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ALL FALL FAIR RECORDS BROKEN

Attendance at the Exhibition Yesterday Reached Enormous Total of 7621 Paid Admissions

THE exhibition buildings and the adjoining grounds were taxed to their utmost yesterday afternoon by the large number of visitors to the big fall fair. All records of past attendances was broken and there was 7,621 visitors paid admission, and in consequence the managers of the exhibition are wearing a happy smile, and with a continuation of this midsummer weather it is almost certain that the fair will be a financial success.

With the glorious sunshine those who intended visiting the fair began to journey fairwards early in the day and from ten till three o'clock the cars were crowded to suffocation, and when the horse races commenced every point of vantage and occupied, even the fence far down on the lower stretch was crowded with visitors anxious to catch a glimpse of the flying steeds. Many of those who went, early were able to inspect the exhibits before the races commenced and their was a continual stream through the building during the entire afternoon and the attendance during the evening was also very good, and in fact the attendance left nothing to be desired.

During the rush the attendants were kept very busy but nothing occurred to mar the pleasure of the afternoon. All appeared to be out for the afternoon and were determined to make the best of the opportunity and enjoyed themselves immensely.

The visitors to the fair itself were well pleased with the exhibits and nothing but commendation could be heard. The exhibit in cabbages which was made by Police Officer Abbott was greatly admired and he was receiving the congratulations of his friends. As was expected, the cattle and horses again came in for well merited approval.

The judges in the horse department, Mr. F. M. Logan and Geo. Hogie, manager of Sir Arthur Stepney's ranch, Enderby, who had the task of judging the horses were highly complimented on their decisions, and with one exception no protests were lodged against the awards they made. The only point of dispute [illegible] owner of one horse thought that his animal was a better color than the winner. In the dairy cattle Andrew Elliott also received great praise for his work in judging his department.

The stock parade was the first feature on the programme and the winners in the various classes were loudly applauded as they passed the grand stand In this connection it might be stated that in referring to the ten handsome Clydesdale stallions in yesterday's issue it is not to be taken that this composed the entire exhibit, and when all of this class is taken into consideration their value will amount to $70,000.

By the time the parade was over the greater portion of the crowd had reached the grounds and the judges lost no time in getting the races started.

This proved the feature of the afternoon and the large crowd that was present were treated to an exhibition of horse racing such as they had been led to expect. In every event there were more entries than ever seen on the local track. After the Wednesday's rain the track was in fine condition and some very fast time was made. The finishes were very even and in several instances the field could be covered with a blanket.

The trotting and pacing was a pretty race and as a result, several of the horses will hereafter travel in a better class than they have previously. Six horses faced the starter and after scoring twice they were sent away in a bunch and before they reached the eighth pole, C. A. Harrison with Maid of Del Norte was in the leading with Minnie Jerome second. Harrison lost in the lower stretch but coming in on the home stretch, he drew ahead and won by a length in 2:27.

The second heat was run off after an interval of twenty minutes and was again won by Maid of Del Norte with Nellie Emmett second. In this race Minnie Jerome who was pacing very steadily, got tangled in her hobbles and was thrown. Harrison took his little mare to the front at the start and was never headed, winning in 2:26 4-5.

The third heat, however, saw a change. Harrison went to the front and held the lead at the eighth pole but his horse broke allowing Nellie Emmett and Bamford Bay to get in ahead. This condition of things remained till the three-quarter pole when Harrison overhauled Nellie Emmett and then commenced a hard run for home and he all but caught Bamford Boy but got second place. In this heat Lady D. was distanced.

In the fourth heat Bamford Boy took the lead and held it all the way, Maid of Del Norte being third till the home stretch when she passed Nellie Emmett.

The fifth and deciding heat Bamford Boy took the lead and held it all the way with Nellie Emmett second and Maid of Del Norte third. This giving the race to Bamford Boy, Maid of Del Norte second and Nellie Emmett third.

The second race on the programme was the flash purse, 1-2 mile dash which brought out eight starters. Considerable time was taken at the post and during the attempt to get away someone in the grandstand said "go" with the result that Happy Chappy and Miss Hunter raced around the track.

