson's Promontory was passed on the 8th. After that the Monkbarns fought her way up the coast in adverse weather.

IMPERIAL PRESS CONFERENCE.

Journalists Visiting London Will Have Round of Entertainment.

London, Dec. 18.—It is learned that among the functions under proposal to entertain the press representatives of the Empire at the press congress next year is a visit to Portsmouth and Aldershot.

There will be a banquet at the Grafton Galleries, a reception by the Duchess of Sutherland at Stafford House, a visit to Hatfield House, the residence of Lord Salisbury, and a cruise on Sir Thomas Lipton's yacht Erin. Several other functions are suggested, but have not yet been decided.

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

There is, says the London Chronicle, a fourth verse of the National Anthem with which very few Englishmen indeed are familiar. But it was given, apparently in all good faith, in an old Hanoverian musical work, and the darning of the last rhyme almost reconciles one to the shocking character of the sentiment:

God save Great George our King;
Long live our noble King;
God save the King.
Send us roast beef a store;
It's gone send us more;
And the key of the cellar door,
That we may drink.

TRAVELER'S VALUABLE FIND

Traveling on the I. C. R. Mr. Harry Towers, St. Paul Street, St. John, N. B., found a box of Zam-Buk, the great skin-healer. He was suffering from badly chapped hands at the time so he used the balm. He says: "Zam-Buk eased the pain and smarting, healed the cracks, and made my hands quite smooth. Finding it so good, I kept a supply handy, and have since given it to my family. It is an ideal cure for cuts, sores, or burns equally well, and I would not like now to be without a supply."

Mr. Towers is only one of thousands who are glad they heard of Zam-Buk. There is no skin disease it will not relieve and cure. Its fame is spreading everywhere, and it is now regarded as Nature's great "first-aid" in work-shops, on the farm, or in the home. No traveler should be without it. Every home should have its box always ready for use. A little Zam-Buk rubbed regularly on the hands and face before retiring each night will keep the skin soft and free from chaps, cold sores, or disease.

If you have a cut, a bruise, or some irritating skin disease, which has defied all ordinary remedies, apply Zam-Buk. It first cleanses a wound by killing off all harmful bacteria. Then it builds up new tissue cell by cell, as a bricklayer lays row after row of bricks. Then it covers the wound with new healthy skin, and the cure is effected.

Zam-Buk is also a cure for piles. It gives speedy relief and ends the troubling, burning pains. Skin-diseases such as eczema, itch, ulcers, barber's rash, rashes due to blood poison, etc., cannot resist its powerful healing virtues. Purely vegetable. It is an ideal combination of power and purity. 50c. a box of all druggists and stores, or post free from Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, for price. Reject cheap, harmful and dangerous substitutes.

RALLY OF YOUNG VANCOUVER LIBERALS

Triumphs of Party is Theme of F. C. Wade, K. C.—Enthusiastic Gathering.

Vancouver, Dec. 16.—The dinner given in honor of F. C. Wade, K. C., by the Young Liberals' Association, at O'Brien's hall on Monday evening, was thoroughly representative of the younger element of Vancouver Liberalism, with a large number of the elder members of the party and men prominent in its councils.

About 100 sat down to the excellent repast provided, and among the well known Liberals who supported President George E. McCrossan at the speakers' tables were R. P. McLennan, Dr. Davidson, J. A. Slater, J. Duff-Stuart, S. Brown, J. N. Ellis, L. D. Taylor and J. E. Moxley.

President McCrossan, in introducing the speaker of the evening, said that he wished to point the objects of such functions, the social bringing together of the younger members of the party for the dissemination of the principles of Liberalism. He urged the younger members of the party to give a larger representation of the Liberalism of the city at the forthrightly meeting to be held hereafter in O'Brien's hall, beginning December 22nd.

The subject of Mr. Wade's address, he said, was worthy of the closest study by all Liberals, and with the assurance of close attention he invited Mr. Wade to address the gathering on the "History of Liberalism."

Mr. Wade endorsed the plea of the chairman for a keener interest and study of his subject and the principles of the party for the education of the incoming thousands of new people from other lands.

In the course of his address Mr. Wade gave a very scholarly review of Liberalism from the union of the Canadas, at a time when there was only sixteen miles of railway in the country through Canada's great events, including the acquisition of responsible government, power to make independent trade arrangements, confederation, the acquisition of the Northwest territory, the building of the transcontinental railway and the opening up and settlement of mid-Canada and the west by the famous immigration policy, the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific, the inauguration of preferential trade and participation in the Boer war.

