

AT THE DOMINION EXHIBITION, ST. JOHN, N.B.

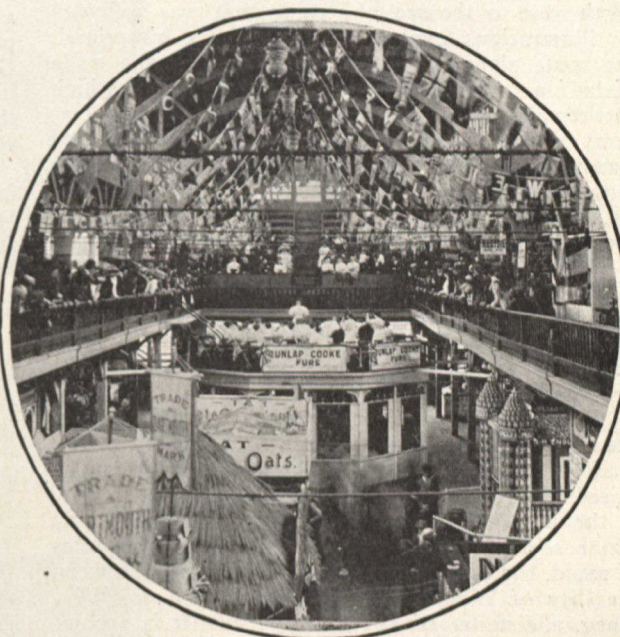


A Group of Officials—and General Baden-Powell; Miles E. Agara, President Canadian Club; F. A. Dykeman, Exhibition Executive; A. O. Skinner, Exhibition President; C. B. Allan, Exhibition Executive; Baden-Powell; Mayor Frink; Alex. Macaulay, Exhibition Treasurer; Manager Good; Chief of Police Clarke.

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anticipated. However, the grant was continued from year to year, but given to different cities. Halifax, Sherbrooke, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary and New Westminster have had the honour. This year it was St. John's turn, and St. John had done fairly well. Indeed, this New Brunswick city seems to do everything it undertakes with vim and snap.

Shall this annual grant of \$50,000 for a Dominion Exhibition be continued? This is a question which the Government must settle soon. It has undoubtedly helped the Provincial Exhibitions of the various provinces, but there must be an end somewhere. Winnipeg is asking for two and a half millions of dollars from the Government to help out the proposed Selkirk Centennial. This grant will be made and the making of it may extinguish the annual grant for Dominion Exhibitions. But, should it? Is it not possible that the grant should continue as an aid to the various Provincial Exhibitions until they reach, as Toronto has already reached, a self-supporting stage? Canada is progressing fairly well, her Federal revenues are growing rapidly, and an annual Dominion Exhibition is a good form of advertising. Further, Dominion Exhibitions help to develop national unity in commerce and industry, which is just as important as national unity in political



Scene in Main Building, with Boston Ladies' Orchestra Playing.

and patriotic feeling. A nation is created and welded together by many different circumstances and feelings and it may be that Dominion Exhibitions as such may be sufficiently influential to justify the Government's annual expenditure of \$50,000. However, the Government may have other ideas equally good under consideration, and upon them rests the responsibility of ending or continuing what has been a good policy.



Exterior of the Main Building and the General Public Entrance.

SOMEWHERE about the fall of 1902, an influential deputation went from Toronto to Ottawa to ask for a grant of \$50,000 towards holding a Dominion Exhibition in Toronto. The idea was new, but it took Sir Wilfrid Laurier's fancy and he persuaded his colleagues to make the grant. The first Dominion Exhibition was therefore held in September, 1903. It was a success in some ways, though not so great as

POINT-TO-POINT RACES OF THE TORONTO HUNT CLUB



General View of the crowd at Thorncliffe Park Farm, the property of Mr. R. Davies.



There were four Steeplechase Races for Members, and one Flat Race for Farmers.