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FINE EXHIBITS AT FAIR

Public School Pupils In Competition.

Village School Fair Had Unrivalled Exhibits—A Great Success in Spite of Threatening Weather—Big Attendance.

Weather was threatening, but on the whole, favorable, for the first village school fair, held on Thursday. The race-track field, with the big exhibition tent erected, the large attendance, the first-class exhibits in all classes, the sports, were features of a memorable day in the lives of the public school pupils of Athens. Automobiles and buggies brought visitors to the grounds, and the Women's Institute's booth did a good stroke of business. The ladies of this organization, who were the promoters of the fair were found everywhere. To them the village owes the existence of an exhibition the like of which had never before been seen in Athens.

The school boys and girls, darting hither and thither through the crowd, falling about of tent guys and pegs, much excited and exhilarated, returned often to cast admiring and envying glances at the long tables of exhibits under the canvas. They flaunted red prize ribbons in the faces of their playmates; some wore bunches of them varying in color from the red of the first to the purple of the sixth, and swaggered with the inimitable quality of accomplishment. A great day indeed!

Here were collections of garden products, apples, cakes, pies, sewing, darning, cut flowers, preserves, art, handwriting, essays, handicraft, in wonderful profusion. Outside you saw pens of poultry in good display.

During the afternoon, a program of races was productive of the much-envied prize ribbons. Very earnest and serious were the young athletes as they competed as often as the watchful starter would permit. Run! those races made some sleepy, tired boys and girls that night.

But that was after the "show."

Evening Concert

With the stage profusely decorated with corn, wheat, pumpkins, cut flowers, sun flowers, and maple branches; and with a background of the Union Jack and the Star-Spangled Banner of our neighboring ally; the vegetable concert in the evening given by the public school pupils was so well received that the youngsters actually began to think that they had "done something worth while." The auditorium was well filled, and applause was almost continuous.

Opening with Principal S. L. Snowden in the chair, the school sang in chorus "Canada." Following this, three addresses by youthful orators, Carman Lang, Robert Lang, Beaumont Kelly, Sidney Vickery, and Sidney Burchell, enumerated the benefits of the school fair, and suggested civic action in regard to Labor Day and the supervising of play grounds.

A motion song by ten little girls; and a humorous recitation, "Canning Season," by Vera Topping, were next in order on the program.

Marion Robinson and Knowlton Hanna in a stuttering and hisping duet gave the audience some good laughs.

Genevra Yates played very sweetly a piano solo, "The Sky Lark." "Especially Jim," a recitation by Hannah Goodfellow gave evidence of real elocutionary talent. Mary Duffield, in an appropriate costume, favored the audience with a solo, "Four-Leafed Clover."

Ten girls of the school were next seen in a flower drill; Hazel Smith sang "A Little Garden in Our Back Yard," and Edna Eaton, in a pretty costume, recited "O Canada."

A mixed chorus and a chorus by the fourth form concluded this part of the entertainment.

Miss O. Usher, president of the Athens Women's Institute, presented the special prizes won at the school fair. Genevra Yates had 20 entries, scoring 380 points; Guy Purcell had 15 entries, scoring 200 points. Miss Usher in behalf of the Institute heartily thanked everyone who had contributed to the success of the fair.

In a brief address, Mr. Snowden congratulated the ladies, the boys, and the girls, on the success that had

attended the first village school fair. The students had risen nobly to the effort at the last moment, it seemed, and made exhibits of altogether unexpected merit. He was sure that the ladies must have done an immense amount of work for his share which had been a small one, had caused him considerable labor. He hoped that the school fair would continue for the sake of the boys and girls of the town. This was Mr. Snowden's first opportunity of addressing an Athenian audience.

A tableau featuring Zella Topping as Miss Canada bestowing her favor on the Canadian soldier (George Drummond, of the A. H. S. Cadets) was a fine closing number.

The accompanists of the evening were: Mrs. Geo. Judson, Mrs. C. C. Slack, Miss Berney, and Miss G. Robinson.

AEROPLANE AT DELTA FAIR

Is Damaged Slightly When Preparing to Start on Return Journey to Camp Mohawk.

The large crowd—5,000—at Delta Fair on its closing day had thrills aplenty when an aeroplane from Camp Mohawk, lost in a fog while on a scouting trip, appeared in the sky over the village. Cadet W. M. Timback, of the Royal Flying Corps, sighting the crowd, and being almost out of gasoline and oil, made a landing. Procuring a new supply, he gave a demonstration of flying, much delighting the Fair visitors. Later in the afternoon, while attempting to rise from the rough ground near the C.N.R. station, the aeroplane crashed into a wire fence, breaking the propeller and causing other injuries that necessitated the calling of expert mechanics from the aviation camp. The aviator was not hurt. The repairing could not be done at Delta; and the plane had to be taken away on a motor truck.

The Fair had a splendid day, the attendance being abnormally large. The exhibition hall was crowded all the time, and the refreshment booths were centers of a big crush of people. Overflowing from the fenced enclosures, the crowd persisted in crossing and recrossing the track. One girl was knocked down by a horse; but was not seriously hurt. Athens defeated Delta in a baseball match by a score of 5-3.

On the Track

The first event was the farmers' green race in which three horses were entered—"Monday Morning," K. Polk, Portland; "Donald Boy," William French, Philipsville; and "Dollar Bill," C. Townsend, Lyndhurst. Valuable prizes were awarded the winners by the directors, through the generous assistance of public-spirited citizens, and the event created considerable excitement.

Summary.

