Satisfactory Showing Made By Western Fair Report

Surplus of $4,494 Is Left in the Treasury.

In Spite of Important Day Being Spoiled by Rain.

Last Year's Officers Re-Elected — Thanks From Swine Breeders—Government Grant Asked.

The satisfaction with the work of the past year in the Western Fair Association was such that the old board was re-elected at the annual meeting yesterday, when several members took the opportunity to commend the managers on the direction of affairs during 1903.

The annual meeting was attended by about 40 members. The city's representatives on the association board were not present, but the following, presided over by Lieut.-Col. Gartshore, were well able to conduct the business: Messrs. Allan Bogue, Wm. Fleming, Wm. Moore, C. E. Trebilcock, Geo. Scatcherd, W. H. K. Talbot, J. Hobbs, Wm. Gerry, A. B. Greer, R. A. Carrothers, James H. Brown, Wm. McNeil, Richard Oke, John Saunders, C. W. Simmons, M. O'Neil, A. Kains, L. L. Pound, John Farrell, Andrew Auld, Thomas Russell, J. P. Hunt, E. M. Anderson, John Callard, Thomas Ballantyne, jun., E. J. MacRobert, C. J. McCormick, Alf. Robinson, John R. Isaac, Henry Stratford, Thomas Ball, Thomas Wistow, A. G. Stevens, J. A. Tancock, George Green, D. M. Cole, Wm. Scarrow and T. J. Murphy.

The chairman said he was glad to see so many present, showing that interest was not lagging. The finances had been good, and through economy they had been able to live within their income.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The directors made the folowing report.

Gentlemen,—Your directors have the honor of presenting their 36th annual report, being in a position to congratulate the members on another successful year. Notwithstanding the fact that the Thursday of exhibition week was very wet, resulting in a falling off of almost the entire receipts for that day, which is always considered one of our biggest days, they are well pleased to be able to report a cash surplus of $4,494. Had the weather been favorable throughout, this amount would have been increased to a sum not exceeded by any previous Western Fair.

Considerable improvement was made in the sheep and swine buildings, better accommodation being provided for the attendants, needed repairs were also made to other buildings, as well as alterations in general offices to make room for a new feature—the establishment of a branch of the Bank of Toronto for the accommodation of the public. Several hundred shrubs and trees were planted throughout the grounds, and the walks and drives cleaned up and straightened out. It is very desirable that the grounds should be still further beautified, more particularly that portion lying to the front of the general offices. Possibly under the regime of the newly-appointed park commissioner the city council will make some provision towards this end.

The exhibits generally were of a very high order. There was the usual fine display of live stock, the Western taking the lead in this particular. All other departments were well represented by most excellent exhibits. The usual success attended Monday, our opening day. Extending the exhibition to include Friday night was also a decided success, especially so this year on account of Thursday's rain.

Your directors have had the question of the construction of a new dairy building under consideration. They have concluded that a new building is necessary, and as soon as Government assistance, which is required, is obtained, the work will be commenced. They trust that something will be accomplished this year. The space now occupied by dairy products can then be used for the extension of the horticultural and agricultural departments.

Death has again broken into our ranks, and we regret very much to have to record the death of the late Mr. R. Shaw-Wood and Mr. Isaac Waterman. Both gentlemen took an active part in advancing the interests of our association.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. G. F. Jewell, F.C.A., and his certificate is appended.

The thanks of the association is due to those who have contributed to the funds and donated special prizes.

The board wishes to acknowledge with thanks the many courtesies and friendly notices of the city press and the newspapers throughout Western Ontario. They are also sensible of the assistance they have received from the various railways in granting low rates, and for special train service for the conveyance of visitors to and from the exhibition.

We wish to place on record the satisfactory manner in which the officers have fulfilled their duties.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. M. GARTSHORE, President.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The statement of receipts and expenditures, signed by D. Mackenzie, treasurer, was as follows:

Receipts—	
Balance from 1902	$ 2,901 67
Entry fees	1,531 45
Privileges and rent of booths, dining hall, etc.	3,385 50
Gates and grand stand receipts	17,693 30
Permits for use of track and rent of stalls	305 66
City of London Horticultural and Agricultural Society grant	290 51
East Middlesex Agricultural Society grant	373 43
Deposits re rental	100 00
Interest on bank deposits	35 82
Special prizes donated	573 00
Subscription, Street Railway Company	200 00
Total	$27,389 74
Disbursements—	
Prizes, medals, judges' fees	$9,674 55
Printing, advertising and billposting	2,454 24
Police	302 75
Office expenses, postage, rent and salaries	2,390 57
Grounds and buildings and general expenses	2,488 14
Expenses—Gates and ticket departments	437 51
Expenses—Live stock and poultry departments	308 75
Expenses—Agricultural, Horticultural and dairy departments	177 35
Expenses—Machinery and carriage department	57 72
Expenses—Main building department	146 41
Attractions, fireworks, music, etc.	4,137 12
Deposits refunded	100 00
Furniture and chattels	220 63
Total	$22,895 74

This shows a balance on hand of $4,494, or $1,592 93 more than was on hand a year ago.

