

Victoria's Big Fair

Largest Exhibition in the History of the City Will Be Held This Fall

During the week commencing on Tuesday, the 27th inst., and ending Saturday, the 1st of October, will be held Victoria's annual exhibition. This is about a fortnight earlier than is usual, and the chances of the fair being favored with fine weather, therefore, are correspondingly greater. Providing these conditions are auspicious, there is every reason to believe that the show will be the most successful ever conducted under the auspices of the British Columbia Agricultural Association.

All local agriculturists and industrialists who have watched the energy displayed by the executive and the different sub-committees in the work of preparation are of this opinion. Every department of the exhibition is receiving careful attention, and the interior displays, the quantity and quality of stock, besides the programme of outside attractions are expected to exceed similar features of previous shows. No pains have been spared so far by Secretary Swinerton or any of the managers to bring about improvements which the experience gained in past years has shown to be advisable.

Another matter that has been observed among those in charge of the arrangements, is the ready generosity shown by local merchants when asked for financial assistance. Despite the fact that recently there have been many calls upon the pockets of business men, when subscriptions were requested for the support of the association in its undertaking, refusals were exceedingly rare. This spirit has naturally had the effect of encouraging members of the different committees who are now attending to the details of the exhibition with a thoroughness that would hardly have been exhibited had the public not expressed appreciation of their efforts in a substantial manner.

To farmers interested particularly in agriculture, the features which will prove most attractive are the district exhibits and fruit competitions. The former, owing to the new rules introduced, promise to be closely contested. Already entries have been received from four or five districts, and several more are expected. The handsome Massey-Harris cup is offered for the district competition. Cash prizes have also been contributed by the association. As a result the various associations are taking a great deal of trouble in the preparation of their exhibits, and some elaborate displays are assured.

On account of the keen competition, the executive has thought it wise to take precautions against any possible complaint from the competing societies after the decisions are announced. Two judges therefore have been appointed, one from the Mainland and another from the Island, who will refer all points on which they cannot agree to an umpire. These arrangements should prove satisfactory to all concerned.

For the first time fruit grown on the Island and Mainland will come into competition at the forthcoming show. During the past several years the importance of this industry has been realized by local farmers, and the fruit grown here has gradually improved in quality, until now it is generally claimed to be equal to the product of any of the Mainland districts. Therefore, in order to give the commercial fruit exhibitor the place it merits, it has been decided by the management, on recommendation of the Victoria Fruit Growers' Association, to provide for practical demonstrations in fruit packing on the afternoons of Thursday and Friday. A handsome challenge trophy, to be known as the Stewart cup, has also been offered for the purpose of increasing the interest in this line.

If the numerous applications for space afford any indication, the exhibit by local and outside manufacturers will be an exceptionally fine attraction. Merchants, apparently, have been roused to greater efforts as a result of the thorough canvass made by a committee consisting

of members of the executive and board of trade. Although nothing definite can yet be said, none of the displays being sufficiently far advanced to allow a clear idea of their nature to be formed, it is generally believed that prominent business men intend to use the exhibition as an advertising medium on an extensive scale. Some more than usually elaborate displays may therefore be depended upon.

Before leaving the interior exhibits, a brief mention of the department should not be omitted. Heretofore there has always been more or less dissatisfaction among Victorians of artistic tastes over the collection shown at the exhibition. This year the executive has taken the matter up and appointed a capable and energetic committee to supervise the collection of a creditable exhibit.

Already the promise of Miss Pemberton to include several of her paintings in the collection has been secured. Other local talent (has also become interested and things are shaping in such a way that it will indeed be surprising if the art display does not reach the standard set by the most fastidious.

Without a fairly good showing of stock a fair cannot be termed a success. Ever since the organization of the B. C. Agricultural Association this has been a strong point of the Victoria exhibition. Mainland and Island farmers may look forward, however, to seeing the record broken this fall. Owing to the handsome prizes offered and the splendid market the local show has hitherto proved—more stock having changed hands in Victoria during exhibition week than at all the other British Columbia shows combined—great interest has been roused among breeders. Entries for fifty or more cattle from one person is an ordinary occurrence, and Secretary Swinerton expects that the accommodation on the grounds will be taxed to its utmost.