The first constituted the Charter of Canadian freedom. The second gave Canada almost national attributes in matters of trade. The third transformed the scattered provinces, and the fourth and fifth changed our proportions to those of a vast empire.

Gordon Grant moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Wade, which was seconded by Mr. Pound and enthusiastically acclaimed.

SIX WINDJAMMERS
FOR USE AS BARGES

To Be Dismantled and Employed in Carrying Rock.

Seattle, Dec. 15.—James Griffiths, president of the Griffiths & Sprague Stevedoring Company, and also of the Coastwise Steamship and Barge Company, returned from San Francisco last night, where he completed one of the biggest deals in sailing ships that has been recorded on this coast in years.

For the Coastwise Steamship and Barge Company Mr. Griffiths purchased six American wooden sailing ships. These will be dismantled and transformed into barges. For the next two years they will be engaged in freightage rock from Port Orchard to Grays Harbor to be used in the construction of the north jetty being built by the government.

The vessels sold to Mr. Griffiths are: Ship St. David, barque St. David and ship James Drummond, by the California Shipping Company.

Barque Big Bonanza, by James Madison, of the Golden Gate Shipping Company.

Barques Carondelet and Palmyra, by the Puget Sound Commercial Company (Puget Mill Company).

The first four vessels are registered at San Francisco and the sale was negotiated by Rinder & Matthews, shipbrokers. The Palmyra and Carondelet, are registered at Port Townsend.

Mr. Griffiths stated last night that the terms were private. However, it is understood that the vessels purchased from the California Shipping Company were offered at from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

It is believed that the transfer of the six windjammers involves an investment of from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

Negotiations for the sale were conducted without delay as Mr. Griffiths left here only a week ago to-day. Mr. Griffiths states that his purchases will be brought to Seattle within a short time. They will be dismantled and necessary alterations made. This work will include taking down the topmasts and yards and altering the hatches to fit the ships for carrying rock. The St. James is discharging at San Francisco and will leave for Seattle in about ten days. The Big Bonanza sails for this port about the same time. The St. David will be ready to come here in two weeks. The James Drummond is disengaged at Port Winslow while the Carondelet and Palmyra are anchored at Port Ludlow.

The Coastwise Steamship and Barge Company has a two years' contract to freight rock from the latter company's quarry at Port Orchard to Grays Harbor, where it has the government contract for building the north jetty. This work will keep the fleet of six barges busy for at least twenty-four months and under the terms of the contract they will be towing back and forth constantly. After this contract expires Mr. Griffiths expects to keep the barges engaged in freightage to and from Alaska.

The barge company will not purchase

tugs to move its hulks, but has a contract with the Puget Sound Tugboat Company, whose tugs will be employed. The Coastwise Steamship & Barge Company already owns six barges operating on Puget Sound, in Alaskan waters and to Portland. The America is returning from Sulzer with ore. The Quatino is discharging coal at Portland. The Charger is engaged in freightage from Alaska and the Haystack is engaged in bringing coal from British Columbia. The Melanoe and Argus are idle at present.

The sale of the British American wooden ships is only another step toward the disappearance of the Stars and Stripes from the sea. The vessels which have just changed hands in their time were as fine windjammers as ever floated, and not a few smart passages are down to their record.

FIRST STANDARD GAUGE CAR AT PRINCE RUPERT

Railway Equipment Landed From Ferry Transfer Georgan.

Prince Rupert, Dec. 16.—To Northern Pacific railway flat car No. 64067, loaded with dump cars, belongs the distinction of being the first standard gauge railway car used on the Pacific coast end of the Grand Trunk Pacific. This was the first loaded car hauled on to the railway grade from the big ferry transfer Georgan which arrived from New Westminster on Tuesday in tow of McKenzie Bros. tug Escort No. 2, with two monstrous steam-shovels, four small locomotives mounted on flat cars, and some 40 dump cars. The run up was made in good time, and fine weather was experienced all the way.

Temporary landing docks were built out from the dump and rails laid across them so that the steam-shovels, which are on their own trucks, as well as the loaded flat cars, could be run directly to the sidings prepared for them on the grade. The whole outfit has been unloaded and distributed at convenient points along the first mile of the road where there are some extremely heavy cuts to be made and rails removed.

