SUNSHINE AFTER OMINOUS CLOUDS

Biggest Attendance of the Week at the Fair Thursday---Keenly Contested Races.

Ominous clouds that twice sprang up from the horizon, bringing a few drops of rain, only to clear away again and leave more brilliant sunshine than before, marked the third day of the Edmonton fair of 1908. Despite the threatening weather in the early part of the afternoon the attendance was the biggest of the fair, there being at least 12,000 people upon the grounds during the afternoon.

The stock judging was finished late in the afternoon and the red and blue ribboned horses, cattle, sheep and swine were the centres of many admiring groups.

The side shows were largely patronized before and after the races, and the lunching booths did an excellent business all day long.

The horse races were of course the centre of attraction as on previous days. There were several excellent contests but all round the performances were not quite up to Tuesday. The first in the harness events went to Calgary and Moose Jaw, with Regina second and third, in one and Winnipeg and Moose Jaw second and third in the other.

In the running races American horses took all the purses, California winning two of the three events and Paulding, Ohio, the third. Second positions went to Spokane, Wash., Baker City, Ore., and Emerald City, Cal.

2.50 Pace, 2.45 Trot (First heat).

In this race the biggest field of horses in the meet faced the starter. There were eleven horses, as follows: Medura, owned by D. C. Peverett, Regina; Emily Morris, owned by Charles Peverett, Regina; San Toy, owned by A. J. Bell, Prince Albert; Nellie Hunter, owned by Cameron & Shera, Fort Saskatchewan; Hartwood, owned by T. E. Battell, Moose Jaw; Phillip W., owned by O. C. Olson, Wetaskiwin; Onnie, owned by G. W. Hotson, Lacombe; Ollie M., owned by R. L. Phillips, High River; The Indian, owned by Parslow & Haig, Calgary; Miss Ray, owned by N. C. Tynan, Prince Albert, and Ruby H., owned by George Rysdale, Wetaskiwin. Annex J., owned by J. H. McKinley, Edmonton, failed to appear; Brown Spot, owned by J. E. Reid, acted badly and was also scratched, as was Lorie, owned by T. E. Battell, Moose Jaw.

After several scores the harness of Nellie Hunter was broken by a collision with San Toy, and another delay of a quarter of an hour followed. After five scores the horses got away with a fair start, considering the number on the track. As they began to spread out on the back stretch, Emily Morris went to the lead, with The Indian close behind. The latter tried hard to pass the bay mare at the half-mile, but broke badly on the turn going back to third position. He, however, pulled up again at the stretch and wrested second place by a neck from Nellie Hunter. The others finished in the following order: Ruby H., fourth; Miss Ray, fifth; Medura, sixth; Ollie M., eighth; San Toy, ninth; Hartwood, tenth; Phillip W., eleventh. Time—2.24¼.

Second Heat.

The spectators did not have to wait long for a start, for the eleven horses were sent off after the fourth score well scattered out over the track. The bunch soon spread out in a procession covering 150 yards, with Phillip W., the last horse in the first heat, in first position. The Indian held the same position as in the first heat finishing in second place. Ollie M. came up from seventh to third position, Nellie Hunter fourth, Ruby H. fifth, Emily Morris, the winner of the first heat, sixth; Miss Roy, seventh; and Medura eighth. San Toy, Hartwood and Onnie were given the distance flag. Time—2.24¼.

Third Heat.

The third heat of the 2.50 pace-2.45 trot brought Emily Morris, the brown Regina mare, in a winner for the second time, she having won the first heat also. Medura, a sixth and eighth place horse in the first and second heats, took second place in the third and The Indian secured third. Nellie Hunter was fourth, Ruby H. fifth, Ollie M. sixth, Miss Ray seventh and Phillip W., the winner of the last year, in eighth position. Time—2.25.

2.50 Fourth Heat.

In the fourth heat there was only three starters: Emily Morris, the Regina mare; The Indian, the Calgary horse, and Phillip W., the Wetaskiwin gelding. The horses were sent off without difficulty. At the first turn Phillip W. went to the lead, but in the stretch of the first half broke badly and The Indian took the pole. Emily Morris was close behind and also passed Phillip W., who finished at the distance flag and was distanced for running. Time—2.25¼.

