

# Record-Breaking Crowd Greet Exhibition Opening

## LARGE ENTHUSIASTIC CROWDS GATHER FOR OPENING DAY OF CANADA'S GREAT EXHIBITION

**Big Fair Gets Away to Good Start—Unusual Attendance—Rain Has Little Effect—Patriotic Note is Emphasized—Official Opening.**

Shortly after two o'clock yesterday afternoon Sir John Gibson, lieutenant-governor of Ontario, declared Canada's National Exhibition open. He had delivered a stirring, patriotic speech which frequently brought forth applause. He spoke of the manner in which the young men of Canada had responded to the call of the empire in the hour of need.

In extending a welcome to his honor, Joseph Oliver, president of the Exhibition, said: "We welcome you today to this Canadian National Exhibition by the most pleasing of all welcomes to a great Canadian, abundant evidence on every hand that this great Dominion is possessed of natural resources and industrial energy to carry her thru a period of great national stress with resignation and fortitude."

He spoke of the part to be played by industrial captains as well as by those who had gone to the war. Confidence in Canada's integrity was evidenced on all sides. Concluding, Mr. Oliver said: "It is a great welcome to a Canadian who stands high in the honor and affection of his countrymen."

Sir John replied: "I greatly appreciate the honor conferred upon me. I regret the inability of Sir James Whitney to be present."

After paying tribute to the officials having the matter in charge, Sir John referred to the struggle in Europe upon which all eyes are focused. He spoke of the importance of the existing war and referred to the fact that the most modern scientific devices were being employed for the destruction of men. "It has been said that when Great Britain is at war Canada is at war."

Continuing, he said: "Canada has already contributed a contingent. Another must be prepared at once, and then another and another until, if that is necessary, 1000 Canadian men have answered the call. The young manhood of Canada is on its trial. Shall it be said that there was any backwardness on the part of Canada in the most modern scientific devices were being employed for the destruction of men. "It has been said that when Great Britain is at war Canada is at war."

Concluding, he said: "It is to be hoped that the Exhibition will be a great success. A contingent of the same enthusiasm has been shown up to the opening day will ensure excellent results."

Three cheers for the lieutenant-governor was followed by three cheers for the King, after which the occupants of the dairy building, which was filled to capacity, adjourned to the grand stand.

**Directors' Luncheon.** Prior to the official opening, a directors' luncheon was held in the administration building. There were nearly 100 guests. The president, Joseph Oliver, presided. Seated with him were Sir John Gibson, Sir William Mulock, his worship Mayor Hocken, Col. Burland, Hon. Dr. Pyne, Archdeacon Cody, and members of the city council.

The toast list was small owing to the fact that the speeches were to be made a little later at the opening. President Oliver proposed the toast to the King, which was responded to in royal Canadian fashion. The singing of the National Anthem followed. The second toast was in honor of Sir John Gibson, and he in reply stated his appreciation of the honor placed on him. The president had referred to the fact that the lieutenant-governor's tenure of office was drawing to a close.

**Many Friendships.** In reply to Sir John said that many friendships had been made during the past six years. It had been also an important period in the history of Ontario. "I shall always feel a measure of sorrow in severing my connection with this city after a residence of six years," he said.

Sir William Mulock was called upon. He made a patriotic appeal, marked by enthusiasm. He spoke of the calamity which had befallen the nation and which had been brought about by one man. "What a position of danger, when the political situation is such that the oldest of log cabin land-slides in Toronto. Many people are

### Teddy Program

#### SOCIETY DAY

8:00 a.m.—Golf.  
9:00 a.m.—Golfing open.  
11 a.m.—Opening band concert.  
1:00 p.m.—at show opens.  
2:00 p.m.—Grand stand performance.  
3:00 p.m.—In the war canoe races.  
3:30 p.m.—Motor polo.  
4 to 6 p.m.—C. N. R. Band.  
6:00 p.m.—A. C. lights.  
7:00 p.m.—Vaudeville.  
8:00 p.m.—Musical comedy.  
8:30 p.m.—The C. N. R. Band.  
9:00 p.m.—The C. N. R. Band.  
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There will unite in the defence of what it is fighting for, freedom of man."