The Escort, towing the Georgan, with the empty flat cars, returns to New Westminster where more steam-shovels and construction outfits are waiting to be brought north for service on Contractor D. A. Rankin's piece of work at Forpolsie harbor.

PRINCE RUPERT WILL
SEEK INCORPORATION

Question is Taken Up by the Newly Formed Board of Trade.

Prince Rupert, Dec. 16.—At a well attended meeting of the board of trade on Wednesday night, the question of incorporating Prince Rupert as a city municipality was warmly discussed. Efforts will be made to have the government introduce an act at the coming session of the legislature so that it could be passed and become operative by proclamation. Definite action was postponed until the next meeting of the board when the question will be thoroughly threshed out, and officers for the coming year will be elected.

Andrew Nelson, of Spokane, Wash., died suddenly at the Cariboo hotel on Friday night. He was 44 years of age and a native of Sweden, and had just finished some station work on the G. T. P. near Aberdeen. After eating a hearty dinner he was taken suddenly ill and died before medical aid could be summoned.

E. S. Busby, inspector of customs, spent several days in Prince Rupert this week inspecting the local customs office, which he found to be in a very satisfactory condition. An effort is being made to secure more permanent quarters in place of the present customs office which still remains a tent affair. After completing his work here Mr. Busby went north to Port Simpson to inspect the sub-office at that port.

OFFER TO HINDUS
WILL REMAIN OPEN

Guaranteed Work in British Honduras if They Go in Batches of Fifty.

Vancouver, Dec. 16.—There are no new developments in regard to the proposition in favor of locating the Hindus in British Honduras. Brigadier-General Swayne, governor of the colony, has had further conversations with his mind on prepared to find work for them if they arrange to come in batches of at least fifty," said the governor. He will likely leave for Ottawa on Thursday, visiting the Okanagan route in order to ascertain whether any of the East Indians there are prepared to emigrate to British Honduras.

CHINAMAN CONFESSES MURDER.

Vancouver, Dec. 16.—Lee Chung, condemned to hang on the 18th, confessed to-day to having murdered Yung Ah Hing on July 27th.

CANNOT MUZZLE NEW YORK WORLD

REPLY OF PAPER TO ROOSEVELT'S OUTBROKE

Reiterates Demand for Panama Investigation—Striking Attack on President.

New York, Dec. 16.—The World's answer to President Roosevelt's denials to that paper in his special message to congress yesterday says editorially to-day: "Mr. Roosevelt is mistaken. He cannot muzzle the World, while an amount of 'bill gates' on his part can alter our opinion to treat him with judicial impartiality and scrupulous fairness repeat what we have already said, the congress of the United States should make a thorough investigation of the whole Panama transaction, the full truth may be known to American people."

"The World appreciates the importance and significance of Mr. Roosevelt's statement when he declares congress that the proprietor of the World should be prosecuted for libel by the government authorities, consideration of the form under the proceedings against Mr. Roosevelt shall be brought. This is the first a president ever asserted the doctrine of less majesty, or proposed the absence of specific legislation, criminal prosecution by the government of citizens who criticized conduct of the government or the conduct of individuals who may have business dealings with the government."

"Neither the King of Great Britain nor the Emperor of Germany will dare to arrogate such power to himself. John Adams' attempt to establish the sedition law, destroyed the Federal party in America. Yet Mr. Roosevelt, in the absence of law, offers proposals to use all the power of government power on earth to cripple freedom of the press, on the part of the government itself has libelled, and he is the government is true that the World printed public reports concerning the Panama affair, which resulted from Nelson Cromwell's appeal to the strict attorney's office during the campaign to prevent the publication of a story which is said to be in the file of the Democratic national committee. It was Mr. Cromwell's own which raised the issue in the campaign."

"It is true also that when Mr. Roosevelt made his attack upon 'De Smith, the World' called attention to the statement which Mr. Roosevelt must have known to be misleading, and appealed to a full and final investigation. If this be the case, Mr. Roosevelt's libelous and inaccurate statement makes it impossible to accept either his judgment or his conclusion. In his message to congress he pretended, even so similar as the pretended causes of grievances."