Fifth Heat.

In the fifth and last heat of the 2.50 pace, 2.45 trot, there were only the two starters, Emily Morris and The Indian, the former with a first, sixth, first and second to her credit, and the latter with two seconds, a third and a first. The Indian took the lead from the "go" and was never headed, though Emily Morris made a determined effort to win out in the stretch. Time—2.26¼. First money went to The Indian, second to Emily Morris and third to Medura.

2.15 Pace, 2.10 Trot (First Heat.)

Five horses faced the starter when this race was called: Strange Wave, owned by C. Wright, Moose Jaw; Iowa Sphinxtress, owned by J. H. Nickison, Wetaskiwin; Lady Melvis, owned by Chas. Lewis, Calgary; Woodford Chimes, owned by J. Hoffman, Calgary; and Star P., owned by H. B. Harrison, Winnipeg; Edleman, owned by T. E. Battel, of Moose Jaw, was scratched.

Despite the fact that there were only five horses in the race and there was a large amount of scoring the horses got away with a poor start. The race for first position was a great fight between Strange Wave, Star P and Woodford Chimes. The bay gelding from Moose Jaw proved the speediest, however, and won out with a good margin, Star P second, Woodford Chimes third, Iowa Sphinxtress fourth and Lady Melvis fifth. The horses were all close together and the race was in doubt from start to finish. Time, 2.19 1-2.

Second Heat.

On the tenth score the "go" was given with the horses well together. Lady Melvis took the lead for the three-quarters but at the end of the back stretch was passed both by Strange Wave and Star P, who finished in the order named. Near the start Iowa Sphinxtress broke badly and never made better than fifth position throughout the heat. The fourth place went to Woodford Chmes. Time, 2.17.

Third Heat.

The third and final heat was another easy victory for Strange Wave, Woodford Chimes was five lengths behind with Star P close up for third. Iowa Sphinxtress was fourth and Lady Melvis fell back from third to a poor fifth. Time, 2.20 1-2. First money thus went to Strange Wave, the Moose Jaw gelding, second to Star P of Winnipeg, and third to Woodford Chimes, also of Moose Jaw.

The Running Events.

The running events were keenly contested and furnished several surprises one of which was when Malvina, a 10 to 1 horse with the bookies pulled out first in the 5-8 mile dash and the spectators who took the big chance made a killing. In the 3-4 miles dash Jockey Sullivan, the rider of Melar, was thrown at the second turn and had three ribs broken. His horse circled the track alone and was caught near the grand stand.

3-4 Mile Dash.

For this dash there were five starters, Marvel P owned by the Clear Lake stables, Spokane, Wash.; Vestrine, owned by Frank Campbell, Paulding, Ohio; Melar, owned by G. P. McNeil, Emeryville, Cal.; Sam McGibbon, owned by J. A. Lynch, Emeryville, Cal., and Magnificio, owned by H. C. Covington, Boise, Idaho. Young Pilgrim, the Innisfail horse, Otto Price, the Emerald, Cal., gelding, and Buckingham, the Strathcona horse, were scratched, the last through illness.

Sam McGibbon won out an easy first, with Marvel P second, Magnificio third and Vestrine fourth. The time was 1.16.

5-8 Mile Dash.

In the 5-8 mile dash there were seven starters, Young Pilgrim, owned by L. A. Sage, Innisfail; Malvina, owned by Frank Campbell, Paulding, Ohio; Minnie D, owned by T. Hutchison, Edmonton; Instructor, owned by J. A. Lynch, Emeryville, Cal.; Daisy, owned by W. A. Scott, Edmonton; St. Cecilia, by Covington, Boise, Idaho; La Tranta, owned by the Owl stable, Baker City, Idaho. Fortune Plume, owned by H. Gordon, Golden, B.C., and Tommy Tittle Mouse were scratched, the jockey of the latter refusing to ride the gelding.

The first place went to Malvina, second to La Tranta, Young Pilgrim third and St. Cecilia. The win was a big surprise. Time, 1.05 1-4.

1 Mile Dash.

In the one mile dash, a selling race, with beaten allowances, four horses faced the starter. Alta Spa, owned by Chas. Earl, Emerald, Cal.; Jackfull, owned by G. P. McNeill, Emeryville, Cal. Head Dance, owned by J. A. Lynch, Emeryville, Cal., and La Tranta, owned by the Owl stable, Baker City, Oregon. Col. Bronston, Dave Webber and Gentle Zephyr were drawn.