On another start being made Miss Hunter was practically left at the post being several lengths in the rear and hopelessly out of the race. The race was a good one, Happy Chappy taking the lead which he held till the home stretch when his previous run told on him and he was forced out by Virginia Boy, with Adion third in the fast time of fifty-two seconds.

The Grand Stand purse brought out 9 starters. This was the finest race of the day. They were sent away in a bunch and coming down the stretch there was very little between them all being driven to their limit and it was only by the smallest margin that El Vanaco won out with Holly Berry second and Katie Bell third. This being a selling race the winner was offered for sale at $600 but there being no bidder the owner retained his horse.

The Victoria Purse race was the best of the day. Fort Wayne went off in the lead and held it till the three-quarter mile post was reached when she tired and was nosed out first by Quickstride then by Instrument then by Integrity the horses winning in the order named. This brought the races to a conclusion, during the intermissions the visitors were given another exhibition of broncho busting. Tommy Graham was the first rider and he was given a horse by the name of Badger from Yakima to contend with. This was a very fiery animal but Graham soon had him under control. Dick McCurdy the Keremeos Kid gave an exhibition on Quirt. The best riding, however, was done when Hans Richter undertook to ride Calgary the broncho which threw his rider on the day previous. This proved a good exhibition and Hans showed that he could ride without being thrown.

Thos. King of this city then rode Bunchgrass, which was saddled for the first time on Wednesday and showed that he could handle the horse, during the arrangements Thos. Humphreys of Kamloops, who brought the horses from the interior was present and gave a helping hand, showing that he could use the lariat by lassoing the bronchos in the corral. While these events were taking place in the Driving park there was a demonstration of fruit-packing in the main hall by Mr. Palmer Jr., and F. Sere and those interested in the work received several pointers, how best to pack their fruit for market. A test of several samples of milk was also made during the day and the result was that in the Jersey class a cow owned by George Sangster of Saanich gave 4.45 pounds of butter fat equal to 5 pounds of butter in two days. In the Holstein class a cow owned by Smith Bros. of Clover Point gave 118 pounds of milk in two days.

The vaudeville performance during the afternoon also did much to interest the spectators.

In the evening the tug-of-war attracted a large number of spectators to the grand stand when the city police met the Native Sons. Both pulls went to the police, but only after hard pulls. In the first heat the police took a lead of two inches at the start and during the three minutes which they pulled it was increased by half an inch. The second pull went to the police also but not by such a margin, the Native Sons were alert and did not allow the police to gain such an advantage as in the first heat, but before the time was up they had gained a lead of two inches. Thus giving them the first win. The teams which pulled last evening were: Police —Blackstock, Carlow, Harper, A. Woods, J. Woods, Fry and Heather. Native Sons, McGill, H. C. Helgesen, Stunberg, C. A. Helgesen, Basso, Verdi and Todd.

For this evening the St. Andrew's society team will be on hand to do their work, their team will be composed of Jas. Woods, W. Wilkes, R. Wilson, D. Murray, J. Rogers, Todd and Manson.

Mrs. Anne Beatrice Sheldon also delighted a large crowd in the main hall last evening and will be heard again this evening.

For today the committee have arranged a special programme, and it is expected that it will draw a good crowd.

Today the broncho busters will do a different stunt than what they have previously done. In order to give the crowd a good idea of their work the committee have arranged a cowboy race, half-mile dash on bronchos. Race to start with riders on the ground. Lots will be cast to decide which horses the riders will have to ride. This will likely prove a very interesting event and will create a great deal of excitement. Another race has also been altered. The race for the A. B. C. cup has been cancelled and in its place is substituted a six furlong race. The complete list of races and the entries for today are:

Race No. 1.—Lizzie E., Dr. Humber; Corsican, H. Swanson; Altamount, J. E. Jackson; Victoria Girl, Russ Humber; Pauline, W. C. Marshall; Sandy Ned, J. W. Miller; Sister Stell, F. Shiers; Tsi Ann, Daber.

Race No. 2. Six furlongs. Race open to all. Horses who have not won either first or second at this meet. Weight for age. Purse $175. Entries close at 9 a. m.—Uppercut, J. Smith; Katie Bell, C. R. Cottle; Urbano, C. Johnson; Daisy Wagner, G. Capps; Waterspout, Woods; Ethel Barrymore, F. Stevenson; Cameleta, J. J. Bottger; Tom Kingsley, C. A. Johnson; Miss Hunter, O. P. Romigh; Integrity, T. H. Hinnessy.