The liabilities are nil, and the assets $45,995 21, made up as follows:

Real estate payments made on the property conditionally held by the city of London (not including interest paid on mortgages)	$ 8,900 00
Construction or permanent improvements on land and buildings held or owned by the city	28,034 11
Furniture and chattels, at cost, as per ledger account	4,567 10
Balance in bank—Trustees' account, $4,006 57; current account, $487 43	4,494 00

The report was taken as read, and adopted.

MANY COMMUNICATIONS.

The first communication read was one from D. Fraser, secretary-treasurer of the Road Drivers' Association, asking for representation in the Western Fair. The road drivers numbered 65. Mr. Bogue was the first to object, on the ground that two similar organizations were already represented. A motion to file the request was carried.

F. W. Hodson, live stock commissioner, Ottawa, wrote, saying that the Polled Jersey cattle were attracting a good deal of attention in the United States, and some influential American breeders and exhibitors had stated their willingness to exhibit at London, Toronto and Ottawa, provided a class be made for these cattle. He drew attention to the growing in favor of dairy cattle and the merits of the Polled Jersey class.

Geo. C. Dewar, of Kertch, asked for a doubling of the prize list in swine, and other reforms, saying: "I do not think it is at all fair that those balloonists and other performers should be paid their thousands of dollars for the week, and let the exhibitors be content with what little they can get."

D. C. Flatt & Son, of Millgrove, made some recommendations in reference to the swine exhibits.

The Dairymen's Association of Western Ontario advised the fair board that a grant of $50 had been made to the Western Fair and that a further grant of $50 would be made provided the Western Fair Association erected a building for the exhibition of dairy products, satisfactory to their representatives.

I. W. Steinhoff's letter of last October, recommending changes in regard to the exhibit of cheese and butter was also read.

The Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association notified the board it would grant $250, provided a like amount were put up in prizes by the board.

Before proceeding with the election of officers, Mr. McNeil wanted to know if any application had been made to the Government for a grant.

President Gartshore said that $10,000 had been asked for, but that a grant had not been made. Toronto had received a Dominion grant last year, and Winnipeg this year, and perhaps the next turn would be London's.

George Green, president of the Dominion Swine Breeders' Association, appeared to say that a year ago they had asked for better accommodation for herdsmen. The reforms had been better than they anticipated, and on behalf of the swine breeders he wanted to thank the board.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

On motion of Messrs. Bogue and Scatcherd, the board of directors was re-elected as follows: Lieut.-Col. W. M. Gartshore, Lieut.-Col. F. B. Leys, Lieut.-Col. J. W. Little, Mr. A. M. Smart, Mr. Wm. Gammage, Mr. W. M. Spencer, Mr. Geo. M. Reid, Mr. W. J. Reid, Mr. Geo. McCormick, Mr. R. A. Carrothers, Mr. John Pringle, Mr. J. W. Jones.

The officers were all re-elected at the first meeting of the new board, which followed the annual meeting. They are as follows:

President—Lieut.Col. Gartshore.

First Vice-President—Lieut.-Col. Little.

Second Vice-President—Allan Bogue.

Treasurer—D. McKenzie.

Secretary—J. A. Nelles.

Superintendent of Grounds—James H. Brown.

Auditor—C. F. Jewell.

Chairman of Finance Committee — A. M. Smart.

Chairman of Grounds and Building Committee—Colonel Little.

Chairman of Gates and Tickets—M. W. Spencer.

Chairman of Printing Committee—J. Pringle.

Chairman of Attraction Committee—W. J. Reid.

The board decided to send a deputation to Toronto to interview the Minister of Agriculture about a grant for a new dairy building. Secretary Nelles will arrange a meeting.

"ERMINIE" AT THE GRAND.

Francis Wilson in Nixon & Zimmerman's elaborate revival of Jakobowski & Paulton's comic opera classic, "Erminie," assisted by a star cast and an ensemble of over 100, will appear at the Grand on Saturday evening next. This magnificent old opera has been scoring successes ever since it opened in Boston in the fall, and not only broke the records in Pittsburg, Philadelphia, Washington and Baltimore, but has met with universal approval everywhere it has been presented. Francis Wilson, the merry jesting thief, is funnier than ever, and his colleagues in the company are appropriately cast. Messrs. Nixon & Zimmerman have spared no pains to make this the most notable production on the stage this season. The company is the largest ever gotten together for light opera work, and is by far the most expensive organization in this country this season. Among the members of the company who assist in making it the success that it is are Marguerita Sylva, Jessie Bartlett Davis, Madge Lessing, Jennie Weathersby, William Broderick, Signor Perugini, William C. Weeden, Robert Broderick, Laura Butler, Lucille Egan and others whose names are familiar to the music-loving and the theater-going people. Only one performance. Seats on sale tomorrow.