Head Dance won out by a good margin, with Alta Spa second and Jackull third. La Tranta dropped back from the start and did not finish the mile. Time, 1.59 1-2. Head Dance, after the race was put up for auction and was bought in by her owner, J. A. Lynch.

Following is the summary:—

2.50 Pace, 2.45 Trot.

Best three in five heats, purse $400.

The Indian, bh., Parslow & Haig, Calgary Haig)	2	2	3	1	1
Emily Morris, br.m., Chas. Wilson, Regina (Wilson) ..	1	6	1	2	2
Medura, b.m., D. C. Peverett, Regina (Peverett	6	8	2		
Nellie Hunter, b.m., Cameron & Shera, Fort Sask (Clark)	3	4	4		
Ruby H., br.m., George Rysdale, Wetaskiwin (Rysdale)	4	5	5		
Miss Ray, b.m., N. C. Tynan, Prince Albert (Kennedy)..	5	7	7		
Ollie M., b.m., R. L. Phillips, Wetaskiwin (Houde)	7	3	6		
Phillip W, br.g., O. C. Olson, Wetaskiwin (Olson)	11	1	8	dist	
Onnie, b.h., Geo. W. Hotson, Lacombe (Hotson) ..	8	Dist			
San Toy, b.g., A. J. Bell, Prince Albert (Fenwell) ..	8	Dist			
Hartwood, b.h., T. E. Battell, Moose Jaw (Battell)..	10	Dist			

Times—2.24 3-4, 2.24 1-2, 2.25, 2.25 1-4, 2.26 1-4.

2.15 Pace, 2.10 Trot.

Best three in five, purse $500.

Strange Wave, b.g., C. Wright Moose Jaw (Wright)..	1	1	1
Star P, ch.g., H. B. Harrison, Winnipeg (Roy)..	2	3	3
Woodford Chimes, b.g., J. Hoffman, Moose Jaw (Hoffman)..	3	4	2
Iowa Sphinxtress, b.m., J. H. Nickison, Wetaskiwin, (Nickison)..	4	5	4
Lady Melvis, ch.m., Chas. Lewis, Calgary (Burrows)	5	3	d

Times—2.19 1-2, 2.17, 2.20 1-2.

3-4 Mile Dash.

Purse, $300.

Sam McGibbon, ch.g., J. A. Lynch, Emeryville, Cal. (Burke)	1
Marvel P, b.m., Clear Lake stables, Spokane (Riddell)	2
Magnificio, ch.g., H. C. Covington Boise Idaho (Monogan)	3
Vestrine, ch.m., Frank Campbell, Paulding, Ohio (Scully)	4
Melar, b.m., G. P. McNeil, Emeryville, Cal. (Sullivan)	D'n

Time—1.16.

5-8 Mile Dash.

Purse, $250.

Malvina, b.m., Frank Campbell. Paulding, Ohio	1
La Tranta, b.g., Owl stable, Baker City, Ore..	2
Young Pilgrim, b.h., L. M. Sage, Innisfail	3
St. Cecilia, ch.m., H. C. Covington, Boise, Idaho	4
Minnie D, b.m., T. Hutchison, Edmonton	5
Daisy, ch.m., W. A. Scott, Edmonton	6
Instructor, b.h., J. A. Lynch, Emeryville, Cal..	7

Time—1.05 1-4.

One Mile Dash.

Purse, $200, a selling race with beaten allowances.

Head Dance, J. A. Lynch, Emeryville, Cal..	1
Alta Spa, Chas. Earl, Emerald, Cal.	2
Jackfull, G. P. McNeil, Emeryville, Cal.	3
La Tranta, Owl stable, Baker City, Ore.	D'n

Time—1.59 1-2.

The Horse Championships.

The grand championships in light and heavy horses were decided on Thursday afternoon. There were four entries in the light horse class, viz., Hogate's aged hackney stallion and three year old, C. J. Roberts' two year old hackney stallion and a thoroughbred race horse. "The two-year-old hackney shows the best quality in the ring and is a coming show ring winner," said the judge, "but he lacks training." The championship was accordingly given to Hogate's brown hackney, Thornton Royalty. During the day Mr. McRae commented very favorably on Mr. Roberts' hackney mare and his grey carriage mare, which he said was exceptionally well bitted and trained.