**Mayor Hocken Speaks.** Mayor Hocken, in addressing the directors, paid a tribute to Sir John Gibson. He spoke of the growth of the City of Toronto during the past six years. The calibre of her citizens was shown in the support given the patriotic fund. Citizens were doing their duty in an excellent way, to assist in caring for the dependents of those who have gone to the front. He believed the exhibition would be the means of diverting attention from the war. It would benefit those whose hearts were aching because of loved ones gone away.

"It will help to bear the burden," he said. "The people of the province feel it their duty to keep the exhibition going, and I urge them to come for their own sake."

Col. Burland of Montreal spoke briefly. Hon. Dr. Pyne congratulated the officials and the outlook for 1914. He was glad that in spite of troublesome times in Europe, in which the empire was directly involved, the exhibition was going ahead in the usual way.

**Children's Chorus.** At the grand stand in the afternoon the children's choir acquitted itself admirably, and also many white frocks and new hair ribbons were threatened with a severe drenching, the children with the Union Jacks and maple leaves were quickly assembled beneath the shelter of the stand, and the program continued without further ado. The rendering of the songs was excellent. "God Save the King" was sung with a new fervor, and the "Song National," the music of which was composed by Gordon V. Thompson, was rendered. There is a rhythm to this new song which is not to be found in any other song. "God Bless Our Empire" and the "Way a March," by Capt. Morgan, completed a fine program.

**Women Win Praise.** The huge increase of superior work artistically exhibited in the women's building yesterday drew high praise from all visitors. The exhibits were the result of the pleasure of viewing the exquisite lace, elegant rugs, superb hand-painted china, carved and inlaid wood, and of various unique art displays which crowded the exhibit cases to their fullest capacity.

It has been the aim of the ladies' committee to encourage the exhibition of hand and needle point laces in place of machine-made work, and it was both pleasing and gratifying to note the wonderful increase of exquisite handmade laces in every class.

What the committee considers to be the finest exhibit of inlaid wood shown in any year was the subject of much comment, and the children's exhibit work was marvellous, indeed, the battleship model of H. M. S. Niagara being specially deserving of comment.

**Discussed Plans.** At 1 o'clock a delightful luncheon was served in the dairy blue committee room, when the ladies of the committee entertained the wives of the directors, and discussed with great enthusiasm plans which will further the success of this year's splendid exhibit.

Those of the committee present were: Mesdames Joseph Oliver, W. K. McNaught, G. H. Gooderham, John G. Kent, J. O. Orr, J. E. Eaton, J. D. Allan, John A. Cooper, J. S. Dignam, Agar Adamson, W. H. Cawthra, Wiloughby Cummings, A. W. MacLachlan, J. E. Elliott.

**Women's Committee.** About 40 members of the women's committee of the Exhibition, and wives of the directors, headed a luncheon tendered by Mrs. Joseph Oliver to Lady Gibson yesterday noon. The luncheon was held in one of the committee rooms of the women's building.

The exhibits in the government building are far in advance of previous years. The islands of the West Indies have sent to Toronto samples of their products and natural resources, which will open the eyes of every person not conversant with its products.

Again this year there is a large showing of fish, both alive and in refrigerators, and the snakes are also there. In one cage there is a rattlesnake with 44 young ones that are a great attraction.

**To Hold Demonstration.** The "Grand Victoria Veterans' Association," which has a tent on the drive south of the transportation building at the Canadian National Exhibition, are planning for a monster demonstration on Thursday of next week.

All day yesterday veterans of South Africa and the Northwest rebellion, were signing the register at the tent. The association expect to have Lt. Gov. Gibson address them at their demonstration. Lt. Gen. Otter will also speak, and there will be a large parade. As several of the veterans were in charge of the log cabin used by the late Governor Simcoe of Upper Canada, one of the oldest of log cabin landmarks in Toronto. Many people are

armed the farm and household equipments of over a half century ago, but the biggest attraction to the small boys was a small salute cannon, a relic of Toronto's earliest history.

An innovation which has been made this year and one that will lessen the duties of the policemen in the buildings of the Exhibition is placed over the doorway of every building where smoking is prohibited. It is a small electric sign bearing the words "No Smoking."