"Monday Morning" proved the best horse of the trio, and had no difficulty in winning the three heats in 2.45 1/4, 2.45 1/2, 2.45 1/4. The prizes were awarded as follows:
"Monday Morning," K. Polk, Portland 1 1 1
"Donald Boy," W. French, Philipsville 2 2 2
"Dollar Bill," C. Townsend, Lyndhurst 3 3 3

Free-for-all—Purse \$150—Best Three in Five Heats.

"Gamey K," K. Polk, Portland; "Hydrick," W. Godson, Ganaoquo; and "Minnie Deveras," L. Kennedy, Portland, were the only entries in the event, which was won handily by "Gamey K."

Summary.

"Gamey K" captured the three heats in 2.30 1/4, 2.30 1/2, and 2.30 1/4, with "Hydrick," and "Minnie Deveras" second and third respectively.
"Gamey K," K. Polk, Portland 1 1 1
"Hydrick," W. Godson, Ganaoquo 2 2 2
"Minnie Deveras," L. Kennedy, Portland 3 3 3
W. Yates of Athens officiated as starter; P. Fahey, Elgin, and F. Bullis, of Brockville as judges, and gave excellent satisfaction.

Special Events.

A bicycle race brought out four starters who finished in the following order: Allan Swayne, Rupert Burchell, Howard Green, Howard Holmes.

A Ford driving contest for ladies brought out three entries, and the prizes were captured by Miss Annie Leadbeater and Miss Addie Barlow.

Canadian Bankers' Competition

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS—HANDSOME CASH PRIZES

In this competition, the Canadian Bankers' Association, acting in co-operation with the Dominion Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, offers cash prizes to boys and girls who exhibit calves or pigs at their local fair, and who comply with all the rules governing the competition. See prize list for Frankville Fair for entry forms or apply to F. A. Robertson, Manager Merchants' Bank, at Athens, or W. H. Montgomery, Sec. Frankville Fair, for further particulars.

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IMPRESSIVE SERVICES

Ordination and Confirmation at Christ's Church.

It is only on very rare occasions that on the same day and in the same church there is an ordination to the priesthood of the ministry and also an ordination to the priesthood of the laity, i.e., confirmation. Such, however, was the unique honor enjoyed by the parish of Lansdowne Rear and Athens on Sunday when the Lord Bishop of Ontario ordained the Rev. W. J. Gratton, incumbent of Frankville, to the priesthood, and also confirmed a class of eleven candidates.

The day was fine and the church beautifully decorated, was crowded to its utmost capacity both morning and evening.

Besides the Bishop, there were present, the Ven. Archdeacon Dobbs, of Kingston; Rev. W. H. Smith, of Lyndhurst; Rev. John Lyons, of Lyn; Rev. T. H. Hall, Newboro; Rev. W. J. Gratton, Frankville, Rev. Philip Watson, of Mallorytown; and Rev. Rural Dean Swayne, rector.

The ordination service in the morning was choral, the litany being sung by the Bishop and vested choir. The Archdeacon presented the candidate, and the Rev. W. H. Smith was select preacher. (A synopsis of the sermon appears in another column.) At the communion service, the Bishop was celebrant, the Rev. T. H. Hall epistoler, and the rector, gospel-er. The Rev. John Lyon carried the pastoral staff. Over 100 received the holy communion.

In the evening the confirmation service prescribed in the New or Enriched prayer book was used. At this service, the pastoral staff was borne by the newly ordained priest, Rev. W. J. Gratton, the exhortation being read by the rector, and the scripture passages by the Archdeacon of Kingston. The Bishop was the preacher, and as usual delivered a clear, concise, and really eloquent sermon from Phil. 1: 6, "Being convinced of this very thing that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Everyone realized that these two beautiful and dignified services made this day one long to be remembered in the history of the parish.

Red Cross Activities.

The soldiers' committees of the Women's Institute and W.C.T.U. extend thanks for the liberal response to the small notices which were slipped under every door in town for the patriotic shower held at Mrs. (Dr.) Bright's. Its value is about \$80, there being \$35.50 in cash, which will be divided equally between the two organizations. To anyone who will knit socks or trench caps, they will be pleased to supply yarn at once, as the need is great.

The Young People's Club of town are sending this week 18 pairs of wool bed socks, 18 mending kits, completely filled, and 224 yards of rolled bandages to the Orpington Military Hospital, England.

Lt.-Col. Wright Promoted.

Lieutenant-Colonel R. P. Wright, D.S.O., of the C.A.M.C., nephew of Robert Wright, Brockville, has been appointed assistant director of the medical services in England, to be ranked as temporary colonel while so employed.

NOT SO MANY COLDS EXPECTED

After Medical Boards Have Examined Thousands of Men in Canada.

Ottawa, Sept. 25.—Before winter is upon Canada, Medical Boards established all over the country under the Military Service Act, will have completed a close physical examination of many thousands of Canada's men. The object is to find out what men are disqualified from active service in the army by physical defects, and what men are available.

Medical authorities calculate that a vast number of men will reap very material benefit from this physical examination. Discussing the matter to-day, a prominent physician said: "The Chinese have the interesting custom of paying the doctor to keep them in good physical condition instead of using him spasmodically to cure sudden illness. Possibly there is some merit in the system in vogue in the Orient. Certainly, thousands of people would live more comfortably, as well as longer, if they knew early of latent weaknesses, such as lung trouble. I am satisfied that it will have a beneficial influence on health conditions in Canada this winter for thousands of men to be warned in time of troubles that may develop under the trials of winter weather."

Perhaps there will not be so many people with colds in Canada after thousands of people are reminded of conditions that require attention to such simple and inexpensive remedies as keeping the feet dry and the windows shut.

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