The heavyweight champianship brought the great shire horse Grimsargh in contact with the four year old Clyde, Pride of the East. Mr. Hogate did not enter his Percheron, as he felt he had nothing to lose. Mr. Gardhouse gave the championship to the Clyde, as he considered him a better stamp of horse for Alberta farmers. His style for a heavy horse was exceptionally good.

The agricultural and general purpose classes were well entered but were somewhat confused by the exhibitors. Mr. Gardhouse was well pleased with the horses as a whole and offered the suggestion that the province would greatly benefit by the importation of a few good registered mares in the heavy class.

Grimcargh, the 2,200 pound Shire took first in the Shire class with one competitor, also owned by Hogate. This imported horse was sired by Gunthorpe, 13,136, and his dam was Madge, 32,099. The young Shire horses were not well represented.

The Judging Competitions.

The judging competitions in cattle, sheep, swine and general purpose horses was one of the most educative features of the fair. The contestants were required not only to pass their judgment on the relative merits of the animals before them, but had to state their reasons. The object of these contests is to train the younger stockmen in sizing up the best animals to breed from, in order to make their stock as productive and remunerative as possible. Eight men entered to pass their judgment on five general purpose mares. In giving reasons for his choice one said "This is the best mare in the works, and one reason is that she is fat, and fat covers up lots." Another, after considerable horse phraseology, ended by saying: "I can see in my eye that this is the best mare." There were eleven entries in the cattle judging, ten for the sheep and eight for the swine. Great interest was displayed in these competitions and many good points were picked up. The following were the winners in the contests:

Horses—1 J. H. Cameron, 2 P. M. Ballantyne, 3 A. Littlejohn.

Cattle—1 J. A. Davis, 2 P. M. Ballantyne, 3 W. Batty, 4 D. E. Timney.

Swine—1 P. M. Ballantyne, 2 J. H. Cameron, 3 C. E. Crair, 4 D. E. Timney.

Sheep—1 P. M. Ballantyne, 2 C. Ries, 3 C. E. Craig, 4 Steve Swift.

Milking Tests.

A new and very important test was inaugurated at the fair this year by Premier Rutherford. The Premier made provision on the prize list for the best individual cow on the grounds, judged as to quantity and quality of milk, the good points of the animal and the speed in milking. The following is the score for the quickest and cleanest milking:

	Quantity lbs.	Time min. & sec.
Cameron	18¾	4.10
Scamen	15½	5.10
Mrs. Reis..	13½	5.30
J. Toane	21	5.34
Torgeson	23¾	9. 9
C. A. Henderson	24½	9.25
J. C. Johnson..	19¾	10.45

The milk was then taken to the Edmonton City Dairy and the product of each cow was tested. After this the individual cows were judged as to quantity of milk, quality of milk and the animal itself. Fifty points were given for quantity, twenty-five for quality, and twenty-five for the beast. The following is the standing in the order of merit as compiled by Mr. Ralph Weir. G.A. stands for grade Ayrshire, G.J. grade Jersey, and G.S. for grade shorthorn.

	Quantity.	Quality.	Score.	Total points.
Q Torgeson, g.s....	47.00	21.62	20	88.62
C A Henderson, g.j	49.06	20.58	19	88.58
J Toane, g.a.	42.00	18.48	23	83.48
J C Johnson, g.s...	39.00	14.04	24	77.07
Cameron, g.s.	37.00	12.58	21	70.58
Scamen, g.s.	31.00	10.54	19	60.57
Mrs. Reis, g.s....	27.00	8.91	19	54.91

Light Horse Championship.

Light horse grand championship—J. B. Hogate.

Heavy Horse Championship.

Grand champion, Prince of the East, owned by J. Holgate.

Ponies.

Stallion, any age—E. K. Strathy.

Shire Horses.

Stallion, 4 years and over—J. B. Hogate, 1 and 2.

Agricultural Class.

Team to harness and wagon—F. Gibson 1, D. C. Stewart 2, H. McFarlane 3.