**Cadets to Compete.** The cadets who will shoot for the King's prize at Long Branch ranges are encamped on the Exhibition grounds west of the transportation building where they will remain till the shoot is over. The camp is in charge of Major R. K. Barker.

The cadets corps who will compete are Calgary, the president's holders of the cup, Ottawa, O. R., Harbord and Trinity church.

**Get a Free Plan of the Exhibition Grounds and Buildings.** For the benefit of those strangers in Toronto who are visiting the Canadian National Exhibition for the first time, and are consequently unfamiliar with the disposition of grounds and buildings, the general passenger department of the Canadian Northern Railway has again published a special timetable folder containing the only free plan of the Exhibition obtainable.

This folder also shows the special train service of the C. N. R. between Kingston, Toronto and intermediate points, the direct passenger service between Toronto and Valcartier, Military Camp and Ottawa and Quebec City, and the regular Falls train service on Ontario lines. Copies may be had for the asking at the Canadian Northern exhibit in the railway building at the city ticket office, 52 King street east, Main 5179, or Union Station, Adel. 3488.

**Building Materials—Pedlar's Exhibit.** Visitors to the Exhibition will be impressed by the complete and interesting exhibit of the Pedlar People. This exhibit is shown in the building in sheet metal for buildings, roofing, siding, shingles, ceilings, culverts, etc. This exhibit is to be open nearly 150,000 square feet, which is an increase of nearly 50 per cent. over last year.

In order to accommodate the Holstein class, that numbers close to 300, two of the extra barns had to be commissioned. The Arrahies also show a slight increase over last year, and with the exhibit of French-Canadian cattle two barns are filled.

The Aberdeen Angus cattle have been extremely fortunate on account of the extra heavy number of exhibits in the cattle class. They are housed in stable 21 that was until Friday a horse barn. Each cow is enjoying the comfort of a large box stall.

**CROOKS NOT POPULAR AT THE EXHIBITION.** The public can be assured that the executive of the Canadian National Exhibition is doing everything possible to protect them from fraud wherever money is concerned. Two concessionaires of the Midway who were not treading the narrow path but were doing things that appeared shady were forced to move their goods outside of the Exhibition grounds.

**MUCH PRAISE FOR SHEEP BUILDINGS.** Sheep Breeders are Pleased With the Accommodation. All the leading sheepbreeders who are exhibiting at the Canadian National Exhibition were unanimous yesterday in their praise of the new sheep building that was erected for this year. The Exhibition authorities consulted the large breeders of the Dominion in regard to the plans of the building and the result is most pleasing. The facilities for inspection by the public are of the best.

**W. C. T. U. Restaurant.** A well cooked meal appeals to everyone. When you are ready for your dinner, go to the W. C. T. U. restaurant, south end of new government building, west of the postoffice. It is clean and homelike; just the place to take out-of-town visitors.

