

HEAR SIR WILFRID LAURIER AT STRATHROY SATURDAY AFTERNOON

CITIZENS' DAY GRAND SUCCESS
"KIDDIES" HAD GRAND TIME

Secretary Hunt Estimated
the Crowd Yesterday
at 45,000.

THE PROGRAMME
PLEASED ALL

Everybody Was Satisfied With
the Exhibits and the Special
Attractions.

Citizens' day was another banner
day for the Western Fair.

The attendance was not quite as
large as that of Wednesday, but there
was a very large crowd present.

Secretary Hunt estimated that there
were about 45,000 people on the
grounds.

The ordinary observer could see but
little difference between the two
crowds. The grand stands yesterday
were literally jammed with people.
They were not quite so densely pack-
ed, perhaps, as on Wednesday, but
there must have been 12,000 or 13,000
people in the stands.

Throughout the grounds there was
also a very large crowd. Every build-
ing was packed full of visitors, mak-
ing it extremely difficult to get
around.

The Midway played to tremendous
business. As usual, the crowd was very
orderly.

Out-of-Town Visitors.
Citizens' day was somewhat of a
misnomer for yesterday, as the crowd
was made up largely of visitors from
out of town. There is no doubt that
there were more strangers in town
yesterday than there were Wednesday,
and a large proportion of them visit-
ed the fair.

The citizens at the fair were only a
small proportion, and that proportion
was largely school children, Thursday
and Friday having been allotted to
them.

There was quite a mob of "kiddies"
on the grounds, although they did not
cut so important a figure as they have
on other years, when they had Mon-
day to themselves.

But if the "kiddies" did not bulk
large in the crowd, they had the most
fun.

Children Had Fun.
The small boys, of course, were de-
lighted with the Indians and cowboys.
Any real healthy boy who has not had
the desire to go out west and be a
cowboy and shoot up whole tribes of
Indians—especially after reading
"Little Buckshot, the Boy Scout"—is
not worth very much. The boys yester-
day watched the whole proceedings
with great interest, and enjoyed all
immensely.

And, of course, the boys and girls
did not complain. Not one of them
said "Same old things." Everything
was new to them, and they enjoyed it
to the limit.

Down the Pike they went, and lis-
tened to the "spiel" of the speller, and
the "bark" of the barkers, and laughed
themselves almost sick.

Many a citizen had a great time last
night accompanying his offspring to the
fair, to take in the sights.

"I am so tired I can scarcely walk,"
said a well-known businessman who
had been escorting three cherubs
through the fair, "but I had a great
time with the kids. They make it
worth while to attend the fair."

That was the experience of a ma-
jority of the men and they had a great
time.

Secretary Hunt Pleased.
"We had a fine day yesterday," said
Secretary Hunt. "Everything went
along smoothly. There was not a hitch,
and no trouble that I know of. I think
there were about 45,000 people on the
grounds. They were literally black
with people."

The usual programme was given be-
fore the stands, and in addition there
was a parade of the sweepstakes win-
ners in the horse classes. Dr. Rout-
ledge, the chairman, was proud of the
exhibit.

Fine Horses.
The first was the English thorough-
bred stallion Crickdale, owned by Mr.
Thomas Donley. St. Thomas. He is a
grand individual and his breeding is
in the purple, his sire being Ladass,
the Derby winner.

Then came Miss Wilkes' magnificent
trotting stallion, Mograzia. This horse
is a twice New York winner, and has
won all over Canada. He is a perfect
trotting horse, pure galloped, and fine
mannered. He is a beauty and no
mistake. Several other horses of Miss
Wilkes' great string were shown.

Granham & Renfrew, of Bedford
Park, had several winners. Among
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Carried Handcar
Seventy Miles

St. Thomas, Sept. 15.—One of
the strangest happenings in
railroading occurred on the
Michigan Central between this
city and Buffalo, when the fast-
est express on the road struck a
handcar going at full speed, and
carried it a distance of 70
miles.

No. 17, which leaves Buffalo
at 3:25 a.m., struck the handcar
in such a way as to fasten the
pilot and car without the lat-
ter's wheels leaving the track.
At full speed the car was
shoved over switches, and not
until St. Thomas was reached
was the addition to No. 17 dis-
covered by the crew. Inquir-
ies were made, and it was found
that the handcar had been
standing unoccupied at Cayuga,
70 miles from here.

The little wheels of the hand-
car were worn blue by the
speed of the express.

Boy Flim-Flams Many Merchants
New Method of Crookery Introduced

Police Are Now Looking for the
Lad, as Are Also Several
Business Men.

There is a youngster of about 14 years
of age, that several storekeepers would
like to see for a minute or two.
For several days he has been work-
ing as smooth's flim-flam game as has
been perpetrated on the merchants of
this city for some time.

The methods of the boy were unique,
to say the least of it. He would go
into a store and order a whole bill of

goods, and would charge them to a cer-
tain lady living on Wellington street.

The bill of goods would be put up,
and the boy would appropriate some of them
saying he would take them home him-
self.

The goods would be given him, and
he would start out with them and the
lady would promptly call him up by
phone and ask what was the trouble,
as she had never ordered the goods.

He got a basket of grapes and a couple
of boxes of chocolates and took them
away. The bill of goods he sent to the
house was quite large.

"Sandretts," W. T. Strong, E. Guffe-
mont, Rowat's and many others were
victims of the boy.

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HOTELMAN PALMER
CALLED BY DEATH

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Sept. 18.—John C. Palmer,
proprietor of the Palmer House and
owner of the Iroquois Hotel Building,
one of the best known hotel men in
Ontario, died this morning after a
brief illness of pneumonia. He was
74 years old. He was born in Wat-
erloo County, N. Y., and has been in
Toronto since 1882.

POISONED WATER FOR
HOSPITAL PATIENTS

One Dead and Others Will Die Because
of Careless Attendant.

San Diego, Cal., Sept. 18.—A nurse
in the county hospital last night con-
fessed to District Attorney Kirby
that she had accidentally furnished a num-
ber of the patients with drinking water
containing a quantity of poison. Six
were taken violently ill, one died, and
the others are in a serious condition,
some being unconscious. It is probable
that other deaths will occur.

The wholesale poisoning was followed by
rumors that it had been brought about
deliberately, as the result of a plot. The
sheriff and the district attorney im-
mediately began an investigation at the
hospital, and finally learned from one of
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BIG CROWD IN QUEEN'S PARK
FOR THE LAST DAY OF FAIR

But the Number of Visitors Is Not Nearly So Great as Yesterday
—Directors Are Elated With the Success of the Exhi-
bition—Meeting Held This Morning.

This is the last day of the Fair, to-
morrow being "getaway day."

There is a good attendance this af-
ternoon, but not nearly so large as dur-
ing the other days of the week.

At noon a crowd of perhaps 4,000
people were on the grounds, and the
street cars were carrying visitors in
large numbers to the park.

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