Brood mare with foal by side—H. McFarlane 1, R. Geise 2, J. Allen 3.

Filly or gelding, 3 years and under 4 years—F. Gibson 1, E. J. Clark 2, H. Dumas 3.

Filly or gelding, 2 years and under 3 years—A. Geise 1, F. McMahon 2, P. Goebel 3.

Filly or gelding, 1 year and under 2 years—Jas. Fisher 1, W. F. Gerrie 2.

Foal of 1908—A. Geise 1 and 2, H. McFarlane 3.

Mare and 3 of her progeny—A. Geise.

General Purpose.

Team and harness to carriage or wagon—R. H. Davidson 1, D. Fowler 2, R. Sheppard 3.

Filly or gelding, 3 years and under 4 years—E. J. Clark 1, J. A. Gable 2, C. Villeneuve 3.

Brood mare with foal at side—W. Sprole 1, P. Gable 2, T. S. Mattison 3.

Filly or gelding, 2 years and under 3 years—P. Gable 1, E. Steffler 2, J. McMahon 3.

Foal of 1908—A. Geise 1, P. Gable 2, T. D. Mattison 3.

Grades, Beef Strain.

Cows, 4 years old—D. Warner 1 and 2.

Cow, 3 years and under 4 years—D. Warner.

Heifer, 2 years and under 3 years—D. Warner 1 and 2.

Heifer, 1 year and under 2 years—D. Warner 1, J. Couch 2.

Heifer calf under 1 year—D. W. Warner.

Farmers' Fat Cattle.

One pair steers—C. Ries.

One steer, 3 years old—C. Ries.

One steer, 2 years old—C. Ries.

Cows, 3 years or over—J. Tough 1 and 3, C. Ries 2.

Heifer, 2 years and under 3 years—J. Tough.

Fat Cattle, Any Exhibitor.

Fat cattle for butchers' purpose—Williamson Bros.

Leicester Sheep.

Best ram, shearling and over—Jas. Bowman 1 and 2, C. Villeneuve 3.

Ram lamb—James Bowman.

Best pen of three ewes—J. Bowman 1 and 2.

Best pen of 3 fat sheep, wethers and ewes—J. Bowman.

Best ram, shearling and over—J. Bowman.

Ram lamb—J. Bowman.

Suffolk Downs.

Best ram, shearling and over—Jas. Bowman 1.

Ram lamb—James Bowman 1.

Grade Sheep.

Ewe, 2 years and over—C. Villeneuve 1 and 2, C. Ries 3.

Ewe, 1 year and under 2 years—C. Ries.

Ewe lamb—C. Villeneuve 1 and 2, Ries 3.

Fat ewe or wether, 1 year or over—C. Ries 1 and 2, C. Villeneuve 3.

Best ram, shearling and over—J. Bowman.

Ram lamb—James Bowman.

Live Stock Parade.

The live stock parade in front of the grand stand took place this afternoon at one o'clock. The prize winners looked splendid with their red ribbons flying and they seemed to feel that this was the palm reserved for the victors. Numerous snap shots were taken of the long string and all felt that this was the grand climax of the fair.

MADE HALF OF ONE PER CENT.

This Was Macoun's Profit on Copper Deal With Government.

Ottawa, June 24.—Leslie Macoun, son-in-law of Sir Frederick Borden, before the public accounts committee presented a lengthy statement giving details of his business transactions with the government. It sets forth that in the cases of the sale of copper to the arsenal at Quebec and other matters, he had not received any special favors from the government. Other contractors had received payments in advance. He said before getting an advance from the government he secured a guarantee from the copper companies that copper would be up to specifications. His profits on a $74,000 copper deal with the Quebec arsenal had been only $317 or one half of one per cent. On his dealings with the railway department his profits were $22. Examined by Mr. Crockett, Macoun said that he did not handle goods and material sold to the departments. He bought and sold on a commission basis and did not get a salary. On the sale of pails to the I.C.R. he might have made a profit of 61 cents had he made the department live up to the contract.

When Macoun was told that his examination was over he still had a few remarks to make. He said he didn't wish to be put down as a man who was getting rich quick as had been stated by such scurrilous yellow journals as the Halifax Herald, the Calgary Eye Opener, the St. John Telegraph and the Toronto News. Then, as he stepped down Mr. Macoun inquired: "Am I honorably discharged?"