GROSSMITH.

Mr. George Grossmith, the well-known English entertainer, who appeared in this city two years ago, will again be at the Grand Monday and Tuesday next. Mr. Grossmith occupies a unique position on the stage, depending upon his own individual powers for his great successes. He will deserve a large audience.

Photo by Frank Cooper.

MISS MARGARET McCOY,

Who Is to Assist at the Concert in the Collegiate Institute on Wednesday Next.

FRANCIS WILSON IN "ERMINIE."

"Erminie," that meritorious comic opera, which made the reputations of so many opera stars, will be the attraction at the Grand next Saturday evening. "Erminie" is the most admired of all the musical successes, and the opera which holds the genuine approval of the theater-going public for nearly 18 years certainly has merit, and "Erminie" has done this. In the coming production here Francis Wilson will be seen in his successful role of Caddy, and the several important parts are exceptionally well cast. The company, which numbers over 100, is the largest and highest-salaried organization on the American stage in comic opera, and travels almost exclusively by special train. One performance only. Seats on sale today.

THREW BOMB AT PRIEST

Two Killed and Many Injured at an Armenian Church Service.

Baku, Russian Trans-Caucasia, Feb. 18. — During a patriotic service in the Armenian Church here Monday, just as the clergy had ended chanting a "Te Deum," and praying for the success of the Russian arms, a bomb was thrown at the officiating priest. Two persons were killed and several were injured. After the excitement had been allayed the congregation marched in procession to the residence of the governor, carrying the Czar's portrait, and presented the governor with a patriotic address and $500 for the families of the victims of the outrage.

CARNEGIE'S GREATEST BOOK.

[Town Topic.]

"Mr. Carnegie is something of an author, is he not?" asked the visitor from London. "Yes; he has published a number of volumes," said the poet. "What is his most successful book?" asked the Englishman. "His pocket-book," said the poet. "It is in great demand."

UNANSWERABLE.

[Washington Star.]

"Dat man is allus lookin' foh work."

"Yes," said Erastus Pinkley, "dat's what he says; but he's one o' deshere people dat goes roun' wif a snow shovel in July an' a pitchfork in January."

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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From March 10, 1900, to January 1, 1904.

ASSETS.

Furniture, fixtures and real estate		$13,003 35
Stock Exchange membership (cost)		1,649 13
Bonds and mortgages		15,401 33
Bank and dividend stocks (cost)		33,642 04
Ore certificates and bullion	$110,722 70	
Secured loans, bills and accounts receivable	81,135 16	
Due from branches and agencies	147,888 69	
Cash on hand and in banks	33,002 47	
		372,749 02
		$436,444 87

LIABILITIES.

Banking Department	$ 25,268 72
Sundry accounts and future delivery certificates	14,449 06
Net due companies (when collected)	96,263 48
Trust funds (loaned to companies)	22,289 88
Surplus and capital	277,173 74
	$436,444 87

Note.—Salaries and distributed profits to partners for 46 months (or approximately four years of business), $85,614 97.

STOCK ASSETS, EQUITIES AND LIABILITIES NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE.

Company.	Absolute Ownership Shares.	Trust Fund Shares.
The Standard Smelting and Refining Co.	1,200,000	1,160,560
The Union Consolidated Oil Co.	1,100,000	1,057,405
The Union Consolidated Refining Co.		500,000
El Capitan Copper Co.	3,400	345,365
Prosperity Mining Co., Limited		257,447
Aurora Consolidated Mining Co.	350,000	1,144,401
Casa Grande Mining and Smelting Co.	1,100,000	1,868,913
Gold Tunnel Mining Co.	250,000	973,044
The Standard Amalgamator Co.	12,000	25,000
Myrtle Gold Mines, Ltd.	245,000	750,000
Hurricane Mining Co.	245,000	750,000
Viznaga Gold Mining Co.	595,000	867,563
Empire State Gold Mining Co.	245,000	706,099
Express Gold Mining Co.	245,000	618,303
Potosi - Orleans Gold Mining Co.	495,000	735,734
Erie - Ontario Gold Mines, Limited	745,000	1,500,000
Plumas Gold Mining Co., Limited	400,000	1,500,000
Iron King Extension Mining Co.		2,999,200
Home Run Gold Mines, Limited	245,000	1,500,000
Haslemere Mining and Milling Co.	500,000	1,000,000
Alaska Oil and Mines Ex. Co. (common)	1,500,000	3,000,000
Mexican Exploration & Dev. Co. (common)	1,500,000	7,500,000
Mammoth Gold Co.	320,000	486,248
Consolidated Gold and Copper Co.	250,000	663,956
Pride of Arizona Copper Co.	775,000	1,443,268
Amalgamated Gold and Copper Co.	370,000	1,165,492
Commonwealth Gold Mines, Limited		3,000
New Century Mining Co.		490,268
Total shares	12,680,400	35,011,266

VALUE LAST SELLING PRICE.