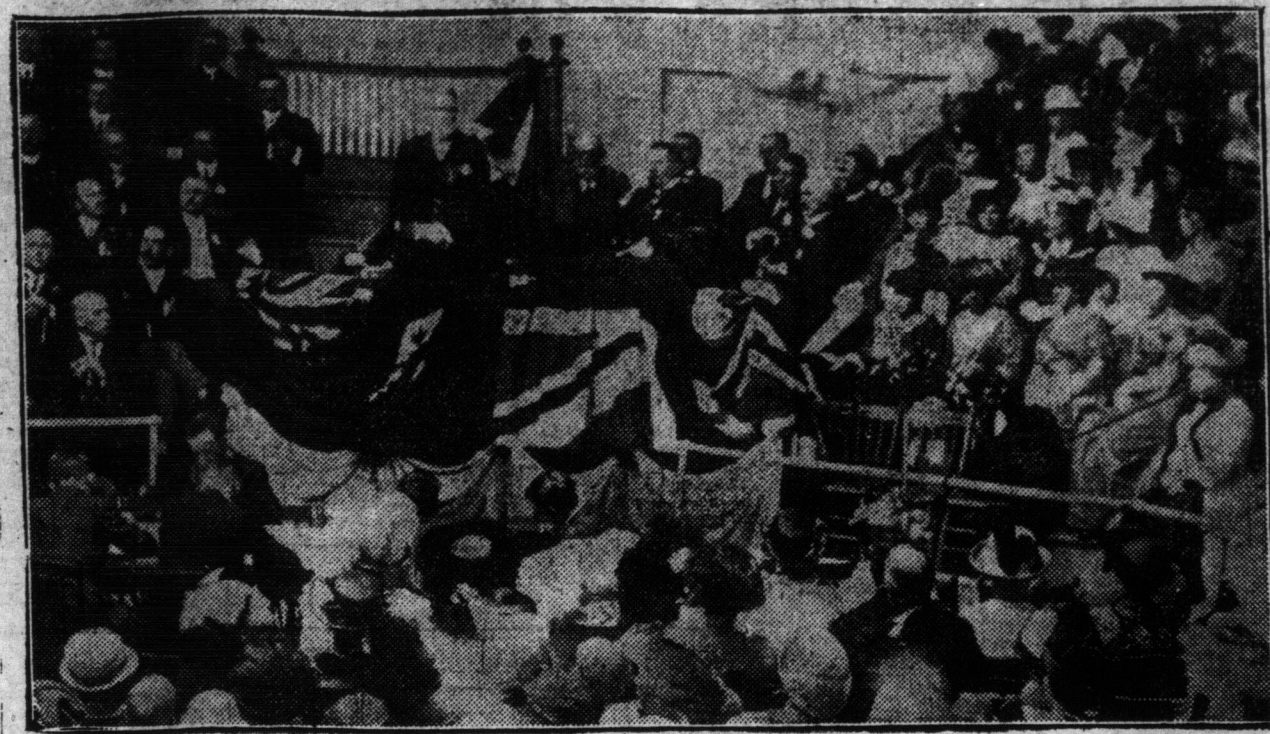
**Christie-Brown Biscuits.** One of the most highly decorated exhibits in the manufacturers' building is that of the Christie-Brown biscuit company. Ltd., Canada's largest biscuit manufacturing concern. Hundreds of different kinds of biscuits, ranging from the well known Christie soda to the daintiest of fancy biscuits, are attractively displayed.

The booth is set off splendidly by a combination of sheaves of wheat and barley and the emblem of the different provinces of the Dominion. With many new lines of the choice edible delicacies the Christie-Brown booth is proving to be one of the greatest attractions at the Exhibition for the housewife.

**Nasmith's Restaurants.** Many appreciative people, recognizing the excellent service at Nasmith's, visited that popular restaurant at the Exhibition grounds. Nasmith's is situated in an ideal location, under the grand stand. In the west end is located the grill where a carte meals are served. A popular priced full course meal is served in the eastern section for 50 cents.

**GOOD NEWS CABLED TO GERMAN ADMIRAL.** Canadian Press Despatch. WASHINGTON, August 31.—Winston Churchill, First Lord of the British Admiralty, thru the United States Embassy at London, today requested the state department to transmit the following message to Grand Admiral Von Tirpitz of the German navy, thru the American Ambassador at Berlin: "Your son has been saved and has not been wounded."

## Opening the Canadian National Exhibition



Sir John Gibson delivering the opening address in the dairy building before an audience composed of representative men and women of Ontario.

## CATTLE CLASS IS LARGER THAN EVER

**Exhibition Authorities Had to Build Four Extra Barns.**

The exhibit of cattle at the Exhibition this year is so large that the exhibition authorities were forced to utilize four extra barns, which have been erected during the past week. Accommodation has been made for every exhibitor.

In stable 25 the best exhibit of fat cattle that has been seen at the fair for years is housed. One of the extra barns is being used for the accommodation of the Hereford exhibit, which is also larger than ever before. There are nearly 150 Jerseys, which is an increase of nearly 50 per cent. over last year.

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In consequence of this move Lieut.-Col. Mercer becomes commander of the overseas force.