Race No. 3.—Lady Kent, George A. Small; Alberna, George A. Small; Quick stride, H. I. Marshall; Spondoolix, W. Bailey; Uppercut, R. E. Cather; Katie Bell, C. H. Cottle; Instrument, O. P. Romigh; Tom Kingsley, C. A. Johnson; Integrity, T. J. Hennessey; Lady Ninora, C. A. Cleal; E. C. Runte, C. A. Cleal; Fort Wayne, C. A. Cleal; Florence Fonso, C. Williams.

Race No. 4.—Cowboy race.

Race No. 5.—Louise Machael, Chris Moses; Dan, Mrs Atkinson; Grey Eagle, J. Blower; Judge Napton, W. C. Marshall; Fancy Free, W. Homfray; The Babe, Gregory & Davies.

FIRE AT EMERSON.

Winnipeg, Sept. 26.—Strathcona hotel, formerly known as Camey house, in Emerson, was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss to Geo. Durrand, the proprietor, is thirty thousand, with no insurance. D. Forrester is the owner. Citizens got out all the furniture.

HIS EXCELLENCY AT THE COAL CITY

Vice-Regal Party Given a Hearty Reception by Inhabitants of Nanaimo

INSPECTED THE VARIOUS COAL MINES

Left Last Night for Cumberland in Company With Lieut-Governor

NANAIMO, Sept. 27.—(Special)—The city was in holiday attire today upon the visit of Earl Grey and party, who arrived on the steamers Thistle and Quadra shortly after 9 o'clock. Perfect weather prevailed and huge crowds thronged the streets, which were beautifully decorated, there being a number of arches. Places of business were tastefully decorated with flags and bunting.

Promptly at 10 o'clock, the scheduled hour, the occupants disembarked. On the appearance of His Excellency the Boys' Brigade band struck up "God Save the King," and immediately afterwards gave the royal salute.

After being introduced to Mayor Planta and party, all entered carriages in waiting and drove to the court house grounds, where an address of welcome was read, to which the Earl replied in masterly manner, expressing himself as being enchanted with

The Beauties of Nanaimo

He congratulated the citizens on the enthusiastic reception accorded himself and party.

The reception was not formal; there was no rigid following of etiquette pertaining to royalty—rather was it a free-and-easy affair.

After the reply to the address and singing by the school children, the vice-regal party and civic officials were driven to Brechin, where the Earl spent considerable time examining the machinery at the pithead. up among coal mines, he was naturally interested in the modern plant and did not hesitate to express his appreciation of the up-to-date methods in vogue here.

From there the party drove back to the city and to No. 1 pithead, where a short stay was made, and thence up Farquhar street to the Five Acre lots. It was here more than at any other place during his stay in Nanaimo that the Governor-General took the most interest. During his stay in Canada he has been above all things

Interested in Agriculture

and his extravagant praise to Ralph Smith of the scene presented by the Five Acre lots shows the impression they made on him.

From the Five Acre lots the party drove to the hospital, and from there they embarked on a special train which was in waiting for Extension. The party descended into the mines of Hon. James Dunsmuir, where mining operations were fully explained, the Earl himself mining several pieces of coal.

Ladysmith was then visited, after which the royal train was divided, Earl Grey and Lieutenant-Governor Dunsmuir returning to Nanaimo, where they embarked on the steamer Quadra and proceeded to Cumberland, where the latter's extensive mines will be visited. The remainder of the party left Ladysmith at 6 for Victoria, staying over at Duncan for the night.

Before leaving the city tonight, Earl Grey offered a prize of a silver medal to the school children for the best essay on the meaning of the word "Nanaimo," the correct meaning of which His Excellency expressed his desire to learn.

DOMINION NEWS.

Toronto, Sept. 26.—In the insurance inquiry yesterday the time of the commission was occupied in investigating the speculations of officials of the Independent Order of Foresters, the Union Trust company and other gentlemen more or less directly interested. At one stage of its career, in the years 1903-04, the I. O. F. had about two million dollars invested in 400,000 acres of land in Manitoba and the Northwest.

