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CHATHAM'S BEST FAIR YET WAS SUCCESSFULLY OPENED MONDAY NIGHT

Governor Snowball Did the Honors—Speeches by Premier Tweedie, Hon. Messrs. Jones, LaBillois, Sweeney, George Robertson, M. P. P., Mayor Nicol and Others—Exhibits Surpass Anything So Far in the Province—Great Horse Races.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Chatham, N. B., Sept. 17.—The third Miramichi agricultural exhibition was formally opened to the public tonight under the most promising conditions, by Lieut-Governor Snowball.

Premier Tweedie, president of the association, who presided, was loudly applauded. He spoke of the agricultural industry and the progress of the province, and told of the grants other towns had received for this purpose, while the only donation given to Chatham was from the provincial government, but Chatham did not require any more.

Mayor Nicol, who was well received, also considered such exhibitions most stimulating to the agricultural industry. He commended the policy of the provincial government of encouraging them by grants and extended a hearty welcome from the citizens to the visitors.

Premier Tweedie regretted the unavoidable absence of C. Marcell, M. P., of Bonaventure.

Hon. C. H. LaBillois, commissioner of public works, was called amid applause. He expressed his pleasure at being present and congratulated the county on its exhibits and on the progress Chatham was making in other directions.

Hon. W. P. Jones, solicitor-general, was surprised at the fine buildings and agricultural exhibits, which equalled any he had ever seen and hoped the exhibition would be a great success.

Hon. F. J. Sweeney was glad to attend the opening of another Chatham exhibition. He had attended exhibitions in St. John, Sackville, etc., but had never seen a finer display of agricultural products.

In other parts of the exhibition it was thought that the North Shore was not so good for farming as other parts of the province, but that was not so, as was proved by those exhibits.

George Robertson, M. P. P., of St. John, spoke next, and extended a greeting to Chatham from the citizens of St. John. He said the agricultural display was far ahead of that at the St. John exhibition. He was particularly impressed by the quality and size of the onions, he had never seen better imported ones, and there could be a great industry. The cattle could be no better, and the race course was the best he had seen on the side of the water.

Northumberland was a great county and had made great advances. Within a radius of 50 miles, there were more industries than in any other county.

All the speakers were generously applauded and Premier Tweedie thanked the audience for their attention to the races. Three cheers were given for the governor, after which his honor declared the exhibition open.

Persons leaving St. John on the early train can reach here in time for the races. The track is the best this side of Riverview.

Visitors are arriving from all directions and the indications are that if the weather continues favorable this will be a red letter week in the history of Chatham. Decorations have worked artistically in the interior of the building and the effect is picturesque. The pillars are tastefully twisted with bunting, hundreds of Chinese lanterns are suspended from the rafters and innumerable gaily-colored flags and streamers add to the brightness of the scene.