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## FALL OF BABYLON SPLENDID SCENE

**Evening Performance at Exhibition Spectacular—Fireworks Make Fine Picture.**

**VAUDEVILLE IS GOOD**

**Variety of Entertaining Acts Above Usual Standard—Funny Clowns on Hand.**

Spectacular in the extreme and gorgeous beyond description is the finale to the excellent grand stand performance at the Exhibition this year. It is of greater excellence than has ever been presented before. Even the directors who planned it are more than pleased at the result of their deliberations. Possibly the most exciting moment comes with the fall of Babylon after having been set afire. The conflagration scene is par excellence and must be seen to be appreciated. The hand writing on the wall is the initial sign of destruction and after that, events happen with such rapidity that the spectator is bewildered in amazement at the beauty of the display.

It is seldom the privilege of any one to witness such grandeur. In making a strenuous effort to give their patrons something above the ordinary, the officials have overstepped the mark with the result that a more brilliant spectacle would be hard to imagine.

**Rain Stopped Crowd.** On account of the rain which came at a most inopportune time, the crowd was not large. Judging, however, from the manner in which the early throngs arrived the committee is more than pleased with the prospects for a large grand total attendance. With fair weather to-day and until the closing of the grounds, prospects were never brighter for a record year.

Such performances as were listed last evening are sure to attract wide attention. The vaudeville acts are bright, funny and very entertaining. The variety of acts comprises a majority of national acts, which stir patriotism to the core. To sum it up, it can only be said that a greater achievement on the part of those in charge could hardly be expected.

**Splendid Fireworks.** Beautiful scenery, gorgeous costumes and probably the most spectacular display of fireworks ever seen in Toronto contributed to the pronounced success of "The Fall of Babylon" before the grand stand last night. The title recalls the history of probably the greatest Oriental city of ancient times. The story of the handwriting on the wall and the destruction of the luxurious and lavish city is well known and gave ample scope for the depiction of a romantic and spectacular reproduction.

After a procession in which the wonderful wealth of the city is shown with marvelous effect, the great city is seen in conflict with enemies, when in spite of their great numbers the Babylonians are defeated and are compelled to surrender. Their beautiful city to keep it from the hands of their foe. With plenty of scope for the ability the brilliant event of the drama have been ably staged by W. I. Fudge.

The fireworks that help to make up a show in themselves. Bombshells breaking eight and nine times after reaching the end of their upward flight, set pieces of fireworks display of extraordinary size and beauty; comets, fireballs, water falls of liquid silver, a mammoth portrait of the King and other features followed in rapid succession. It is interesting to note that the spectacle of fireworks surpassing the shows of previous years was put on by the Hand Fireworks Company, a Canadian concern.

## Canadian National Exhibition TORONTO

### Vehicle Regulations

1. Passenger vehicles must enter the grounds by Dominion Street gate or Stanley Barracks Gate, via Strachan Ave. or Bathurst Street.
2. After the hour of one o'clock p.m., except on Children's Day and Labour Day, passenger vehicle traffic will be confined to the roadways south of the Transportation Building, Women's Building and the Race Track.
3. On Children's Day and Labour Day passenger vehicle traffic will be confined to the roadways south of the Transportation Building, Women's Building and the Race Track.
4. All passenger vehicles must be outside the barriers before the hours above mentioned, and if no man in charge, must be left on the south road west of Society Row or on the west side of the Transportation Building.
5. Vehicles must not at any time be driven at a speed exceeding ten miles an hour, and at all times every consideration must be given to the public.
6. All Delivery Vehicles must enter and leave the grounds via Exhibition Road, Strachan Avenue Gate.
7. These regulations are subject to the order of the Board of Directors for excluded days.

By order,  
J. O. ORR, Manager.

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## CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION

### Stanley Barracks Entrance

#### PEDESTRIANS

No pedestrian will be allowed in or out of Exhibition Park through the Stanley Barracks entrance after 7 p.m.

#### VEHICLES

Up until 10 p.m. vehicles may reach the Exhibition grounds via Strachan Avenue and the Stanley Barracks entrance.

Up until 11 p.m. vehicles may leave the Exhibition grounds via the Stanley Barracks entrance and Strachan Avenue.

No pedestrian or vehicle is allowed through the Old Fort after 7 p.m.

By Order,  
J. O. ORR, General Manager.