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THE STAMPEDE

While the weather man certainly did not err on the side of kindness, the opening day of the Stampede passed in a manner that gives assurance that, with the continuance of reasonably favorable conditions, the exhibition will be an unequalled success. Regarded as a spectacle it has an interest almost unrivalled. The life of the cowboy has all the atmosphere of romance, and the feats of endurance and skill performed by the most daring and accomplished of those who follow this calling have an interest for Albertans that gains much from the fact that in this country, until quite recently, the cowboy held almost undisputed sway. The ranch is being fast broken up into wheat fields, but the glamour of romance surrounding the calling remains.

As the most remarkable exhibition of its kind to be held in the Dominion it cannot fail to afford to this city a measure of publicity of incalculable value. Associated with the great Stampede, the name of Calgary has been carried far and wide. Within the city at the present time is the largest body of visitors that has ever been within its boundaries at one time. The places of many of those who are now here will be filled again and again by others, who will come in as they go out during the next five days. They come from every part of Western Canada, from Eastern Canada and from the United States, and from whatsoever place they come they are three welcome.

We who live in Calgary have a pride in our city which we believe to be well founded. Our guests will see here a modern city, growing at a pace which must seem almost incredible to those who are unfamiliar with the brief but splendid history of the Canadian West. If they find food for astonishment in the fact that this Western metropolis has sprung within a few years from a mere outpost of civilization, their wonder must be intensified as they observe the unmistakable signs which point to the high place that Calgary must fill in the near future among the great cities of the North American continent.

THE PROBLEM OF THE CITY

Peculiar significance attaches to references to the existence of a housing problem in Canada, repeatedly appearing of late in the larger Eastern newspapers. There is food for ironical reflection in the fact that Canada, with the certainty that her population will be multiplied many times within the next few decades and possessing everything necessary to accommodate these coming millions, is yet faced with the problems presented by overcrowding in her larger cities. Refusing to profit by the painful and costly experience of older countries, and deliberately neglecting the advantages we enjoy in a new country, we are reproducing here evils which elsewhere the nations are laboring at immense cost to eradicate. Canada, boasting of the care with which she selects her immigrants, is yet through criminal neglect and indifference defeating the very purpose for which that care was exercised. Already the cry is going up from such centres as Toronto and Montreal that thousands of workers are living in congested areas providing an environment which cannot fail to decrease their efficiency and must necessarily threaten the physical, mental and moral health of their offspring. Canada is, in short, selecting good stock from other countries and is placing them in conditions which make it impossible for them to reproduce in their families their own good qualities. It may be true that in Canadian cities at the present time there are no slums such as may be found in London or New York. There are, however, congested areas which are causing concern to thoughtful people in the East, who recognize that it is only a matter of time till the conditions to be found in the greatest cities in the world will be reproduced here.

The lesson for the newer cities of the West is clear. The reproduction here even of such conditions as are to be found today in Montreal and Toronto is inexcusable. The time for action is now, when evils that must be eradicated later at immense cost, may be prevented by the exercise of thought.

The best interest of the whole community is served when the efficiency of every unit is raised to the highest power. The loss sustained by the community through the existence of the inefficient is not represented by the cost of poor relief and of the maintenance of charitable institutions. Calgary and other cities in a like situation

can make such provision now that, no matter what the increase in population, every man, woman and child will live in an environment which will ensure health of body and mind, in so far as they can be ensured by outward conditions. If nothing else can be done at the present time parks and playgrounds can be secured.

A REASONABLE NAVY POLICY

It is difficult to believe that Mr. Borden will have any other course open to him than that of approving the principle underlying the naval policy formulated by his predecessor in office. The principle recognized in that policy and regarded by the great majority of Canadians as fundamental, was that Canada's duty to the Empire could be permanently fulfilled only by the establishment of a Canadian navy, paid for by Canadians and under the control of the Canadian government. The advantage of this policy is to be found in the fact that it includes provision for expansion as circumstances may require. The criticism has been made that the provision actually made was not sufficiently generous. If this be so the road to development is open. If the sentiment of the Canadian people is in favor of a stronger navy and a more lavish expenditure, the policy provides for that development, as it was intended that it should provide.

If the Canadian people can be convinced that peculiar existing circumstances require some form of direct contribution, that contribution will be freely given. It is unlikely, however, that they will be satisfied to discharge their obligation to the Empire by the mere signing of a cheque, and it is to be regretted that there are so many newspapers in the Dominion that appear to think that the task which faces us may be satisfactorily accomplished in that way. Typical of the many statements of opinion that are appearing in these newspapers is the following from The Vancouver Province:

"If war had broken out last year at this time, and everybody knows now that it was by the merest chance that it did not, Canada could have done nothing, simply because Sir Wilfrid Laurier had not included in his program a cash contribution to the British navy."

