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ALL RECORDS FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE EXHIBITION BROKEN

More Than 17,000 People Were There Thursday, and a New Mark Is Set Dinner to Judges—Mr. Hodson Favors Annual Show, and Gives Reasons—Words of Praise from Men Who Know

Glorious weather smiled upon the exhibition yesterday, and afternoon and evening saw large crowds in attendance, greatly enjoying the many and varied features of the best fair ever seen in St. John.

Thursday broke the record of attendance at St. John exhibitions. The number of people present was 17,490. On the corresponding day two years ago it was only 11,531 and on the day following it was 16,068.

Those especially interested in cattle and other live stock were spectators of the judging that was in progress both morning and afternoon, but there was always a crowd moving about the buildings.

Of course the opening of the great society event of the fair, the horse show, attracted an enormous crowd to the grand stand and the grounds around the speedway in the afternoon. This feature was a very marked success.

The feature of the day was the horsemanship of Mrs. J. A. McKinnon, of Halifax, who, with W. S. Allison's thoroughbred Lexington ran away, during the exhibition of saddle horses with lady riders at the horse show in the afternoon.

As soon as the fact dawned upon them that the other riders withdrew from the track, and men tried to stop Lexington. But he had his head, and raced around the track at full speed.

Mrs. McKinnon's courage did not for a moment fail her. She lost her hat, but kept a firm seat and steady hand. Round and round the track for half a dozen times she went, and when she was about to stop him, she was about to stop him, she was about to stop him.

The judging at the horse show resulted as follows: In class B, section one, horse and harness, there were seven entries, and of these the various horses as they sped around the track were greatly admired.

FOUR JAPANESE ARMIES MARCHING ON MUKDEN

Nothing But Skirmishes Yet

Kurqpaikin Has Two More Army Corps Than Were at Liao Yang, and Desperate Struggle Is Looked For.

While the Japanese are reported to be slowly advancing upon Mukden, there has been no fighting worthy of note between the opposing armies under General Kurqpaikin and Marquis Oyama. The latter, according to the military critics at St. Petersburg, is likely to pursue tactics quite different from those essayed by the Japanese at Liao Yang, and it is expected that the attack will come upon the Russian front and flank rather than in the form of an enveloping movement.

Definite information from Port Arthur is very meagre, inconclusive and minor successes there are reported. Russian spies allege that a considerable force has been detached from the Japanese army which captured Liao Yang and sent back to aid in the operations against Port Arthur.

The formation of seven Russian rifle brigades for service in the Far East has been ordered. Four Jap Armies Advancing. St. Petersburg, Sept. 23, 3.20 a. m.—The Japanese advance towards Mukden continues slowly, according to information received by the authorities here.

An enveloping movement will be effected by the Japanese, and the Russian authorities of the importance of Mukden to the Japanese as a winter base. It is thought to push out the Russians, but it is believed a serious struggle for the possession of the town is still some days distant.

According to the best information available, the Japanese are concentrated south and southeast of Mukden, a fourth corps consisting of two divisions composed of men drafted from the armies of General Kuraki, Nodzu and Oku, being detached to the northward and containing himself with advancing upon the Russian front and flank in such fashion as to surround the town and compel the Russians to retreat further north.

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Field Marshal Oyama's lengthy report of the repulse of what he calls the Russian counter attack on Pinitien is closed here as being nothing more or less than the Japanese version of reconnaissance as General Samsanoff and Rumenkoff's force north of Bentshan departed from the Associated Press despatch of Sept. 19.

LABOR CANDIDATES TO RUN WHERE POSSIBLE

Montreal Congress Passes Resolutions to That Effect.

Government's Immigration Policy Criticized—Motion to Try to Stop Sale of Liquor on Labor Day Voted Down, But Restriction of the Traffic Favored.

Montreal, Sept. 23.—(Special)—The Labor Congress this afternoon again took up the proposal of petitioning the government to stop the sale of liquor in the Dominion on Labor Day. A resolution was passed to present a resolution submitted putting the congress on record in favor of legislation to restrict the sale of liquor at any time.

The principal action of the authorities was the having before Judge Bruce, of the Montreal District Court, the case of the driver of the express wagon from which the box of dynamite exploded and held in \$1,000 bail in default of which he was taken to the county jail at Saint-Camille.

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LAURIER AND FOSTER BOTH SPEAK AT THE MONTREAL BANQUET

Premier Tells Canadian Manufacturers That a Common Tariff is Impossible Within the Empire, But Trade Treaties Are Feasible—Ex-Finance Minister Said He Was Disappointed With Sir Wilfrid's Speech.

Montreal, Sept. 23.—(Special)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier was the principal speaker at the banquet of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association tonight. Three hundred attended the function.

The prime minister proposed the toast "Canada and the Empire." After introductory allusions to the noted gossamer press he briefly reviewed the history of the British Empire.

The empire of England was a galaxy of living nations. In this connection Rome said to have for Canada the same tariff as India or Australia or South Africa. But what was to be the new feature of these? It had been suggested that a bond of union would be found in a uniform tariff for the British Empire.

Mr. Foster then took up the subject of the tariff, which he discussed with his accustomed eloquence. It was a theme that took hold of the heart of Canadians. He said the two points he had in mind were where is Canada today and where are the Canadians? And what did Canadians propose to do for the future? We make all we could of our resources? No, because even the most cursory examination would show that Canada's possibilities were unknown to the world of trade and commerce.

Mr. Foster then discussed the country's natural advantages and in conclusion he spoke of the blend of races inhabiting Canada. His advice was to cast off all prejudice and let none of the parts paralyze the joints of the body.

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