J. A. MacCann, assistant to the director of contracts of the militia department, gave evidence to the effect that he was responsible for the advance payments on copper. The minister did not have anything to do with it he said.

The Body Recovered.

Port Arthur, June 25.—The body of Thos. Johnston was found to-night close to the breakwater at Port Arthur. Johnston and a man named Jenkins, who went canoeing on May 24th were upset. Jenkins' body was recovered a week ago at the mouth of the Kam river. Johnston's body will be shipped to Owen Sound for burial to-morrow.

Telegraph Superintendents in Session.

Montreal, June 28.—The telegraph superintendents of America, in session here to-day, elected W. J. Camp, Montreal, president, and G. W. Dewey, Chicago, vice-president. G. W. Drew, of Chicago, was for the twenty-sixth time chosen secretary-treasurer.

Monteith's Successor.

Toronto, June 25.—J. S. Duff is said to be the likely choice for minister of agriculture. The announcement may be made to-morrow.

Beaton as Liberal Organizer.

Toronto, June 25.—A. H. Beaton, barrister, has been appointed to assist in Liberal organization work in Ontario. Mr. Beaton is well-known as a former secretary of the Ontario Hockey association.

THE CIVIL SERVICE BILL IS APPROVED

Hon. Sidney Fisher's Bill is Introduced And is Endorsed by Opposition Leader.

Ottawa, June 25—The House of Commons spent nearly the whole of today in debate on the civil service bill, which was presented in a clear, cogent manner by Hon. Sidney Fisher. No serious objection was taken to any of the clauses by the opposition and the course of the discussion demonstrated that in the new provisions for non-partisan and efficient civil service, the government has inaugurated a radical and well conceived measure of reform. One important amendment offered by Hon. Mr. Fisher provides that two commissioners who will have supervision of all appointments to and promotions in the service shall be on the same footing as the auditor general with regard to independent tenure of office during good behavior. They can be removed from office only by vote of parliament. During the morning sitting Mr. J. G. Turriff, Liberal member of East Assiniboia, drew attention to the Conservative campaign literature which was being franked by members to the electors and which contained a speech by Hon. Geo. E. Foster, misrepresenting, in a most unfair manner, the facts in connection with the government's disposal of the timber lands in the west. Mr. Turriff, quoting from the evidence of the public accounts committee, showed that statements made by Mr. Foster were absolutely untrue, yet the party apparently paid no attention to the facts so far as the campaign literature was concerned. Mr. Turriff thought that a different attitude might, perhaps, be expected from Mr. Borden, but from Mr. Foster no one looked for any display of fairness. This sentiment was loudly cheered by the Liberal members of the House.

The Civil Service Bill.

Hon. Sidney Fisher in introducing the civil service bill in the House of Commons, stated that as far as possible he had followed the lines of the English system. After reviewing civil service commissions' reports since 1897 he stated that their general principles were embodied in this act. They included an independent commission to conduct competitive examinations. Representations favoring higher pay had been made but this was a matter for temporary treatment and was not dealt with in the bill. The new bill would bring an increase to many who were now cramped. The bill would affect 2,300 persons. Of the commission one member was to be English speaking and the other French. In answer to Hon. G. E. Foster, the minister said the surplus of successful candidates would be given temporary employment and absorbed as permanent appointments were opened. The present appointments were regarded as permanent. Transfers from outside to inside service would be generally in the rank indicated by the salary paid. He said, however, that should a minister think any officer should have higher rank, he might be promoted under the organization of an order-in-council.

Mr. Borden's Comment.

The opposition leader, after criticizing at length the minister's explanations, deprecated the commission holding office during the pleasure of the government. This should be as with judges, and the auditor general, during good behavior, removable only by parliament. He criticized the bill on the ground that the proposed commission was not independent but subject to the government. The government could remove the members at their pleasure. Mr. Borden further urged that the bill should apply to outside service also, where patronage was rampant. It was true the government had taken the power to include the outside service, but no policy had been announced. The need of reform was as great there as anywhere. He recalled the recommendation of the committee for increases of salaries. He said there should be legislation on this subject this session. He recommended the British Columbia example of grading the commission which assisted in classification. While the service on the whole was a fine body of men, there was deadwood, which it was necessary to get rid of, and this necessitated a system of superannuation. He also regretted the commission's recommendation of a system of inspection was not adopted. Mr. Borden concluded with a general approval of the measure.