Dr. Tolmie, a member of the executive, who has travelled throughout the Mainland interior and most of the Island districts during the past fortnight, reports that almost all stock raisers of prominence are preparing for the Victoria exhibition. The proposal to repair the Cadboro bay wharf, which is now being considered by members of the transportation

committee and the C. P. R., seems to have been favorably received by all agricultural societies of the Mainland. In communications to the secretary they have unanimously endorsed the suggestion and undertaken to assist the executive in impressing the importance of the matter upon Canadian Pacific railway officials.

As mentioned in last Saturday's Times, Capt. Troup has already expressed his willingness to look into the plan. If his report of the condition of the wharf is satisfactory, it is practically certain that stock and freight for the exhibition will be landed at Cadboro bay. The desirability of such an arrangement cannot be over-estimated. It would make it much less difficult for Mainland exhibitors to transfer their stock to the Island exhibition and would certainly result in more support being received from outside points.

Whether the wharf proposition carries or not, however, the largest exhibition of stock ever exhibited at a local show is expected. The parade, which takes place on Thursday and Friday afternoons, therefore, may be looked forward to as one of the features of the fair. Several of the attractions of the principal, of course, will be horse racing, which will mark the afternoons of the last three days of the fair. With some of the fastest horses of the coast here, and a track in as good condition as could be desired, some splendid contests are bound to take place. A couple of months ago members of the Victoria Driving Club took in hand the repair of the grounds by their trainers and are being put through their paces in preparation for the forthcoming events. Several local horses are also training, while Seattle and Portland are expected to contribute some competitors for the handsome purses offered. The services of one as capable as he could be secured, but in Mr. Leighton the association has obtained a judge worthy of his predecessor.

Everything points to a very successful series of races.

Next to these contests the athletic sports and shant battles to take place on Wednesday, "Army Day" are most important on the list of attractions. The programme will open with a number of competitions between rival men and conclude with a sham battle. What form the latter will take has not yet been announced, the matter having been left entirely with Capt. Sandeman and other officers of H. M. S. Grafton. It probably will prove, however, an attack on a fort constructed on the grounds. How the attacking or defending forces will be distributed cannot even be conjectured, as it is not known whether the Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers, who have promised to assist, will be placed on either side or divided between the two. It is needless to say, however, that the manoeuvres will be well worth witnessing.

Another feature somewhat out of the ordinary will be the athletic competition between representatives of the different public schools, which is announced to take place on Friday, "Children's Day." The contests will include tests in running, jumping, vaulting, throwing and other exercises. According to the rules formulated by the committee in charge, each boy securing first place will earn two points for his school. One point is allowed for second place. After the completion of the sports the school with the highest number to its credit takes possession of a handsome silver cup, presented by the association. The boys are evincing appreciative interest in the arrangements for their entertainment, and many have commenced to prepare for the struggle for the honor of their respective schools.

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arranged to take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On the first occasion the army will try conclusions with the navy. Then the Victoria and Columbia elevens will play, and on Thursday the finals will be contested between the winners of these two matches.

The drilling contest, which has created considerable interest, will take place on Friday and Saturday evenings. Entertainment has been provided for every evening of the fair. Bands have been engaged to render musical selections, and in several instances arrangements have been made for a vocal programme. Besides all this the tug-of-war tournament and the Victoria amateur boxing tourney are to be in progress on Friday and Saturday evenings.

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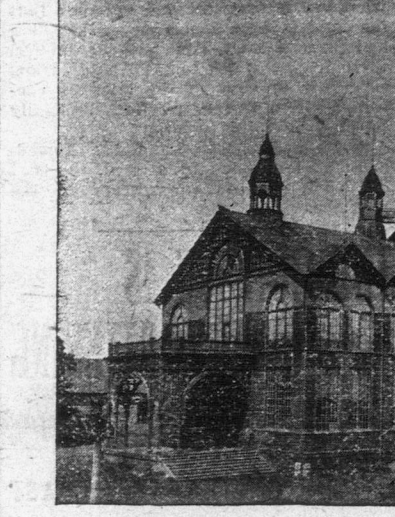
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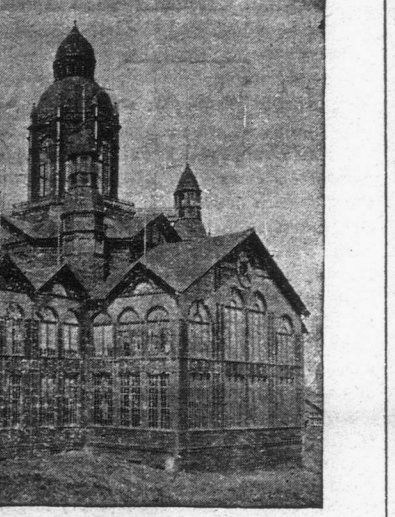
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W. LE POER TRENCH DIED IN IRELAND

Well-Known Resident of South Saanich Passed Away While Visiting His Old Home.

