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## EXHIBITION OPENS.

Victoria's Great Midsummer Show Now in Full Swing.

PREMIER DAVIE DID THE GRACEFUL

Unvalued Display of the Riches of

Field, Forest and Farm—Manufacture

Cattle, Sheep and Horses.

From Tuesday's Daily.]

The seventeenth annual exhibition of

the British Columbia Agricultural Assoc-

ciation was formally opened this after-

noon by Hon. The Hon. Premier. He

was met at the gate by President Ellis,

and with Mrs. Davie was conducted

through the building and yard. In his

opening address the premier made many

flattering remarks about the exhibition.

He had attended every show held in the

city during the last 20 years, and he

could say that the present one eclipsed

them all. The industrial exhibits were

especially good, showing what can be

done at home. He knew many people

who thought that it was impossible to

manufacture articles at home to equal

the imported goods. He had tried them

both and would say unhesitatingly that

the home manufactured article was as

good as the imported. Everybody should

encourage these home industries by

buying the goods they manufacture. Do

not patronize the storekeepers that do

not sell goods made at home. Agricul-

ture should also be encouraged. A

school similar to the one at Guelph, Ont.,

where farming is taught, would be very

useful in British Columbia. In con-

clusion he formally declared the exhibi-

tion open.

Ex-Mayor Townsend and other gentle-

men made remarks.

The attendance at the opening was

not large, but the directors did not ex-

pect the crowd until Thursday, Friday

and Saturday. "C" Battery band re-

ndered a programme during the afternoon

which was much enjoyed.

There was a marked improvement in

the exhibits to-day. Many new ones had

hogs are Messrs. Page, Bryant and the

Toimie estate. The Truck and Dray

Company show several teams of heavy

draught horses, and Messrs. King, Mit-

chell and the McNeill estate each have

a good string. The exhibits in Jersey

cattle is particularly good.

NOTES.

The Mainland farmers say it is too

early to travel with stock. They would

have to leave their work undone and be-

sides the stock is not in good condition.

The directors' weather is 'wid' us.

From Wednesday's Daily.]

Victorians are beginning to realize

that if they do not attend the midsum-

mer exhibition of the British Columbia

Agricultural Society they are going to

miss seeing something interesting, pleas-

ing and instructive. The attendance

last evening was not very large, but the

few who were there spent a pleasant

evening. Besides seeing the exhibits

they were treated to a musical concert

by "C" Battery band, which alone was

well worth the expense of going to the

show. To-day the attendance was large,

many strangers being among those who

passed through the gates. Hon. B.

Barton, Q. C., attorney-general, of

New South Wales, and Mrs. Barton

were on the grounds bright and early.

They were accompanied by Hon. The

Hon. Premier, and attorney-general,

who showed the distinguished guests

around the grounds, and were well pleased

with what they saw. Other Australian

ladies and gentlemen, who came over

from the Miowera, were also present. Mayor

Haslam, of Nanaimo, and Mrs. Haslam

spent several hours in the building and

on the grounds. Then there were Vic-

torians' prominent citizens and their fam-

ilies, also surprised at what could be

manufactured in the city without their

knowing about it. No one could be

dissatisfied with the exhibition, con-

sidering that it was present again to-day

and will be there this evening. After

having seen all there is to see, visitors

can sit down on comfortable benches

and listen to the music. Most of the

prize cards and diplomas were distrib-

uted to-day, which adds interest to the

fair, visitors knowing who are the prize

winners. In the stock yard the stalls

of horses and cattle which have been

successful competitors in other exhibi-

tions were gaily decorated with their

prize cards and diplomas. To-morrow

is the big day. The mayor has decreed

it a public holiday, and every storekeep-

er and merchant is expected to close his

place of business, at least during the

afternoon, to give his employees an op-

portunity of seeing the fair. An ex-

cursion party will be over in the morn-

ing and remain until evening. The Van-

couver city band is coming down with

them and will play in the hall alternat-

ing with "C" Battery band from 3 until

6. Their programme is:

Overture—Morning, Noon and Night, Suppi

Waltzes—Hydroplan, Gungl

Selection—Gungl, Adams

Medley—The Jugglers, Adams

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of \$10 for the best lot of home-made bread

made from their flour. Mrs. J. E. Smith.

Apples, yellow transparent, Jubilee Farm.

Apples, red astrachan, Mrs. P. Wilson.

Apples, Duchess of Oldenburg, Mrs. P.

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## UPPER COUNTRY NEWS.

Weekly Memoranda Collected From the

Inland Newspapers.

(The Nelson Tribune.)

The Nelson brewery is completed and

its product will soon be on the market.

The building is furnished with all the

modern appliances for making the bever-

age that flows but never incinerates,

that is, hardly ever.

N. C. Dingman of New Denver is in

Nelson. He reports his town as livelier

than any other town between here and

there and that considerable property is

being sold, the block on the south

side of the street being sold to a Vanco-

ver party for \$1000.

The Kaslo and New Denver wagon

road is completed to a point west of

Hughes' headquarters camp, about eight

miles from New Denver. If the money

holds out, Superintendent Cameron will

be at the Kaslo lake metropolis by the

middle of September.

The gold district over around Hall

creek, twelve miles southwest of Nel-

son, is attracting considerable attention.

The ledges are big and strong, but the

value of the gold does not appear to run

even. One or two claims carry ore that

gives good assay returns; others, again,

carry ore that looks good but does not

assay worth a cent.

W. C. McLean left Nelson on Wednes-

day for the Yukon, to begin work on the

Nakusp and Skeena railway, on which

he has a sub-contract of two miles, be-

ginning two miles out from Nakusp.

"Billy" built the Robson end of the Co-

lumbia and Kootenay railway "for the

fun of the thing," but expects to make a

"killing" on the Nakusp and Skeena.

Both the banks at Nelson have decided

to discount American paper money five

per cent. after the 15th instant. The

reasons given are that there is so much

American money in circulation that the

bills of the two banks remain in the

vaults, instead of being in circulation,

## CANADIAN DISPATCHES.

The News of Eastern Canada in Short

Paragraphs.

Angus Seaton, an old man, has been

found dead in the woods in Manitowish.

Maggie Shuman of Walkerville, aged

10, was run over by a train and fatally

injured.

The Montreal Street Railway Com-

pany has authorized the issue of \$700,000

bonds.

Diphtheria is said to be frightfully pre-

valent in the back townships of Ren-

frew County.

Henry Irving and Ellen Terry arrived

at Quebec on Saturday, bound for the

Pacific coast.

Wilson &amp; Co.'s lead works at Hamil-

ton were destroyed by fire, together with

a large quantity of manufactured mate-

rial.

The barns, with all the season's crops,

of Fred Roseborough, of the township of

Tweed, were burned on Saturday through

being struck by lightning.

Roland, aged 15, and Norman, aged

11, sons of Alexander Mitchell, while

driving across the railway track at Sa-

runa were struck by a train and killed.

Ald. Robert Lewis left St. Cathar-

ines recently and has not since return-

ed. Later his partner, Taylor Sander-

son, said he was shipped and the firm

was practically insolvent.

A syndicate, after investigation, has

decided to construct a canal to connect

lakes Erie and St. Clair to admit the

largest lake vessel. The right of way

has been bought and all arrangements

completed.

Thomas Edison, the great electrician,

traveling incognito, passed through Toron-

to recently. He would not tell what his

business in Canada was beyond that he

had been inspecting some mining lands

in the Sudbury district.

The Toronto College of Pharmacy has

approved of the suggestion made to it

by the Pharmaceutical Association of