Charge of Wholesale Theft

Toronto, Sept. 26.—Edward Martin, a teamster, was arrested last night on the charge of wholesale theft of stove fixtures from his employers, the Gurnew Foundry Co., Ltd. Martin has been with the company for eighteen years. The police found no less than five tons of grates, castings and hot water appliances on the premises and at the residence of John Riley, a plumber. Martin exonerated Riley of any complicity in the thefts. Martin's stealings have been going on for three years, but the firm was not aware of it until the arrest was made.

Bishop Audrey Ill

Toronto, Sept. 25.— Bishop Audrey, of Japan, under whom missionaries of the Church of England in Canada are laboring in that Oriental country, has been ordered home to England for a year owing to ill-health.

A Montreal Incident

Montreal, Sept. 25.—Twelve hundred spectators, including twenty or more women, two with infants in their arms, saw two gruelling battles at Riverside park last night between George O'Malley, an Irishman, and Dan Deluca, an Italian, and Billy Frawley and Billy Kearns. O'Malley and Kearns were knocked out.

ENGINEERS CONCLUDE TOUR.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 26.—The party of Canadian Society of Civil Engineers who have been touring the West for several weeks left tonight for the East.

OVERSEAS MAIL DELAYED.

The post office department has ordered a searching enquiry into the reported delay of the Overseas mail of nine hours at Rimouski last Saturday morning.

TWO-CENT RAILWAY FARES.

A deputation of Ontario farmers is expected here tomorrow to urge the government to pass legislation enforcing a two cent a mile rate on railways.

A DETERMINED CANDIDATE.

Quebec, Sept. 25.—Dr. Neilson, of Cape Rouge, states that he is a candidate in the field in Quebec county for the House of Commons, rendered vacant by the appointment of Hon. C. Fitzpatrick to the supreme court bench. He says he is there to stay.

SALVAGE SETTLED.

The salvage claims against the steamer City of Seattle of the Pacific Coast S. S. Co., for services rendered by the B. C. Salvage company with their wrecking steamers Salvor and Maude, and by the tugs Pilot of this city and Pioneer of the Puget Sound Tugboat company when the steamer was stranded recently at Trial island, have been settled at Seattle by the owners of the City of Seattle. The amount paid to the various vessels is not stated.

THE FORESTRY CONVENTION

Opened at Vancouver Yesterday Morning With a Very Large Attendance

INTERESTING PAPERS READ

Resolution Urging Government to Prohibit Exportation of Timber Killed

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 26.—(Special).—The Forestry convention met here this morning with about 400 people in attendance. Mr. John Hendry presided at the opening, but immediately relinquished the chair to Prof. Stewart, president of the Canadian Forestry association.

Prof. Stewart called upon Earl Grey who delivered a short but eloquent address in which he refedder to the forests as the natural reservoir of the agricultural wealth of the country, since they preserved its rivers.

Short addresses were given by Lt.-Governor Dunsmuir and Premier McBride.

Prof. Stewart in a lengthy paper gave statistics showing the decrease of forest wealth as compared with the increase of population and predicted that high as the price of lumber now was

It Would Go Still Higher

A very able address was given by Overson Price, representative of the United States forestry service. He predicted that forestry preservation would in a few years be a renumerative source of income to the United States treasury.

Lt.-Governor Bulyea of Saskatchewan and Hon. Mr. Sweeny, surveyor-general of New Brunswick, also addressed the convention.

At the afternoon session papers were read by Hon. R. F. Green, R. H. Alexander and F. W. Jones. Mr. Alexander and Mr. Jones spoke strongly of the necessity for more stringent methods of dealing with forest fires.

Hon. Mr. Green in his paper showed that the government was doing almost all that could be done under the circumstances and gave figures indicative of the rapid advance of the lumbering industry in British Columbia.

When the papers were read they were thrown open for discussion and

A Strongly Worded Motion

was presented by Mr. Rowley, manager for the E. B. Eddy Co., in Hull, urging the federal government to prohibit the export from Canada of all kinds of saw logs and pulp timber.

The motion was seconded by J. W. Whyte of Pembroke, Ont.

A number of delegates expressed it as their opinion that the motion went beyond the scope of the convention.

It was strongly opposed by Duncan Ross, M. P., and W. Higgins of the Vancouver Loggers' association; and on being put to the meeting was voted down by a large majority.

