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## LAURIER AND THE SHOW

A GREAT WEEK FOR THE EXHIBI-TION AND THE PROPLE.

Now the Premier Came and How He was Entertained—Some Amusing Peatures of the Week—The Exhibition is allights— The River Trip and the Invitations. Col. Tucker owns the town now.

Sir Wilfrid captured the metroplis this week and Col. Tucker owns Sir Wilfrid, for did not the noble knight admit the soft impeachmedt when he said that he had surrendered to the almighty colonel when the satter went to Ottawa to bring him to St.

The thousands of this city and province had a brief twenty-eight hours in which to see and gaze upon the hero of the Jubilee but they had most of his time at their disposal. They had the distinguished French-Canadian on exhibition nearly all the time and he bore the ordeal with christian fortitude and resignation, preserving a smiling countenance and an amiable demeanour through it all, and after so much feasting and feteing and speech making and looking pleasant at home and abroad, in the barquet halls, the raloons and the public places of Eugland, Scotland, France, Italy and Canada he must have been dreadfully tired.

From the time he stepped from the train on Tuesday to the time when he stepped on it sgain he was surrounded by multitudes except of course when he retired to rest. The people had a good chance to see the face and figure that has dezzled Enrope. And it is a face and figure that command attention and would make him stand out

Sir Wilfrid is a striking looking man, of admirable physique, fine proportions and straight athletic carriage, and with his dimensions of six feet by 177 pounds is a personality fair to look upon and pleasing to the eye. His broad and classic brow, well moulded features and deep, flashing, speaking eye, bespeak the mind of a master and the mobile ocuntenance framed in axing locks tell of a poetic temperament. Sir Wilfrid is orator and statesmen and some of his orations are prose poems not-ably his panegyric of the late Sir John

There is only one regret and that was that he was not heard in one of his flights of eloquence. In his three or four little speeches here he did not get beyond the range of the usual platitudes and his hear-ers got only a bint of what he could do. But the ring ng sentences, the well modulated expressive voice suggested what he might co with a subject that sppealed to

Perhaps his reception was not as enthusiastic as some people would have expected, but then it was very general, participated in by conservatives equally with liberals The cheers that went up at the depot, at the exhibition grounds and elsewhere were not as vociferous as they could have been. but then they were aroused simply by his personality and in relation to that his welcome was enthusiastic. There was no question up, no special excitement to en-thuse the people and give zest to the

THE PREMIER; WAS KEPT BUSY.

Sir Wilfrid arrived on Tuesday's C. P. R. and at the depot was presented with a civic address by Mayor Robertson. At three o'clock he opened the International Exhibition with a short speech. At eight o'clock is held a reception at the exhibition when a large number of admirers were presented to the eminent Canad-Wednesday morning he visited High School and St. Josephs school, inspected the fire department, had a sail about the harbour and then went up the river in the new steamer Victoria. There was great firing of cannon, flying of bunting, display of military uniforms, ex change of compilmente, lunching, speeching, and all the other attendants on

were on hand on all occasions in force in shining silks, frock coats and bentonnieres, ere all well groomed and did cred-

know it) how magnificent the river and harbour is and how energetic the people are and finally he said that he intended never to rest until he saw Canadian trade and part of the United States trade going through the ports of Hailfax, St.

John and Montreal. This is a very tair promise but any Canadian would promise the same thing if it were in his power. Sir Wilfrid can crystalize his promise into action by starting in with generous grants for harbor works in St. John harbor, Then the people will be-lieve his fair but possibly diplomatic

By the way, part of the inspiration of Sir Wilfrid's remarks about St. John young ladies, arose from the pleasure of a riss which he enjoyed from one of the city's fair tiny daughters when she presented a bouquet to him at his hotel.

MANY BIG GUNS IN TOWN.

St John Visited By many Prominent Pec nle During the Premier's Stay.

Seldom or never has there been such crowd of notables were here Tuesday, never certainly to an exhibition opening. With the Premier present, four other cabinet ministers and a host of members of the lo: al and provincial parliaments, not to speak of judges and prominent professional men and merchants, prestige w.s given to the fair and another boost is imparted to it up the ladder of success.