TEN THOUSAND ODDFELLOWS AT TORONTO MEETING

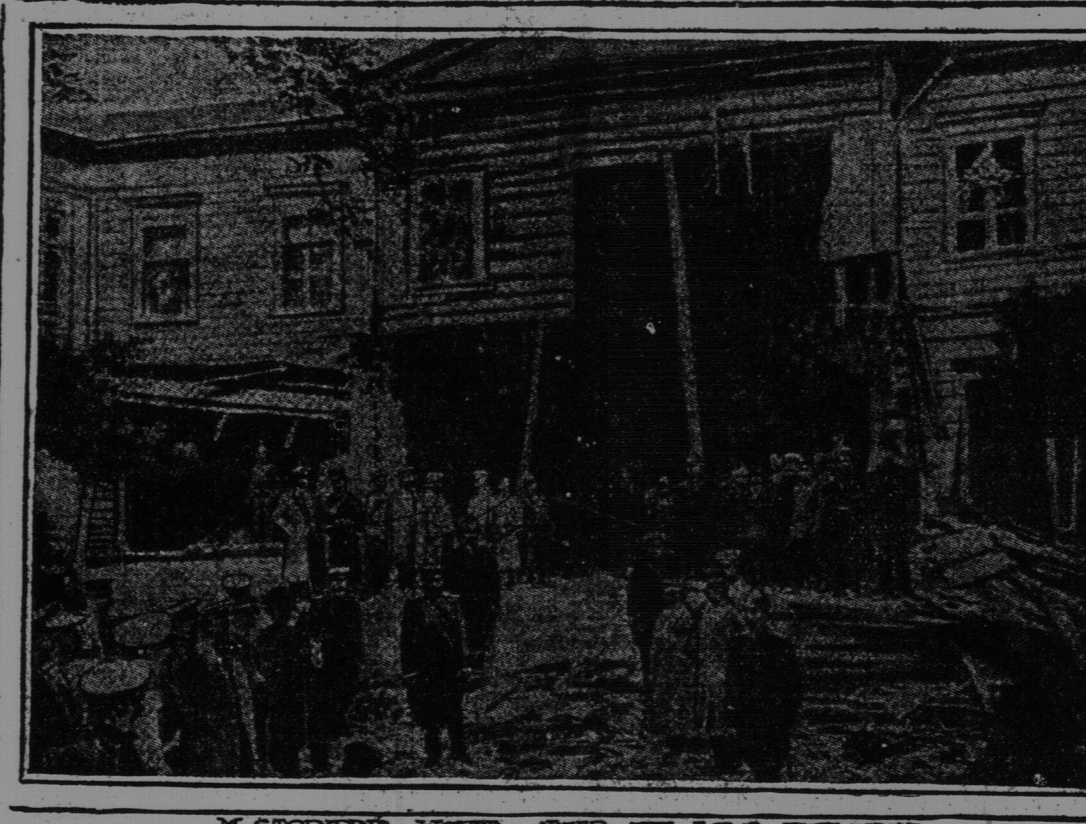
Delegates from Nearly All Nations Present—Premier Whitney Welcomes Them—Grand Parade Today.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, Sept. 17.—The opening ceremony in connection with the 82nd annual communication of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Oddfellows, was a public welcome extended in the legislative chamber of parliament this morning to representatives of the province, city and local lodges. The chamber, which was crowded, every available foot of space being occupied, presented an unusual appearance. For the first time foreign flags were displayed therein.

Over the speakers' dais two Union Jacks were draped while under the gallery were hung flags of various British colonies and dependencies, also of the United States, Peru, Chili, Cuba, Mexico, Sweden, Denmark, Netherlands, Germany and France. All the desks of members of legislature and rows of desks down the centre of the chamber were ticketed with the names of the states and provinces represented by the various delegates.

Premier Whitney made the principal speech of welcome and several fraternal addresses were read. Deputy Grand Sir Conroy replied. There are now 10,000 Oddfellows in the city and more are constantly arriving. The great event of the meeting will be the parade on Wednesday.

HOW ANARCHISTS WRECKED THE HOUSE OF THE RUSSIAN PREMIER



IN THE ABOVE PHOTOGRAPH THE TRENDEOUS DAMAGE DONE TO THE HOUSE OF M. STOLYPIN, THE RUSSIAN PRIME MINISTER, IS VIVIDLY DEPICTED. THE BOMB, IN ADDITION TO CAUSING THIS MATERIAL DAMAGE, OCCASIONED THE LOSS OF THIRTY-TWO LIVES, AND THE MORE OR LESS SEVERE WOUNDING OF NEARLY FORTY OTHER PERSONS. ONE OF THE ASSASSINS MET HIS DEATH IN THE RUINS.

GREAT STRUGGLE IN NEW YORK POLITICS

THOUSANDS OF CUBAN REBELS NEAR HAVANA

Primary Election Fight On—McClellan and Jerome in Fight to a Finish With Hearst and Murphy—Republicans Having a Similar Battle for Mastery—Roosevelt Talked Of for President Again.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) New York, Sept. 17.—The primary elections to be held tomorrow will be the most interesting and important in many years. Upon the results will depend the control of the Democratic and Republican state conventions which nominate candidates for governor for the November election.

In New York city the most intense interest is taken in tomorrow's balloting. It will decide whether Tammany leader Hearst will be overthrown by McClellan, and whether Odell will be re-elected as the Republican boss.

