

CROWDS THROG GROUND AT THE ONLY WESTERN FAIR

Exhibits Are Greater and
Grander Than
Ever.

MIDWAY IS A
TENTED CITY

Noise of the Barker Again Heard
in the Land—A Peep at the
Exhibition Today.

The great Western Fair is on, and it is one of the greatest that the association has ever held.

That is, when you look at it from the standpoint of exhibits only. The crowd will make up the rest, and it remains for the people of Western Ontario to make it the greatest from every standpoint that they have known.

Every building is full to capacity, from the main building to the smallest upon the grounds.

There are no empty spaces to spoil the picture, as was the case even last year. This year it is full to overflowing.

The first day offers a splendid programme outside of the exhibits, and visitors are coming to take advantage of it.

The Grounds.
The grounds are in excellent condition. They are as pretty as they have been in many years. The freshly-painted buildings and the general appearance of cleanliness, make a good impression on visitors, and go a considerable distance towards making the show a decided success.

All that is wanted this week is weather—good weather. The directors do not care how much it rains from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., as long as the weather is good the rest of the 24 hours.

The Main Building is a revelation this year. Every stall is filled to capacity. There are a few empty spaces, owing to one or two exhibits going astray on their way to the Fair, but these will be ready before the crowd gets on the grounds.

The Exhibits.
The character of the exhibits is somewhat different from other years. There are a considerable number of the manufacturers who have splendid exhibits.

In addition, there is the Old Curiosity Shop, a splendid work, and well worth while. It is a capital idea, and when fully developed, will make the Main Building more attractive than ever.

The London kindergarten has a fine exhibit, one that will make the mothers of the kiddies glad when they see it.

The art exhibit is, in point of numbers, the best ever held, and in point of quality surpassing the best ever shown.

The Live Stock.
It is in the live stock that this exhibition particularly excels. There is not a vacant stall in the horse sheds, and there is not a vacant spot in the cattle and sheep buildings. This is remarkable, in view of the fact that the sheds were enlarged this year, and it was thought they would not be filled until a few more exhibitions had been held. However, if next year's increase is anything like this year's, there will be need of more room.

The Horses.
The horse exhibit is fine. Every variety from the dainty Shetland to the mountainous Clyde is on exhibition, while there are a great number of stylish high-steppers, and the handsome roadsters and thoroughbreds.

"It is a very fine show of horses," said Dr. G. A. Routledge, who is an expert on horses.

The Cattle.
The cattle exhibit is fine. Dairying has made great progress in Western Ontario during the past few years, and that development is shown in the large exhibit of milk breeds, Ayrshires, Holsteins and Guernseys are on exhibition in large numbers, and the milk breeds are fine.

Not that the beef breeds are neglected. There is a larger number and a finer class of beef on exhibition than has been seen in a long time. There are several grand herds of Shorthorn Polled Anus and Herefords. There is a good showing of grade cattle also.

The Sheep.
In sheep the entry list is considerably larger than heretofore. The sheep have not all arrived, but are on their way, and when they are ready for judging today there will be a fine exhibit. There is a fine lot of short wools shown.

The hog exhibit is very large, and some fine animals are on exhibition. The Yorkshires predominate.

The poultry exhibit contains practically all of London's finest birds, and that in itself will make a show worth while. But that is not all.

The dairy building is full to capacity. (Continued on Page Nine.)

CALL FOR REPEAL OF OBSOLETE LAW

Comment of the London Press
on Yesterday's Eucharistic
Procession.

London, Sept. 14.—It is evident that the Catholics, because of the refusal to permit the Host to be carried in the procession yesterday, consider that they have been badly treated. Father Sprankling, administrator of St. George's Catholic Cathedral in this city, in all the masses yesterday referred to Premier Asquith's action as one that would go down to posterity as an insult to millions of Catholics.

Cardinal Vanutelli, in an interview after the procession, said: "It has been an admirable affirmation of faith and sympathy, which will not be easily forgotten by those who witnessed it. The demonstrations of sympathy came spontaneously, and were well accepted by all non-Catholics, who by their demeanor protested against the attempts to foment hostility against our pacific reunion. If those who solicited and obtained the prohibition to the carrying of the sacrament intended to inspire the faithful with greater enthusiasm, they can boast that they succeeded even beyond their expectations."

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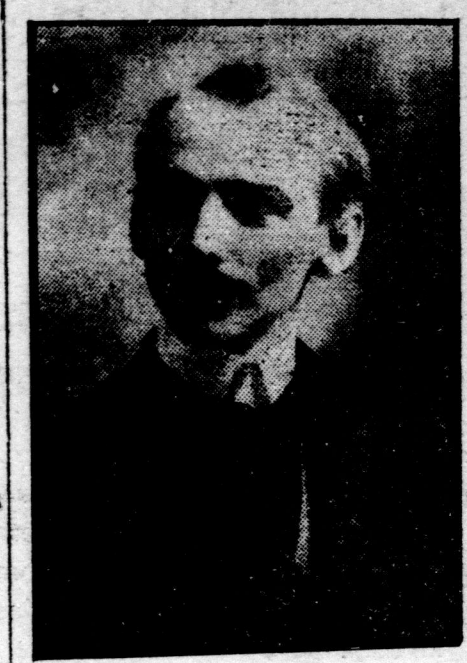
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MR. A. D. JORDAN.
Organist of the First Methodist
Church, who is seriously ill.