Beside the premier there were present

Sir Louis Davies, minister of marine and fisheries. Hon. S. Israel Tarte, minister of public works, Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, and Hon. Sydney Fisher, minister of sgriculture. The Senate was represented by Senators King, Dever, Porrier and Ferguson, P. D. Island; the House of Commons by Lt. Col. Tucker, Dr. J. T. Ellis, A. E. Talbot, (Bellechase Que.), Dr. Lewis, James Robinson, (Northumberland), Mr. H. J. Logan (Cumberland), John Yeo, (P. E. Island) (Cumberland), John Yeo, (P. E. Island)
The provincial executive was represented by Chief Commissioner Emmerson, Surveyor General Dunn, Hon. A. D. Richard, and Solicitof General Witte. Among the provincial members eithe assembly there were Messrs Wm. Shas. A. A. Stockton, Dr. Alward, C. B. Le khert, John McLeod, I. W. Carpenier, David Morrow, Hon. Speaker J. P. Burchill, W. W. Wells, Jas. O'B ien, (St. George) James Barnes (Buctouche), E. Porter (Victoria) Mayor C. Robinson, (Mohotton). The judiency was present in the persons of Judges Hanington, McLeod, Barker, J. G. Forbes (St. John), Landry, Wedderburn, F. G. (St. John), Lindry. Wedderburn, F. G. Forbes (Liverpool, N. S.) Wells (Moncton) and Trueman. Among others present distanteful to him and without any courte-from noted were Mr, Louis Coste, of our phrase or request to him, he peremp-Ottawa, chief engineer of the department of public works; Hon. L. E. Baker, of here" and he permitted no time for any Yarmouth, Hon. P. McNutt, of Ma'peque, talk about th P. E. I.; Hon: G. A. Murchie, of Calais; Chas. Burpes, ex M. P. P. of Sheffield; Auditor General Beek, Geo. F. Gregory, Q C. and J. D Phinney, ex-M. P. P., of Frederiction; Geo. R. Sengeter, of Moncton A Roger ex-M. P. P., Fred Snmmer, ex-M. P. P. of Moncton, Collector of Customs Whitlock and E. A. Cockburn, of St. Andrews, Thom. Hetherington, ex-M. P. P., E. C. Bowers ex-M. P. P.; Joseph McQueen, ex.M. P. P. of Point de Bute, Thomas F. Hughes, imperial customs, China, and a number of visiting the claret punch on the boat had no idea

Koman Catholic and Episcopal clergyman. Exhibitions are very much alike year by year but this year it is a regular three ring show with hippodrome and side shows as well. In several particulars there is improvement. The exhibit which includes about 650 sheep, horses and the live, and the bench show of 700 poultry is much less and at that moment a former M. P ers as the hosts were in great favor and larger than ever before and takes the space even though the latter has been ncreased considerably This is a good farmers, to know. There are the usual displays of the merchants and manufacturers, the usual Vaudeville. it to the city.

Sir Wilfrid dragged the city at his charict wheels when he arrived, and a big jam at the depot and hundreds along the route of the cavalcade of barouches that

There were some incidents on the trip

It seemed purely a civic affair? and f.om some points of view was carried out in an excellent manner. But was it not too much of a civic affair. The Exhibition association were the prime movers in securing the attendance of the premier and they invited the Mayor and Corporation to join with them in welcoming and enter-taining him. Every courtesy was shown the mayor and corporation the first day, but it was noticeable that the officers of the association were not at the front on Wednesday neither at the city building nor on the river. The president of the association should have had every courtesy from the mayor, but the fact was that he had to take his chances in getting a seat at the table and stood up in the street car from the wharf to the railway station.

Ol course there were mistakes made in the invitations to the steamer trip. Good old liberals did not have the magic pasteboard to pass the chief at the gate while the strenuous demands of these who were mitted at the start succeeded in swelling the list by some 100. Thus it was that Caterer Ganong who figured on 300 guests did not have enough to go around among 400 or perhaps the talse appetites and later lunch hour for many made the demand greater than ordinary. But for a time there was plenty to eat and much to drink and while caterer Ganong got great credit for his work considering the short time he had to prepare, the city also obtained unstinted praise for its kindly and and concrous legard for thirsty guests

True, after the first tables there was some scrambling and some rush for seats, but these are always incidents of such a social gathering. But for the sturdy assis'ance given by such gentlemen many of those present might have found t difficult to get served as promptly and as efficiently as they were.