Would Give Judges' Status.

Hon. Mr. Fisher replying, spoke of the difficulty of bringing in the outside service, many of the members of which, such as small postmasters, obtained only part of their income from the government. The policy of gradually bringing in the branches was, he believed, more practicable. Regarding the independence of the commissioners he thought the status of deputy minister sufficient, but if parliament would give them the status of judge the government would not oppose this. The only case of a deputy minister's removal, whereof he knew, was when Buckingham, of the interior department, was let go by Sir John MacDonald in 1878. Hon. Mr. Foster expressed pleasure at Hon. Mr. Fisher's intimation. He saw danger not only from a minister's, but from a member's influence, which it was well to remove. He said he would move, if Mr. Fisher would assent, an amendment to make the commissioners removable only on the address of parliament. The bill was read a second time and the house went into committee of the whole.

At the evening session considerable headway was made on the bill in committee. Clause 9 was amended to provide that the civil service commissioners cannot be removed except by a two-thirds vote of the House thereby placing them on the same footing as the auditor general.

Will Sit Saturday's.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has given notice that commencing July 4, the House will sit on Saturdays. There will be an adjournment over Dominion day.

Operations of Mint.

The minister of finance, replying to Hon. Mr. Foster in the House stated that since the Ottawa mint had commenced operations on January 7, last, there had been struck silver coinage to a value of $114,118 and bronze coinage to a value of $15,323. At the same rate the production of the year would be silver $678,296 and bronze $30,487. The amount required to supply the country's demands last year was silver $666,723, bronze $39,832, but these could easily be met if the mint was operated at full time.

Foster's Rank Unfairness.

Most of the forenoon in the Commons was taken up by an acrimonious discussion between J. G. Turiff (Lib., East Assiniboia), and Hon. G. E. Foster regarding the complaint made by the former, that the latter had issued as campaign literature the speech Mr. Foster had made in the timber limits debate on Feb. 6. Mr. Turiff characterized the statements made as absolutely untrue and objected that after knowing this Mr. Foster had circulated the speech.

Mr. Foster rose to a point of order that Mr. Turiff could not accuse him of saying what he knew to be untrue. Mr. Turiff said he did not say that, but that Mr. Foster had found out afterwards the statements affecting himself were untrue, but had still circulated the speech. He said he had ceased to expect anything fair from Mr. Foster.

Interruptions came fast and furious and it was noon before the incident closed.

Industrial Figures.

The loss of time to employees through trade disputes during May, according to figures furnished by the department of labor, was approximately 1,274 working days as compared with 5,400 in April and 9,408 in May, 1907. During the month industrial accidents occurred to 324 working people. Of these 122 were fatal and 202 resulted in serious injury.

In the Senate.

In the senate the Manitoba grain bill was taken up in committee. Several amendments of Senator Perley's were negatived, also the proposal of Senator Davis for a special grade for a higher grade of bleached grain with more discretion to the inspectors. Senator Talbot's motion to except cats from the jurisdiction of the grain board was also lost. Senator Davis' amendment proposing that dried and rejected wheat be regarded after passing the terminal elevator was also defeated. Progress was reported. The Yukon bill creating an elective council was reported from committee with an amendment for auditing the accounts for the entire year. The bill provides for only 364 days. The bill to amend the Bank act by allowing banks to issue increased note circulation to an amount of fifteen per cent. of their unimpaired paid-up capital and reserve was submitted. Senator Ferguson approving the measure generally, understood from the trend of the act that the government intended to inspect banks regularly. Senator Campbell thought all banks should be required to forward monthly returns to Ottawa. Inspecting head offices would give little protection. Senator Beique understood there were difficulties in the way of inspection which might be studied before the general amendment of the Bank act which he understood would be next year, was passed. The bill was given its second reading.

ANGRY WOMEN START RIOT.

New York, June 26.—One of the most remarkable demonstrations ever seen in this country took place in the Brooklyn Ghetto today, when hundreds of scantily attired women formed a parade, crying:

"Down with the meat trust."