Earl and Lady Grey

and their daughters and Lt.-Governor Dunsmuir were present at part of the afternoon meeting and were given a hearty reception on entering.

Tomorrow evening a big banquet is being given by the Forestry association to Earl Grey in the Aclandhood hall. Afterwards His Excellency and suite will leave for Nanaimo. They will visit Ladysmith and Duncans and then go to Westminster and leave for the East.

This evening the Japanese of the city turned out a thousand strong in a torchlight procession and were addressed by His Excellency at the Hotel Vancouver. He expressed the hope that the good feeling between British Columbia and Japan would increase year by year.

It is understood on official authority that the attorney general will prefer an indictment for manslaughter at the coming assize against Capt. Griffin of the Princess Victoria.

FIRST OF FLEET FROM BEHRING SEA

City of San Diego Brings News of Victoria Fleet in the Far North

SOME RAIDS BY THE JAPANESE

Schooners Mounted Quickfiring Guns to Cover Landing at Rookeries

SEALING schooner, City of San Diego, Capt. Folger, first of the homing fleet of Victoria schooners to return from Bering sea and Copper island reached port yesterday with 413 seal skins as her season's catch and one fine sea otter skin, valued at from $600 to $800. The hunting was marred this season, not by bad weather but because of the presence of a cordon of 25 or more Japanese schooners which were drawn up around the Pribyloff islands close to shore with their hunters shooting right and left while the Victoria schooners, restricted by the terms of the modus vivendi, were obliged to remain sixty miles from the rookeries and hunt only with spears. The use of firearms by the Japanese close to the land not only depleted the seals at sea, but made those that eluded the cordon very restless and difficult to approach with spears.

The Japanese schooners have been systematically raiding Copper and Bering islands, according to news received by the City of San Diego. Some Japanese schooners, spoken in Bering sea on arrival from the Copper island hunting grounds, reported that Japanese sealing vessels had gone to Copper and Bering islands—the Commanderofski group—

With Quick-Firing Guns Mounted

on their vessels. With these guns, Gatlings it was reported, they bombarded the huts of the Russian guard which protects the island rookeries leased to an American company by Russia, and, after the bombardment made landings under the cover of the guns. It was reported by the Japanese sealers that over twenty Japanese on various schooners had been killed during these raids, and a number of Russians—the sealers did not learn how many—had also been killed. The captain of one of the raiding vessels had been among the killed, he having been shot through the head with a rifle bullet fired by the rookery guard.

The news of the attempt to raid St. Paul island by the Toyei Maru and the Miye Maru, Japanese schooners, when 120 pelts were taken, and five sealers were killed by the rookery guards, was noised from schooner to schooner quickly and was soon common knowledge in Bering sea. The killing of the raiders had the effect of keeping other intending raiders from making the attempt to land at the rookeries. Four schooners in all were

Involved in the Fatal Raid

at the Northeast point rookery of St. Paul island, but the identity of the other two was not learned. The Japanese schooners had made a poor catch off the Japan coast, they reported, but had done better off Copper island—probably adding to their catches by the raids reported—and they were doing well in Bering sea.

The proximity of the large fleet of Japanese vessels to the Bering sea islands had the effect of causing the Victoria schooners to hunt much further off shore than usual, and it was because of this that H. M. S. Shearwater reported so few of them—the cutter reported boarding four only on her return a few days ago from Bering sea. The weather was not bad, though occasional high winds blew too strongly to permit of lowering. With hindrance of Japanese, unrestricted as they were by the regulations which hamper the local hunters, and the high winds which made lowering difficult, the season was an unfavorable one. Despite the disadvantages, though, one of the schooners is making good catches. The City of San Diego

Reported the Following Schooners:

Casco, on September 7th, with 740 seal skins and 12 sea otter skins for the season.

Carolotta G. Cox, on September 5th with 620 skins.

Eva Marie, September 2nd, with 700 for the season, British Columbia coast and Bering sea.

Umbria, September 5th, with 700 skins for Bering sea.

Markland, September 5th, 550 skins for Bering sea.

Dora Steward, August 25th, 280 skins.

Libbie, August 27th, 350 skins.

Diana, August 28th, 600 skins.

Victoria, August 28th, 265 skins.