The Smith Fund

Canon Dyson Hague begs to acknowledge with pleasure the gratitude the following sums received by him for the Smith tuberculosis case:

A friend	.....\$5 00
A. O. Graydon	.....5 00
Mr. and Mrs. Hicks	.....2 00
A. E. Welsh	.....2 00
A. G.	.....5 00
A friend	.....1 00
Mr. and Mrs. Jerdon	.....1 00
John Stevenson	.....1 00
T. M. R.	.....1 00
George M. Cox	.....5 00
A friend	.....2 00

WATCHING THE MANEUVERS.

Copenhagen, Sept. 14.—The British Government has sent a diplomatic commission to Fredericia, in Jutland, whose special mission is to observe the maneuvers of German ships in Danish waters. The British vice-consul in Denmark, one of whom are Danes, received instructions recently to report to the home Government all movements of German warships. It is reported here on good authority that the British Government proposed to send a consul to Fredericia, but Germany refused an ambassador on the ground that the honorable consul at Kiel was a Dane.

Western Fair Directors Hold Meeting President Reid Praises Exhibition

Says It Is Far in Advance of
Anything Previously
Attempted.

A meeting of the directors of the Western Fair was held this morning in the Administration Building, and was largely attended.

There was little business to be transacted, all the machinery of the Fair being in good running order, with few complaints, and no difficulty.

President W. J. Reid read his annual address, in which he congratulated the directors on the splendid exhibition. From an agricultural standpoint, it was the best in the history of the Fair, and if favorable weather prevailed during the week, it would be the best from every standpoint ever held in the city.

President Pleased.
"Our exhibition this year from an agricultural standpoint is away in advance of anything of past years," said Capt. Reid. "Three of the judges have completed their work, and they all agree that the exhibition is the best they have ever seen, and that competition in the different sections is very keen. A few comparisons with last year will give you an idea how our exhibition is advancing. In nearly every instance the entries are larger, as the following table shows:

	1907.	1908.
Agricultural	.....27	35
Fruit	.....17	27
Dairy	.....73	83
Flowers	.....24	30
"Referring to the live stock department, we can hardly tell at this time the number of head of stock of each kind, but a glance at the barns will		

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR.
FORECASTS.
Toronto, Sept. 14—8 a.m.
Today—Northeast winds; fine.
Tuesday—Easterly winds; fair, with about the same temperature.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	44	44	Clear
Winnipeg	46	46	Clear
Port Arthur	46	46	Clear
Perry Sound	46	46	Clear
Toronto	54	54	Clear
Ottawa	54	48	Fair
Montreal	56	52	Clear
Quebec	52	46	Clear
Father Point	46	44	Clear

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures of 99 were recorded over parts of Southern Alberta and Saskatchewan.

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PREMIER AT STRATHROY

The visit of Premier Laurier to Strathroy on Saturday next has aroused the enthusiasm of Liberals of the district, and the stewards of the counties of Middlesex and Lambton are preparing to give the Premier such a welcome as he will not forget for many years. An effort is being made by London Liberals to secure a special train for the occasion, and the Grand Trunk Railway will make an announcement tomorrow. In case the special cannot be secured, the London delegation will leave this city on the regular train at 1:40. It is no easy matter to get a special train at this time owing to the great crowds being carried to the Western Fair.

The Londoners have engaged a pipers' band, and several hundred prominent Liberals will take in the trip.

Among those who will be on the platform with Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be Mr. W. S. Calvert, M. P., West Middlesex; Dr. G. A. Routledge, ex-M. P., P., and Liberal candidate for East Middlesex; Valentine Ratz, M. P., North Middlesex; F. F. Pardee, M. P., West Lambton, and Dr. C. O. Fairbank, Liberal candidate for East Lambton.

A single fare rate has been secured on the Grand Trunk. There will be several excursions to Strathroy in all probability.

ED. HUTCHINSON WAS DROWNED BY THE CAPSIZING OF A SKIFF

Brother of Dr. T. V. Hutchinson, Medical Health Officer of
London—Boat Went Down Off Vancouver—Man
Who Was With Him Was Saved.

A dispatch from Vancouver gives the following details of the death of a former Londoner:

"On Saturday afternoon, E. Hutchinson, 46 years of age, left the city in a skiff, bound for the northern harbor banks along with a young man, Percy McCurdell. The skiff capsized in the narrows and Hutchinson was drowned. A wife and four children survive."

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CITY COUNCIL TAKES A HAND IN THE POWER BYLAW TRIAL

Important Motion Launched by London's Legal Representatives
Asking That Certain Questions Be Eliminated From
the Trial of the Case.