They were infuriated by the prices of meat which in their poverty stricken condition they are unable to pay. The leaders of the women planned attacks on the butcher shops where meat is retailed. They claim that all the butchers are in a combination and that they are robbing the customers, who are forced to buy from them.

The women were not only wild with anger, but they had been driven almost insane by the intense heat and the spectacle they presented, their clothes torn and ragged and their hair tousled, was enough to make every butcher in the district flee for his life.

The screams of the women attracted a great crowd. The police reserves were called out and with great difficulty stopped the women and forced them to disperse before any attacks on shops were made.

Lord's Day Act in Toronto.

Toronto, June 26.—A large number of Toronto hotelkeepers appeared in the police court yesterday on charges of breaking the Lord's Day Act by selling cigars, papers and stamps on Sunday.

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Bombardment of Teheran Attended by Great Slaughter—Shah Regrets Incident.

Teheran, 26.—The shelling of Zahir El Dowleh's house yesterday produced a panic among the Europeans and natives. This morning, says the correspondent to the London Times, I went to the camp at Baghshah and saw His Majesty's private secretary. He told me the Shah had not intended to push matters so far had not the people opened fire, and the soldiers continued throwing bombs. His Majesty regrets the incident, especially the looting on the part of the soldiers and the people, and has ordered vandalism forbidden.

The Shah to-day issued a proclamation fixing the date of the election for the house in three months. He urged the nation to choose capable deputies who can be useful to the country and men like their predecessors. Meanwhile he has assured the safety of life and property of every peaceful citizen, and even that of persons arrested.

Order has been restored in town. The Cossacks occupy the city, and no one is allowed out of doors after ten o'clock at night. The following casualties are now reported: Cossacks, 2 officers and 18 men killed; 6 officers, one being a Russian, and 28 men wounded; other regiments, 120 killed and wounded. Among the people about 300 were killed. Minister of Finance, Sadik Hazret, his deputy and two others of the same family, took refuge in the Italian legation. Others fled to the French legation. There were no untoward incidents today. The town is calm and the bazaars are all open.

Fighting at Tabriz.

Tabriz, Persia, June 26—Fighting between revolutionists and adherents of reactionary party which commenced in this city Wednesday morning lasted until daybreak yesterday. The revolutionists were driven from their principal positions. One hundred men were killed or wounded. Peace negotiations are being carried on. The governor general has left for Tiflis.

DONT'S FOR CAMPERS.

1. Don't, when in the woods, throw down a lighted match, cigar-stub or other flaming object; make sure that the flame has been thoroughly extinguished before throwing it away.

2. Don't build your camp fire larger than is necessary.

3. Don't, under any circumstances, leave your fire unguarded, even for a comparatively short time; see that it is dead out before you go away.

4. Don't build your fire in leaves, rotten wood or other inflammable material.

5. Don't build your fire against a large or hollow log, where it is hard to be sure when it has been entirely put out.

To these "don'ts" it may be added that in windy weather, or in a dangerous place, it is well to confine the fire in a hole dug clean down to the mineral soil. A fire may smoulder in the humus, or "duff" for days, only waiting for a strong breeze to fan it into a flame that may burn over miles of timber.

Summer tourists and campers unfortunately have a bad reputation among the owners of timber limits as being a frequent cause of fires. Such fires could be prevented, almost without exception, by a little extra care on the part of the campers, who have been the unintentional cause of much forest destruction, and who have just as real an interest in the preservation of the forests as the owners of the timber themselves. The rules given above are the result of long experience and observation on the part of many woodsmen and lumbermen as to the origin of fires from this cause, and are earnestly commended to the attention of campers, sportsmen and others.

The need for observing them is emphasized by the occurrence a few days ago of serious fires in the Lake St. ohn district in Quebec, one village being wiped out; the fires are thought to have originated from fires left by fishermen.

Thirty-Eight Were Lost.

Corunna, Spain, June 26—It develops that there were only 111 persons on board the Laroche when she sank instead of 155 as at first reported. All have been accounted for save thirty-eight. The captain was among the victims. The disaster came while the passengers were sleeping and the rescued had little or no clothing on. The captain was ill in his bunk and rushed on deck and leaped half-naked into the sea.