THE BUSIEST MAN IN TOWN. The Social and Official Duties of Chief Clark Keep Him on the Move.

Chief Clark has been a busy man this week. His social and official antics were well nigh too much for him. But he managed to pull through with the assist ance of an able body guard of policemen His duty, or his fun, began at the station where the people were waiting the arrival of the premier. There was a p'atform there and the mayor and aldermen, the press, the exhibition directors and a number of private citizens were standing upon it quietly awaiting the train's arrival.

Then the chief spied a gen leman upon the platform who says that he is personally oct. It was a piece of uncalled for officiousness that could not have been prompted by a sense of duty, as at the same time there were several gentlemen upon the platform who had as little right there as the gentleman referred to. Then when the excursionists were seeking the steamer Victoria they found the chief installed as head gate keeper demanding to see the invitations. This may have been "by order of the mayor" but if so it was certainly in bad taste. In this connection it may be mentioned that those who enjoyed

how near they came missing that beverage for when the punch compounder with his parcels under his arm and with that air of serious business that distinguishes him sought admission he was repelled by the strong arm of the chief. He explained but explanations were use come along. He had no ticket but the chief saying "I will be responsible for you passed him along. Then the punch mixed responsible if he prevented him from goi on board and doing his work: The ch

took him and his par'y to the hotel, told of the interest that centered in him.

At the exhibition there was not as many as one would have expected though there were just about 3000 there on Tuesday who would not have been there had not the premier been present. He was the chief exhibit.

The great chieftain may be French but he has a bit of Irish blarney. He told his havers how pretty St. John women were (as if St. John men-and women too—don't There were some incidents on the trip.

The fireworks this year are better than the chief's appearance this week was at the station when the premier and the cabinet minister were injthe private car waiting for the train. Then the chief stood forth upon the rear platform and guarded the entrance. He was the only parsonage visible to the waiting thousands and he appeared in all his glory of his uniform. Somebody was cruel enough to shout, "Where is the fool killer" while others when they could gain no sight or speech from Laurier shouted for a speech from "Clack." Truly, it was a tor a speech from "Clark." Truly, it was a

HOW THE LIST WAS MADE UP.

The day was a beautiful one in which to show off to the premier and his right hand men the beauties of the lordly St. John and they erjoyed the trip immensely. It was a fitting christening of the grand new river steamer, the Victoria, and this should be the first step toward making known the attractions of the Canadian Rhine so that where one in the past has gone up the river there will be one hundred.

This was the city's chief treat to the premier and the city fathers put their heads gether and issued the invitations and as usual with such affairs there is much kicking. Some 350 invitations were issued and there could have been 500 more judging from the number of those who have expressed their dissatisfaction at not having been invited. Undoubtedly there were some left out who had a better right to an invitation than some who got them—but what is to be done? an official list was made up of those who must be invited on account of their official position, the two St. John members, Col. Tucker and Dr. Ellis, were given 40 or 50 each to send to their friends and each of the aldermen 8 or 10 each. Any one therefore who was left out will have to settle it with his friends on the aldermanic board and get his revenge for the slight when election day comes around again.

The Premier Drenched the People

Sir Wilfrid and his comrades felt the cool breezes of the harbor and river on Wednesday but it was nothing to the coolness that some of the people at the display of the fire department felt. For the delectation of the right honorable, a couple of streams of water were turned on and it dropped gently, but so swittly upon the unsuspecting crowd that fair women and unsuspecting crowd that fair women and insuspecting crowd that fair women and brave men were sent scurrying away drenched to the skin. They took their wetting with the best grace possible but it was a the h ducking. Why so many people aid have the hose turned on people aid have the hose turned on them for the pleasure of even a premier is not easily understood.

The friends of Mr. David Russell were glad to see him in town this week. Mr. Russell has met with much success in Montreal. After successfully floating the Abbey Effervescent Salt Co., he is now engaged in forming the Calcium Carbide Co. with a capital of ten million dollars—a tremendous project, one would say, and yet in a fair way already of successful accomplishment. He has already interested many of the rich business men of Canada's metropolis in his undertaking which promises as well for the e as the investor, as it prop make gas 40 per cent. cheaper.