Absolute Ownership Stock	$2,035,840 00
Stock in Trust Fund	3,715,462 20

Note.—Due in deferred payments on a portion of "Absolute Ownership" Stock, $3,000.

No stocks of any companies in which "exchanges" of stocks have been made from the Trust Fund or any of the "common" stocks of the companies represented are included in above valuations.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. SIEGMANN, Cashier.

State of New York, County of New York, } ss.:

Personally appeared before me, Joseph B. Braman, Notary Public in and for said County and State, Henry C. Seigmann, Cashier of Douglas, Lacey & Co., and made oath that the above statement was correct, as shown by the books of the firm, on Jan. 1, 1904, according to his knowledge and belief.

In witness whereof I have this day set my hand and affixed my seal of office at New York City, this 23rd day of January, A. D. 1904.

[Seal.] JOSEPH B. BRAMAN.

Notary Public, New York Co., N.Y.

New York City, Jan. 23, 1904.

JOS. BEECH, 379 PRINCESS AVE., LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE.

The influence of woman in public affairs was made most manifest recently in Scotland. Graham Murray, the new secretary of state of Scotland, owes his promotion from the place of lord advocate of Scotland to his sister-in-law, Mrs. George Keppel. Mr. Murray is an ardent golf player, and when the King needed instruction in the game, it was afforded by Graham Murray, on Mrs. Keppel's introduction.

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Prof. Karl Pearson, the English anthropologist, is trying to relieve red-headed people from the stigma which he says has attached to them from the remotest antiquity. To this end he is compiling a census, asking schoolmasters, for instance, for the records of their red-headed pupils. He believes that Aristotle drew on his imagination, when he wrote: "He who has red hair is proud, envious and deceitful."

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Coal constituted nearly 40 per cent of the total tonnage of American railways last year. It cost $1 87 to carry a ton from the Yorkshire coal fields, in England, to London, a distance of 158 miles, while coal is brought from the Carbondale region in Illinois to Chicago, 276 miles, for 78 cents a ton.

RUSSIA LOOKING FOR MORE WAR

Would Like To Have a Crack at Great Britain.

ANGRY OVER MOVE ON TIBET

Thinks Britain Is Taking Advantage of War With Japan—Expedition Close to Lhassa.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18. — The anti-British sentiment is rising hourly and is being aggravated by the press, especially the Novoe Vremya and the Viedomosti.

Although these newspapers are aware of Lord Lansdowne's denial, they repeat the charge that Wei Hai Wei was treacherously ceded to Japan and thereupon foster the popular belief which already is practically universal.

The Viedomosti, preaching from this text, says:

"The war assuredly will be protracted unless France can be induced to forget Alsace-Lorraine and join Germany and Russia in punishing England's treachery."

The Novosti, on the other hand, deprecates the hasty accusation of treachery against Great Britain and the United States, and in the course of its comment says:

"It will not be more to the advantage of the United States, which governs a people belonging to the yellow race in the Philippines, than it will be to Great Britain, which will be in a similar position if Japan emerges from the present conflict with increased authority."

"In this matter the solidarity of the white race should constitute a fundamental principle from which the United States and Great Britain could not depart without greatly prejudicing their own interests."

The British expedition to Tibet is especially resented at this time, for it is felt that Great Britain is taking advantage of the fact that Russia is engaged in a war that has diverted so much of her military and naval energy to the Far East.

The British expedition to Tibet, commanded by Col. Younghusband, crossed the Jalep Pass on Dec. 15. It consists of 5,000 troops, British and Indian, with a large number of carriers. It is proposed to occupy the Chumbi Valley, 150 miles from Lhassa. It is believed that the city of Lhassa itself will be occupied.

London, Feb. 17, 3 a.m.—The Seoul correspondent of the Daily Mail, in the course of a descriptive narrative of the Chemulpo battle, says that before the fight the captain of the Russian cruiser Variag held a conference with the British, French, and Italian captains, aboard the British cruiser Talbot, in which he asked for the protection of a foreign warship in leaving the harbor.

The request was refused. The British captain, however, delivered a protest to the Japanese admiral immediately before the action.

The Americans present refrained from attending the naval conference, or partaking in the demonstration, although some of the Russian wounded were received on board the United States gunboat Vicksburg.

While the Variag was being sunk its captain, fearing that the Japanese would reach the vessel before it settled down, requested the captain of the Talbot to fire at the Variag's water line. This request also was refused.

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