The situation in the state is as follows: There will be 430 delegates to the Democratic state convention. Delegates to the number of 126 have been elected in forty-two assembly districts. Of these sixty have been instructed to vote for Hearst, the rest are uninstructed. There are yet to be elected 324 delegates in 108 assembly districts, and their election will depend largely upon tomorrow's primaries. A careful estimate gives Hearst 93 that will give him a total of 133 solid votes when the convention opens. The successful candidate must receive 228 votes to be nominated. Whether he can get the 73 necessary votes out of the "doubtful" column remains to be seen.

"Hearst on First Ballot." Tomorrow's primaries, of course, may change the complexion of things, but it is pretty safe to assume that Hearst will have a solid block of 130 votes to work with in the convention. His managers say they will have enough to nominate him on the first ballot. Not so much is heard of the Jerome movement. But the declaration of the Sullivan for Congress—man Sulzer need not be taken seriously. Sulzer is having quite a boom, but the people who started it are supporters of Jerome, and the Sulzer strength will go to Jerome if there is any opportunity. The Sulzer propaganda is for influence in tomorrow's primaries to get votes away from the Hearst people. Murphy and Hearst are in a deal, the Tammany leader having swallowed peacefully all the outrageous abuse that the Hearst newspapers have hurled at him.

There are the hottest sort of contests in many districts between the Murphy and McClellan factions. The city has been ablaze with fire and oratory every night, as in a presidential campaign. An estimate of the result gives McClellan thirteen safe districts, and Murphy an equal number. There are two districts classed as doubtful, and the Sullivan absolutely control seven. It will thus be seen that the Sullivan control the situation. McClellan confidently counts on the support of the Sullivan, but things political are mighty uncertain.

Odell's Defeat Predicted. On the republican side most of the prophets are predicting the defeat of the Odell factor. President Roosevelt has let it be known that he is strongly in favor of the Anti-Odell faction led by Herbert Parsons. Parsons' opponent is the old war horse, Quigg, who recently patched up an alliance with Odell. If Odell is successful at the primary he will be elected a new president of the county committee, will have the naming of eleven candidates for the house of representatives, ten candidates for the supreme court bench, twelve state senators, thirty-five assemblymen. Should he win in Brooklyn he would have the power to nominate in that borough six candidates for the supreme court bench. (Continued on page 4, sixth column.)

METHODIST CONFERENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN CHURCH COUNCILS

Proposal to Admit Them Voted Down by 42 Majority—Spirited Debate on the Question—Dr. Allison of Sackville Took Strong Stand Against the Proposition, and His Views Prevailed.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Montreal, Sept. 17.—On a veiled issue the general conference of the Methodist church in Canada today disposed of the question of woman suffrage in the councils of the church by a majority that left no doubt as to the general opinion of the delegates from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The woman's rights problem, so-called, came up on the resumption of the debate on the recommendation of the memorial committee that the words "members" and "lay members" be substituted for men and laymen throughout the discipline of the church. After a spirited debate lasting an hour and a half, the recommendation of the committee was negated by a vote of 105 for and 147 against. Two hundred and fifty-two votes were cast and as a change in the discipline of the church can be carried only on a three-fourths vote, it was necessary that for the proposition to become law 189 votes should be cast in its favor.

With the vote standing at 105 for and 147 against, the proposed change was defeated alike on a majority and a three-fourths basis. The main argument in favor of extending membership in the church courts to women was based along the lines that the introduction of women should add grace and dignity to the proceedings; that women were men's equals mentally, socially and spiritually; that with their energy and resourcefulness women would so accelerate the activity of the church that as one speaker remarked: "You men will want an introduction to yourselves; you won't know yourselves."

To these were opposed arguments to the effect that we are disposed to suspend hostilities which the conference proposed to grant; that woman's sphere was the home and on no other grounds than those of sentimentalism could that sphere be extended to embrace the strife and activities of a legislative body; finally that to carry a woman's suffrage measure, would be to place a stumbling block in the way of further progress to union with churches which did not recognize such rights.

The debate opened strongly in favor of the proposal and speaker after speaker arose to champion the woman's cause. Rev. Dr. Gundy, of St. Thomas (Ont.), and Joseph Gibson, of Ingersoll (Ont.), denounced the argument adduced at the debate on Friday that the granting of the petition would stand in the way of negotiations leading to church union. "Are all the wheels of progress to stand still because union looms in the distance?" asked Dr. Gundy, while Mr. Gibson stated that of the two alternatives, union with the men, or non-union with the women, he would choose the latter every time.