The City of London has launched a motion in Toronto, whereby it is proposed to prevent the trial of many interesting questions in the trial of the power case in this city.

One of the motions which the city council, through their lawyers, particularly want to have struck out of the case, and withdrawn from trial, is as to whether the hydro-electric commission supplied to the city before the vote was taken "the terms and conditions upon which the power would be transmitted, and a form of the contract to be entered into."

Want This Removed Also.
They also desire all reference to the raising of \$235,000 by bylaw for the distribution plant to be removed from the consideration of the court in this action, and thereby would be avoided the trial of the question of whether it was at the voting represented to the people that this money would not be

levied upon the property of the ratepayers, unless the power were furnished at a cost not higher than \$22 50.

As To Representations.
The city also desire to have all questions as to what representations were made to the city to induce the signing of the contract removed from the record, so that the same cannot be tried in this action.

They also move to have removed from trial in this case the question of whether the city council knew that there was no authority to enter into any contract which did not protect the city against paying for power at the city limits any greater price than \$23 50, as was provided in the bylaw.

They desired, too, to have removed from the record, as embarrassing the trial of the action, the question of whether it is a fraud upon the electorate to enter into an unlimited contract like the present, when the bylaw vote upon limited the price to \$23 50.

The motion will be heard in Toronto tomorrow.

Liners Clash in Forest Fire Fog S. S. Malinhead Beached To Save

Allan and Head Line Steamers in
Collision Below Quebec.

Montreal, Sept. 13.—The Head Line Malinhead and the Allan Line Corinthian were in collision early today, 40 miles below this port. The Allan boat left Montreal for London and Havre on Saturday morning, with 75 second and third class passengers. The Malinhead was inward bound from Cardiff with general cargo.

From advices which have reached the head offices of the Allan Line at Montreal, the Corinthian immediately turned back to Quebec. Messrs. McLean, Kennedy & Co., the local agents of the Head Line, stated tonight that

the Malinhead was struck amidships, and her engine room was flooded. It was necessary to beach the steamer at St. Laurent in order to prevent her from sinking. She carried no passengers.

From what can be gathered here, there were no casualties, although the shock of the collision brought the passengers of the Corinthian tumbling from their berths to the deck in much excitement. Nothing can be stated by the Allan Line tonight as to the probable damage sustained. The passengers will be sent forward to their destination in all probability on the Hungarian, which reached port today.

Captain Campbell, an old servant of the Head Line, was in command of the Malinhead at the time of the collision.

This Week Will See Dissolution Polling Last Week in October

Secretary Scott To Retire and Be
Succeeded by Charles
Murphy.

Ottawa, Sept. 13.—Announcement of the dissolution of Parliament will be made this week by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. No official information as to the exact date of the election is yet available, but it is practically certain that the day selected for polling will be, as announced some time ago by your correspondent, either Wednesday, 28th, or Thursday, 29th, of October. Good progress has been made with the printing of the voters' lists, and the secretary of the state department is now sending them out to the various constituencies as rapidly as possible. Sir Wilfrid, who leaves tomorrow night for Niagara Falls, where he will open his Ontario campaign, is in excellent health, and is confident that his administration will again be returned to power by a large majority. He expects to return to Ottawa for Wednesday next, when a cabinet meeting will be held, which will probably be followed by the announcement of dissolution.

It is stated on good authority that a cabinet change will probably be announced shortly. Hon. R. W. Scott, the venerable secretary of state, after over fifty years of useful and unblemished public service, is ready to be relieved of the constant stress of statecraft, and Mr. Charles Murphy, one of the foremost members of the Eastern Ontario bar, and a prominent Irish Roman Catholic, is said to be slated as his successor. Mr. Murphy will probably be the Government candidate in Russell County.

Hon. Frank Oliver left for Alberta last night, and will remain west till after the election. Sir Hon. A. B. Aylesworth is expected to return to Ottawa from Europe on Friday next.

City's Population Exactly 49,431 Assessment Totals \$25,664,484

The Assessment Commissioner's
Dep't Gives Out the Figures
for the Year.

Assessment Commissioner Grant and his staff have completed the assessment of the city, and the figures given are most interesting.

The total population of the city is placed at 49,431, an increase of 1,662 over last year.

The increase is altogether in three wards, No. 2 ward showing a decline of 125. This ward is situated almost wholly in the boarding-house district, and shows that the floating element is wanting this year.

The largest increase is in ward 4, where 773 have been added. This north end ward is developing rapidly and the growth is healthy and steady.

Ward 1 also shows a good increase in population. The increase is almost wholly in South London, where building has been rapid. Down-town there has been a slight falling off.

Ward 3 shows a healthy growth, but does not compare with wards 4 and 1. The increase in population for 1907 was something over 3,000.

The Assessment.
The total increase in assessment is (Continued on Page Nine.)

Mr. A. D. Jordan Is Seriously Ill

Mr. A. D. Jordan, the popular