Word was received Wednesday of the death of W. Le Poer Trench, of Saanich, at the family homestead, Ireland. He passed away Tuesday as a result of the ravages of consumption from which he was suffering before leaving Victoria, two months ago for the Old Country. The news of his demise will be received with general regret by many friends. During his eleven years' residence here he made many acquaintances, and was exceedingly popular. He was a direct descendant of one of the most distinguished families of the Irish peerage, being the grandson of the Earl of Clancarty, and a son of Col. Hon. Wm. Le Poer Trench.

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therefore, have reached there shortly before the death of her husband.

Among the most intimate friends of the family during their residence here were the Bishop of Columbia and A. J. Galletly. It was the latter who on Wednesday morning received the cable announcing the sad intelligence.

HER HEART LIKED A POLLUTED SPRING.—Mrs. James Strigley, Pelee Island, Ont., says: "I was for five years afflicted with dyspepsia, constipation, heart disease and nervous prostration. I cured the heart trouble with Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart, and the other ailments vanished like mist. Had relief in half an hour after the first dose."—27

Mrs. Le Poer Trench left for Ireland about three weeks ago, and should,

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JAPS ARE BUSY CUTTING

HOW THEY PROPOSE TO BLOW

Defenders Will Destroy Ingalls, Arsenal and Wharves Besiegers Enter Port

GARRISON READY TO MAKE OBSTINATE

St. Petersburg, Sept. 16.—Port Arthur is said to have received from Port Arthur a long and obstinate defence. "Our garrison is in good there should be no prospect of falling. Port Arthur is a long and obstinate defence. "The Japanese are striking their positions near the city and are entrenched before it. WILL BLOW UP ALL VALUABLE

Chefoo, Sept. 16.—The Japanese between September 8th and 10th captured a fort situated on a hill two miles east of Godo. The fighting was very hard. The Japanese were able to force the fort because the quality of the shells used at Golden Hill was many shells fell short and exploded.

The foregoing information was obtained from an intelligent Chinese source. Port Arthur is said to have had a dockyard for many years. He adds the tunnelling under the Russian fortifications is being carried on. He says that the work of tunnelling and arduous, and will be successful.

The Russians have placed all the public buildings, and everything that could be used by the Japanese with a view to causing their blowing up. Japanese enter the city. Ammunition is growing there is plenty of bread, and a number of boats are lying in the dock waiting to be knocked into kindling by the shells. One shell demolished the engine in the dock yards of the naval forces at Chefoo. The five 11-inch guns of which were formerly pointed have been rearranged, three pointing seaward.

The Chinese allege that the shells have been removed to the shore, and that they were of very little value to the ships in the harbor and able to participate in any sea. A month ago the Chinese threatened Sianchi Chinese say the shells fall that point.

SAYS THE MEN ARE ANXIOUS TO SURRENDER

Shanghai, Sept. 16.—The Daily News publishes a report from a Chinese interpreter from 1897 until the end of the commissariat department of Port Arthur. The writer says that the department had 35,000 rations to the Russian garrison, and that the Chinese soldiers themselves. "But when," he said, "they were ordered to surrender, they were of very little value to the ships in the harbor and able to participate in any sea. A month ago the Chinese threatened Sianchi Chinese say the shells fall that point.

THE SQUADRON WILL MAKE PILL

St. Petersburg, Sept. 16.—The front is exceedingly present full in the operation. It is expected to continue for several weeks. Ever since the Russian retreat was accompanied by military operations, which Field Marshal not immediately attempt aggressive tactics.

All the information regarding the condition of the garrison will require time to organize a new force. It is now believed that the reinforcements of men and material are being sent. It is reported will be ready at the end of the month. It would create no surprise if the Russian retreat was accompanied by military operations, which Field Marshal not immediately attempt aggressive tactics.

London, Sept. 16.—The British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society has issued a pamphlet dated Liao Yang, at the conclusion of a battle here, says: "General Kuropkin's