The naval policy of Sir Wilfrid met with the full approval of the British authorities and of the British press, representative of both political parties. If what The Province regards as a narrowly escaped calamity had befallen Great Britain and war had been declared last year, cash contribution from Canada at that time would have accomplished nothing. Similarly, if war were declared next week, a cash contribution dispatched by Canada to Great Britain would neither cripple the opposing fleet nor add materially to the strength of that of Great Britain.

Soon or late we must recognize the truth emphasized by Mr. Winston Churchill recently, that in this matter it is impossible to take hurried measures that will be of any use. Navies are not immediately strengthened by the deposit of a sum of money in the bank to the credit of the nation to whom they belong. Nor do they grow like mushrooms in a night. We may as well recognize that Mr. Churchill knows of what he speaks when he tells us that we can do now only what will be of material use in two or three years at least.

THE MELON-CUTTING

The Grain Growers' Guide has the following to say of the application of the C.P.R. for permission to issue additional stock:

"The application made by the Canadian Pacific railway to the Dominion government for 'permission to issue \$60,000,000 additional stock' is of vital importance to every Canadian. At the present time the Canadian Pacific railway stock with a par value of \$100 per share is selling 'on the stock exchange' at about \$280 per share. This high price is due to the huge profits which the company has made through its excessive 'freight' rates. Those rates are coming down. 'Nothing is surer. It may take some little time' to accomplish the matter but the change is not 'far away. In view of this there should be no issue of stock by the Canadian Pacific railway at the present time. The stock cannot be issued 'unless by the express permission of the government' to whom parliament-delegated that power 'some years ago. If the stock is issued today at the market value of \$280 per share a serious reduction of freight rates would undoubtedly reduce the value of this stock. Then we would hear 'tales of the suffering of the 'widows and orphans' who had invested their money in the Canadian Pacific Railway stock and who 'must be protected.' On the other hand, if the stock is issued at 'considerably less than \$280 a share it would all be gobbled up immediately by the magnates who 'now own the Canadian Pacific railway. Suppose the stock is issued at \$150 per share the 'magnates would then turn round and put it on 'the market at \$280 per share and thereby make '\$130 profit on every \$150 invested without giving 'the slightest return. No new issue of the Canadian Pacific railway stock can be made in justice 'to the people of Canada until the freight rates 'are adjusted. The railway no doubt needs money 'for development. If so, its credit is as good as 'the credit of the Dominion government. Let the 'Canadian Pacific railway borrow money to sell 'debentures. In that way there will be no addition to the capital liability to form a barrier 'against freight rate reduction.'"

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THRILLING PERFORMANCES ON OPENING DAY OF STAMPEDE

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Ed. McCarty took 1:45 to complete his run, and Art Burton slipped below him with 1:25 1-2. Ed. Barton tied this time, and Joe Gardner scored in 1:46.

Echols Makes Good Time. Slow time was beginning to transform the steer roping into a mediocre event when Ed. Echols, on his invincible little sorrel ribbon, swung around behind a fleet-footed animal. The little Arizona nag hung on to the stride of the steers like a greyhound in a stag with speed to spare. A dodge, and Ribbon dashed by to turn like a courser and hug the rear of the steer. Echols made a fine throw, pulling up and tying in 48 seconds flat. A cheer went up from the contestants, followed by thunderous approval by the spectators.

Almost Tragedy. The Echols thrill had hardly died out when the spectators were treated to a touch of realism not on the programme. Del Blanchett drove a huge black steer to the end of the field, and when cornered it turned, barely missing the horse in the first charge. Blanchett drove away, gathered his rope and tried to catch. A miss, and the infuriated steer charged again, this time just reaching the rear of the horse with its keen horns. Again and again the animal came for horse and rider, and it was not until several cowboys came to his assistance and put ropes on the animal that it was prevented from following up and executing its revenge.

Ray Knight ended the first roping event by catching and tying in 1:08.

Cowgirls' Relay Race.

The cowgirls' relay race was a spirited affair, and was captured by Miss Blanchett in 5:12. The entries were Mrs. H. McKenzie, Mrs. Aubrey, Miss Fannie Berry, and Miss Bertha Blanchett. Miss Blanchett's ability to saddle quickly, aided by fast mounts, brought her home an easy winner. Taking the lead, she fely all the way, and was out in fr. in the changes each time.