Ida Etta, August 26th, with 85 skins.

According to advices received by the City of San Diego the schooner Umbrina, Capt. Blakstad, or the Jessie, Capt. Haan will probably be the high liners for Bering sea. The Umbrina had about 700 skins when last reported, and the Jessie which was hunting to the northeast of the island was also

Reported to Have a Large Catch

The Umbrina, while hunting near the City of San Diego one day toward the close of the season took as many as 170 skins in the one day. The City of San Diego brought two branded skins. The sea otter skin brought by the schooner is an excellent one, measuring 6 feet 2 inches, and the fur is in splendid condition. The catch was made by Bob Stewart, one of the hunters, in northern waters. The schooner Casco was reported to have no less than twelve of these valuable furs, now scarce and consequently very valuable. The City of San Diego also picked up a walrus and during the cruise, Capt. Folger and one of the hunters carved and mounted the ivory tusks taken from the animal's head.

GREAT STORM IN GULF OF MEXICO

Worst Hurricane in a Century Does Tremendous Damage All Along Coast—Property Loss Heavy

PENSACOLA, Fla., Sept. 27.—The worst sea storm and hurricane that the Gulf coast has experienced in a century began last night and is still raging late today. It is reported that many lives between the city and navy yard have been lost, but the report does not obtain credence. It is known, however, that many streets in that section are under 5 to 10 feet of water, and many women have been taken from second storey windows.

The estimated property damage is $3,000,000. Every house in Pensacola has suffered damage, and many roofs are blown off. Telephone, telegraph and electric light wires are among the mass.

The waterfront is strewn with wreckage for miles on either side of the city, and vessels are piled on the wharves, or where the wharves once were, in utter ruin. Big iron steamers and many lighter sailing ships are lying high and dry up in the city, where the tide has never before been known to reach.

The wharves for miles around have been swept away or damaged beyond repair.

The electric power was shut off at 1 o'clock this morning. There is no street car traffic, and communication with the outside world is practically cut off. The streets are strewn with timbers, tin roofing and broken glass.

This despatch with other matter is being hurried to Flomaton, Alabama, by the Western Union manager, who makes the trip by train.

It is feared great havoc and loss of life will be shown when reports from the entire section along the coast can be gathered.

Property Loss Enormous

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 27.—The tropical hurricane which for 24 hours has been turning the waters of the Gulf of Mexico and doing much damage on the coast is whipping through north Alabama in a northeasterly direction. Reports received do not indicate loss of life, but the damage to property is enormous. All wires are disarranged. Pensacola, where the maximum velocity of the wind was probably felt early this morning, reports a loss of $3,000,000 and much loss of life, which is impossible to confirm.

New Orleans furnished various wild rumors during the day, but later reports indicate that, while there was considerable damage to property, there has been no loss of life. Wires to New Orleans and the Gulf are down and it may be several days before anything can be heard from the territory between that city and the Gulf.

Biloxi, Mississippi City and Moss Point, Miss., have not been heard from for 24 hours. Moss Point reported water five feet deep in the streets Wednesday.

A gale is blowing at Birmingham, after a day of steady rain, and at Memphis the rain has been continuous for three days.

Damage to railroads is heavy. The L. & N. road's loss approximates one million dollars. The New Orleans Eastern reports its tracks under water at several places near New Orleans. The water in the submerged districts has begun to drain off, and the wind, which veered to the north, is driving the waters of the lake towards the gulf.

No accidents or seizures were reported. Alex. Kinley, a well known hunter who has been for years engaged on various sealing schooners, died on board the schooner Victoria in July last, was buried at sea.

FIRE AT WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Sept. 27.—Boyce's carriage works were damaged by fire to the extent of $4,000 tonight.

MAY HAVE COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Ottawa, Sept. 26.—Dr. Savignac, who attempted to murder his wife and mother-in-law three nights ago, has not yet been found. His wife thinks he has committed suicide.

INTERPROVINCIAL TRADE.

Winnipeg, Sept. 27.—The board of trade at its session today decided to make representations to the conference of the provincial premiers asking that there be a Dominion registration of professions and abolition of present laws calculated to restrict of embarrass inter-provincial trade.

THE YOSEMITE.