"The World has never said that profits whatever. Mr. Taft—that he was concerned in the action in any way, which denied World published and accepted would have been equally glad to succeed in obtaining one from as it frequently attempted. This has no evidence that he was associated with Mr. Cromwell, and would accept his word to that effect, for Robinson is an estimable gentleman of high character, whose veracity is infinitely better than that of this distinguished brother-in-law."

"If the World has libelled an individual, he will be punished, but not intend to be intimidated by Roosevelt's threats or by Mr. Roosevelt's denunciations or by Mr. Roosevelt's power."

"No other living man so grossly libelled the United States as does president, who besmirches our bulldozes judges, assails the in courts, slanders private citizens who have shown themselves the most scrupulous, unscrupulous demagogue the American people ever trusted power and authority."

"We say this not in anger but in reason. The World has the most respect for the office of president of the United States than Mr. Roosevelt has ever shown during years in which he has maintained a record of error and violation of the public officials and private citizens who opposed his policies thwarted him in his purposes."

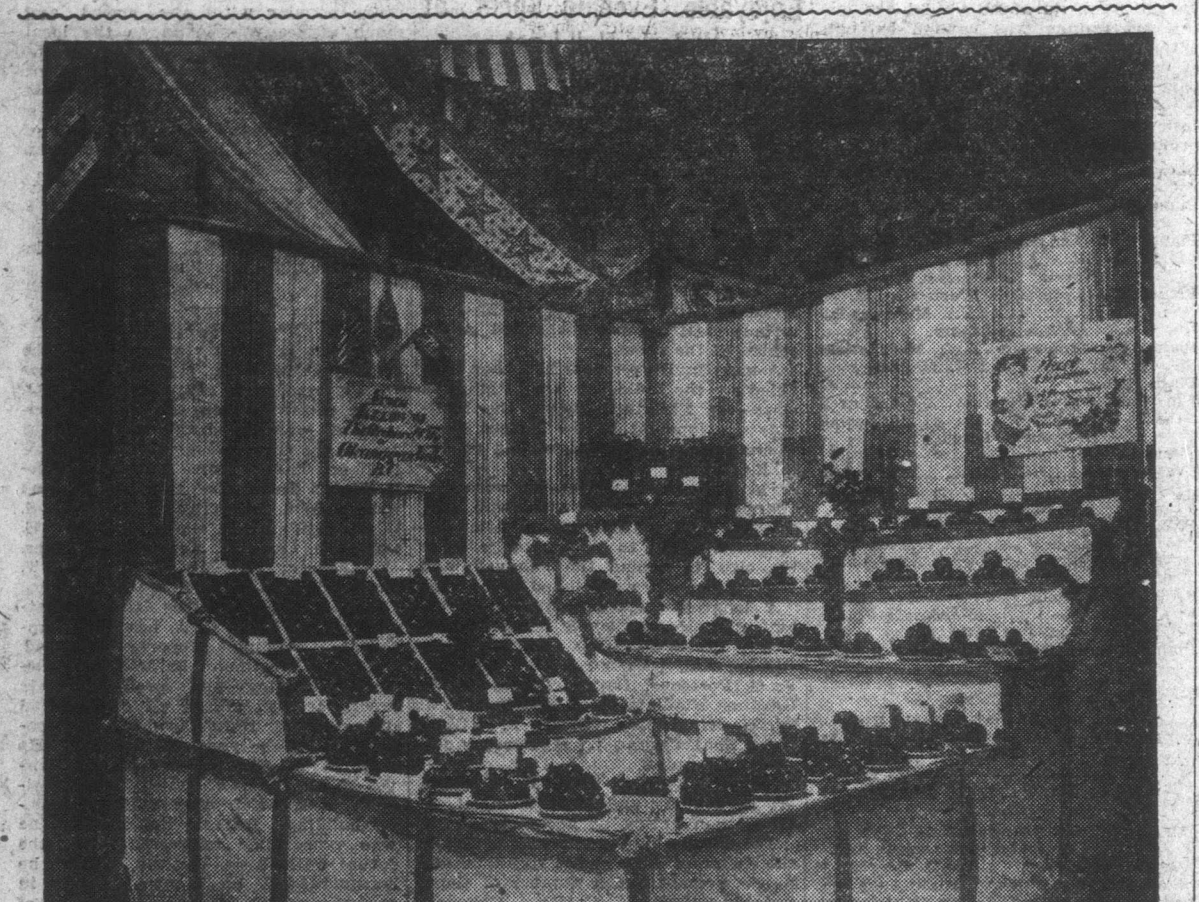
"So far as the World is concerned its proprietor may go to jail. Roosevelt succeeds as he threatens even in jail, the World will not be a fearless champion of speech, a free press and a free press."