There came some real comedy when the cowboys' bareback bull riding event was ushered in. Henry Webb drew a lively one and rode him safely out. Then Mexican Grey minus spurs but full of gameness, essayed a few stunts that while tragic to the Mexican, furnished amusement to his competitors and the public. After about the third jump, Greer became unglued from his mount and to separate speedily, still gripping the horn. He was turned around crosswise, landed straight up, then rose a few feet into the air, and found a soft spot on the grass. Red Kent, of Ashcroft, found a lively one in a little bay, and rode him till he quit. Then Doc Farabee found his horse on the neck of the first, and his way across the field, and quit when he found there was nothing doing in the aeroplane line.

Those who have sat beside the bull ring and watched the unequal battle between man and beast, save for the glances of manhood, the glances of the banderillas, and believed they had observed all that the bull ring has to offer, had something in comparison in the battle between man and a wild steer, devoid of sword and banderillas, that was waged yesterday by three men who literally hurled their lives into the fray and came out victorious by hairbreadths.

Forty-five seconds after a huge steer thundered across the arena, the public full speed down the racetrack in front of the grandstand, Art Accord swung from his horse onto the neck of the steer and piled him in a heap on the track. This sensational performance brought a salvo of cheers, but they became cheering hurrahs when Chas. Gray, mounted on a black horse, dashed for the steer's horns, threw his body in front of him and landed the steer's head on the ground, both man and horse rolling over each other. In the impact the steer's horn was broken off and the Tipton received a strain of his hip and a badly lacerated nose. When his head was snatched up by the crowd, the steer was snatched up by the crowd. Doc Farabee made a desperate dash for the steer's head, and the crowd roared. The steer's head was snatched up by the crowd. The steer's head was snatched up by the crowd.

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The second event of the cowboy roping contest immediately followed, and served to demonstrate that the steers employed are the fastest and strongest with which they have had to deal. These immense strength required one in pulling up horse and rider, while saddles turned and runs were broken under the stress, and many failed to get within the minute mark in tying. Rip Van scored in 1:04, W. S. Corne in 58, Will McBride missed twice, and scored in 1:50. Alf. Vivian's saddle turned on the first run, he roped on horn, and scored in 1:12.

John Glen in 45. Then John Glen, mounted on Ed Echols' sorrel, established the best time of the day by roping and tying in 45 seconds flat. Again this little horse gave an exhibition of splendid holding qualities, stretching his steer out, and keeping the rope like a bowstring until his master's hand went up as a signal of time.

Bert Well had a long run and scored in 1:11. The crowd was so big that the mount around the hind leg and threw up his hand in 1:40. Art Accord scored in 1:28. Ad. Bradshaw made a good start, but he was a rule. He was not given any time; Frank Bajors took his run, horse and rider going down with the steer. He threw his steer four times, but was unable to score in less than 2:14. Frank Tipton missed twice and roped on one foot, got his horse astride the rope and was

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Fur Fashions For Fall

Formal Exhibition

OUR formal showing of fur fashions for fall and winter, commences today and continues all week.

It will be a most magnificent display featuring hundreds of pieces and of the finest peltry procurable.

Long experience in the fur business has had a great influence on our selections as can readily be seen in their high quality, beauty, and general excellence.

Every fashionable fur, from the humble western sable to the queenly royal ermine, is represented and in the cream of the season's creations. All furs shown in this exhibit were bought before prices advanced, so that we are fortunate in being able to offer far greater values than it is possible for stores which bought after the rise.

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Size 3 x 4 yards regular \$13.75 SALE \$10.75

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Has a Surplus. The official figures of the expenditure of the Quebec for the fiscal year 1911-12, have just become available. They show that the total of the total expenses of the province, combined with the federal subsidy, was \$7,356,680, thus leaving a surplus of \$653,423.

Fifteen Black Cats Her Heirs.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 2.—With fifteen black cats standing like sentinels about the deserted shop, and suspiciously prowling in the wake of a physician in the dingy bedroom in the rear, Dr. Sarah F. Wells, graduate of Oberlin College, founder of medical colleges, traveler, author, and occultist, passed today into the great beyond, the secrets of which she had read time and again to scores of awe-stricken neighborhood women.

Chad in rage, Dr. Wells died upon a bed no less shabby, but her medicines

Suffragists Will Dare.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 2.—In order to dispel the impression that women who yearn to vote at real elections do not know the first elements of house-keeping, Minnesota suffragists will maintain a booth at the state fair, where every man, whether married or single, may have his nose darned. This was decided by the women yesterday when the following war cry was adopted: "Darn the government, darn the rocks. That's the way to ballot box. Patch the holes in hubby's hose. March to the polls and voice our

The organization has adopted the

darning needle as its emblem.