It is reported that the deal for the purchase of the steamer Yosemite by a firm of Seattle men who intend to place the steamer in the excursion business will be completed next Monday. Negotiations are complete and the vessel will be turned over to the prospective purchasers as soon as the money agreed upon is deposited. It is the intention of the purchasers to form a company to operate the steamer which will be refurnished and partially reconstructed.

LACROSSE CASE SETTLED.

Toronto, Sept. 26—Disagreeing among themselves, the jury in the court of special sessions, yesterday afternoon informed Judge Winchester that they could not agree upon a verdict in the case of George Finlayson, the Montreal lacrosse player, charged with assault upon Charles Querrie, of the Tecumseh Lacrosse club in a game some weeks ago. After satisfying himself that delay was useless, his honor discharged the jury. Finlayson was released on bail, but it is said the case will not likely be heard of again.

A RAILWAY WRECK.

Macleod, Alta., Sept. 25.—A bad wreck occurred at the junction east of this town last night. Conductor Harvey pulled out with a heavy train, with Engineer Fairley at the throttle and A. Folsom as his fireman. Approaching the junction, where freight trains pull up. Front Brakeman George Henderson stepped on to the gangway of the tender, remarking to the engineer that the switch was not far ahead. There is a heavy down grade at that particular point, and the engine had gained considerable headway during the two and a half mile run from the old station. Instead of reducing speed and coming to an entire stop the engine dashed ahead and into an open switch. The brakeman held on until he felt the engine overturning when he jumped and got clear of the mass of coal which followed him from the overturned tender. The fireman also jumped and escaped, but the engineer was caught beneath his engine and instantly killed. It is thought that escaping steam from the engine, obscured the vision of the engineer, who failed to see the signal lights ahead, but this will never be known. Six cars loaded with coal were badly wrecked.

Winnipeg, Sept. 27.—An unusual occurrence happened here yesterday when a Scotch immigrant, a member of the Anglican church, was relieved of his pocketbook by pickpockets. He became possessed of a thirst subsequently and ordered two drinks at a hotel bar, but having no money wherewith to pay for them he put up his prayer book as security with the bar-tender.

FOR THE PREVENTION OF FOREST FIRES

Government Urged to Create Districts and Appoint Rangers

PROPOSAL TO CLASSIFY ALL LANDS

None Should Be Pre-empted If Found to Be Valuable For Timber

VANCOUVER, Sept. 27—(Special)—The forestry convention closed this afternoon, after a number of important resolutions had been passed. Several of these referred to the prevention of forest fires. One urged upon the provincial government to divide the province into districts and that two or more salaried rangers be employed in each during the summer months, with full powers.

It was also resolved that in the opinion of the convention that no land should be granted for pre-emption that was more valuable for timber than for agricultural purposes. On the suggestion of Duncan Ross, M. P., the resolution was amended to include a motion that the authorities should be urged to classify such lands at the earliest possible date.

When a vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Overton Price, the representative of the United States government, all the delegates rose to their feet and gave three hearty cheers for the President of the United States.

Mr. Price promised to convey the greetings of the convention to President Roosevelt, and trusted that the good feeling between the two nations would continue to grow.

A message of goodwill was sent by the association to Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, its first president.

The visiting Canadian manufacturers will leave for the East tonight.

W. A. Hardy of Ballard, Wash., is here today in connection with his project to establish a sawmill on Cracroft Island. Eight square miles of cedar limits on the island are owned by Mr. Hardy and his associates, and the mill will have a capacity of 75,000 feet, cutting cedar only. If present plans are carried out, it will be in operation next summer.

Bank clearings for the week are $2,739,119; for the same week in 1905 they were $1,940,309, and in the corresponding week of 1904, $1,479,241.

SUMMER RESORT SCORCHED.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 27.—Fire broke out among cottages at Whytewold Beach, a summer resort near the city today. Word was sent to the city and the C. P. R. despatched a train with 150 men on board to assist in fighting the fire, which has spread to the woods. It was extinguished before serious damage resulted.

'QUAKE AT PORTO RICO.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Sept. 27.—The city of San Juan and the Island of Porto Rico experienced a series of heavy earthquake shocks today, beginning at 10:47 a. m. The people were thrown into a condition of consternation and alarm but the resultant damage was comparative slight and there has been no loss of life.