Mr. Dean's Big Steer at the Show.

Christmas is quite a long time off and yet that energetic victualler, Mr. Thomas Dean of the country market, has secured a steer that commands great attention at the exhibition. It weights at this time 2050 pounds and when Mr. Dean has fed the nimal until the festive season arrives its weight and proportions will be largely increased. Large fat cattle are always admired and this one has been especially

The Y. M. C. A. is to have an amateur civic council and civic affairs will be disussed weekly. Here is a chance for aspiring civic politicians to go into training. It would, be a good idea for the association to hold an election, the members to vote. It would make it more realistic and the prored ones would go into it with more

THE GALLANT OFFICERS

THEY ARE "ENGLISH YOU KNOW"

s the Presence of the Navy and Milliary Officers a Success in Halifar?—They Make a WonderfullImpression on the Fair Ser.— Some Significant Happenings.

HALIFAX, Sept. 16 -It is a matter admitting of serious doubt whether, on the whole, the presence of the military and naval element in Halifax is at all a benefit to the city. The question has been discussed and debated scores of times, and it is not necessary here to enlarge upon the theme. The purpose is rather to direct attention to one special evil undoubtedly incident to their presence. There is no attempt to reach the inference that their removal would ramedy the evil. It seems to be a fact that the army, the navy and the devil, continue to thrive upon each other's company in old Chebucto in a re-

markable manner.

The sons of Mars and Neptune, are world wide renowned for their gallantiy and success with the fair—tut foolish—sex. They are occasionally more successful in Hali'ax than people would prefer. While Jack and Tommy are paying attention to the kitchen, their officers successfully in-vade the perlor.

The old attack made by Rev. Mr. Adams on the military and on Halifax society will be remembered, and society is not all it should be. There are married women in this city, allied to and drawn from the first families in the land, whose husbands are never seen by their side. At the theatre, band concerts, excursions, year even shopping, they are more frequently attended by their respective cavaliers.

A fauny thing happened in a restaurant few weeks ago. The place, by the way, is hardly the proper one for a lady late at night. It was patronage night at the thea-tre. About midnight, after the close of the performance, a party of naval officers
accompanied by a troupe of society ladies
—a mixed lot, married and single, appeared
and saked for a room to themselves for a "quiet supper." Such a quiet supper that was. The party left about 1.30 a m. In the midst of the supper the Lusband of one of the ladies in the upper spartments dropped in the place had a drink at the time where t'other was.

One morning last week a party of eight or ten—probably four couples and a chaperon, left the Halifax depot by I. C. R. train, proceeded up the line and stayed out the day. That night they boarded the incoming C. P. R. train. The four men of the party were off the ships, the ladies well-known. The party were disposed to be hilarious. Shortly after leaving the railway station one of the men produced a flask and mug and soon everybody. lad'es included, had been treated to a "swig."
The party had a goodly supply of the inspiring fluid and an endless supply of cigar-ettes. The women also took kindly to the weed, and the chaperon could hold soon a song was proposed and songs become in order. Thus the time was merrily whiled away till town was reached nd carriages whirled them off to

The car which saw this interesting perormance was one half parlor-the other smoker. The party had the parlor portion all to themselves, but they emitted to note the transparency of the glass dividing, and Progress was in the smoker.

FUNNY WAY TO ECONOMIZE. You Paste a Stamp in a Book and the Firm Does the Rest.

Many and various are the methods used o hustle up business. A new scheme which has la'e'y struck the town makes use of the all prevailing stamp collecting fad. A person by purchasing at certain stores gets a stamp for every ten cent purchase, ten for a dollar purchase and so When 500 have been collected and put in a book provided for the pur-pose \$1.50 will be obtained by preenting the book at the office of the concera. An expenditure of \$50 or more is therefore required to get the \$1.50 or three per cent on the investment, as much as you get in the Savings Bank But the difference is that in the one case you get your interest by spending, in the other by saving. The stamps do not bear the portrait of Her Mejesty but perhaps they will be nearly as popular.

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