HER SPLENDID HARVEST

Toronto, Dec. 16.—Justice yesterday granted a stay of proceedings in the West. Peterboro case, pending a formal decision preliminary proceedings. He attended the time for taking proceedings by either party.

TORONTO'S LIBERAL CL

Toronto, Dec. 16.—A Liberal with suitable premises, and a ship of 500, is assured for Toronto. Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Richard Wright, Hon. G. P. Graham and C. Murphy are among the members.



Fresh Fruit Display by F. R. E. De Hart at National Apple Show, Spokane.

Apple can grow apples exceeding in flavor and quality any on the continent. Mr. De Hart was the biggest individual prize taker at the show. His triumph was made with forty-three boxes of fruit of a commercial value of \$50, and he competed against the expert growers of Hood River, Idaho, Washington, and North Carolina as well as every other apple growing district of America. Among prominent authorities present was James L. Gibson, representing Shumans Shuttlesworth & Co., European receivers of American fruits. The exhibit of Mr. De Hart, therefore, served to place before the biggest export buyers the quality of British Columbia fruit. The show was opened in the Spokane armory on the morning of the 7th instant, by the pressing of a button by President Roosevelt at the White House, upon which signal all the bells and whistles in the city of Spokane commenced ringing.

The success of the show is demonstrated by the fact that A. Z. Brown of Spokane, with the assistance of T. C. Terry, a Chicago millionaire, now proposes to have the entire display removed for exhibition to Chicago. A sale of apples at the show resulted in a portion of Mr. De Hart's exhibit, consisting of two boxes, bringing the highest price of any apples exhibited, he getting \$50 for two boxes. His prizes were as follows:

First, ten boxes Northern Spy, \$1,250, a silver medal and 250 apple trees.

Second best display of fresh fruit, \$100. In this competition Mr. De Hart was beaten by the Wenatchee exhibit, which was much more comprehensive and contained, set out in apples of different colors, a replica of the Stars and Stripes.

First, foreign countries, six boxes, \$100, and an orchard cultivator valued at \$50.

First, two boxes, two barrels, two baskets, two jars and two plates of apples, produced by any country, state, province or district, \$500 and the coveted silver loving cup which is solid silver lined with gold and stands over two feet high, presented by the Senate chamber of commerce, and 100-pound keg of arsenate of lead and the privilege of selling two boxes of the fruit for \$25 per box.

First, for the best packed two barrels, \$50 and \$50 spray pump, and one barrel of Niagara spray.

First, seven plates of apples, first prize for each plate. He also secured several minor winnings, consisting of separate donations to the show.

Mr. De Hart's display which won the loving cup was limited to but 48 boxes of fruit owing to the expense of transportation, \$5 per hundred pounds, and he consequently did not have the number of varieties which the Wenatchee exhibit contained. The Wenatchee exhibit was the only exhibit that got a prize away from him in any of the classes in which he was represented.

Two British Columbia women were among the prize winners. Mrs. J. A. Smith of Spence's Bridge, won special prize of \$140 for her exhibit of apples. For the best box-pack of one or more varieties, Mrs. Smith got second, \$50. The first was won by Mr. De Hart, and H. W. Collins of Carleton, B. C., won third with \$25. All three

second prize there were 72,000 apples, all of which were within an eighth of an inch of the same size. This earload came from Yakima and lost first place through faulty packing. The apples' selection had all been passed through a gauge, and those which would not touch the ring or were too large to go through, were passed out.

"Till the present time," he said, "English buyers have not paid particular attention to British Columbia fruit and by exhibiting our products at this show, we have demonstrated plainly what can be done in the fruit raising districts of the province, and we have

SENSATIONAL CHARGE.
Chinaman Who Is Fined for Evading Poll Tax Says His Government Sent Him to Canada.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 16.—A sensational charge was made in court this morning by Lee Wah, who was fined \$500 or a year's imprisonment for evading the Chinese immigration law. He made the statement that he had been sent by the government. The official certificate for the receipt for the poll tax was in the name of Koon Tong Sang. The government will be asked to hold an investigation.

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