Dr. Allison, of Sackville (N. B.), was the first to come forward with the argument that ultimately prevailed, and his vigorous speech, marked the crucial point in the debate. To statements that the Episcopal Church of the United States had admitted women to its councils, that similar action had been taken by the Baptists and Congregationalists, he replied that at the Methodist Episcopal conference in Los Angeles there had been thirty women delegates of whom not more than three spoke on the floor of the house, and the Baptists and the Congregationalists differed from the Methodists in that they had no legislative body but were a collection of churches. He could well imagine cases where the women of the same particular church were better fitted than the men to conduct its affairs; it was a different matter when the representation in a general body like that of the whole Methodist church was concerned. A motion for closure of the debate carried, and the vote was taken as already stated.

The report of the foremost on church union was up for brief consideration. When it came to a question of considering the report clause by clause, the objection was raised that the report contained some definite statement of proposed action and that on this the voice of the conference should be first heard. Finally it was referred back to the committee.

HALIFAX BOUND TO HAVE A SOUTH SHORE SERVICE

Most of Board of Trade Members Have Signed Memorial to Give Senlac More Subsidy

If Government Fails to Grant the Increase It Was Decided to Go Ahead and Form a Company to Continue the Service.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Halifax, Sept. 17.—A meeting of the committee on the steamship service on the south shore was held at the board of trade rooms this afternoon. It was found that nearly all the merchants of the city using the Senlac had signed a memorial to the dominion government asking that the company be given an increased subsidy of \$5000 a year, making \$15,000 in all, and to the local government that the provincial subsidy of \$5,000 be continued.

At the same meeting it was unanimously decided to go on with the securing of subscriptions for a Halifax company to take up the service in case the Senlac, failing to get the subsidy, gives up the service. The committee will at once begin this work.

SYDNEY CHAIN GANG NUMBERS TWENTY-SEVEN

Only Three Guards to Take Care City Roadmakers—Jail Has Forty Inmates.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Sydney, N. S., Sept. 17.—The county jail is at present taxed to almost its full capacity, there being forty prisoners there for different causes. The largest force of roadmakers since the new law came into force that ever did the look-out about here went out to Westmount this morning, there being twenty-seven in the line up. This is a large number of men for three guards to manage and in view of the recent escapes the superintendent of the gang is considering the advisability of arming himself with a rifle so as to have better control of the men.

BRITISH COLUMBIA ELECTIONS TO TAKE PLACE THIS FALL?

(Special to The Telegraph.) Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 17.—The World publishes a special from Victoria saying it is reported the local legislature will be dissolved almost immediately and writs will be made returnable in December. It is not known whether the action is voluntary on the part of the Conservative government or not.

FREDERICTON NEWS

Drowned Indian's Body Not Recovered Yet—Liquor Said to Have Caused Double Tragedy.

Dr. Harrison's Sons Arrive from the West—Rev. Dr. Duffy Called on to Account for Proceeds of Three Concerts—Workmen Unearth Human Skeleton—Other News of the Capital.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 17.—The search for the body of Joseph Gabriel, the Indian who was drowned from a canoe Saturday evening at Lincoln, was continued today, but without success. It seems to be the general impression that all three occupants of the canoe were under the influence of liquor and quarrelling when the accident occurred.

Dr. Darley Harrison and Arthur G. Harrison, of Edmonton, arrived today in response to a telegram announcing the critical illness of their father, ex-Chancellor Harrison.

Some workmen, while excavating for a sewer system at the lower end of King street Saturday afternoon, came upon the skeleton of a man about three feet below the surface. There were some traces of a coffin, and the supposition is that the man was buried over 100 years ago.

The skull remained intact and was partially covered with reddish hair. The Fredericton Boom Company rafted 1,712 joints of logs in five days last week. The Douglas 700 joints were rafted, and 913 were rafted at the Mitchell boom were suspended on Friday.

A church sensation. The people of St. Mary's are excited over the developments yesterday at the Anglican churches over which Rev. Dr. Duffy has had charge during the past year or two. The parishioners and others who attended the services at the churches at St. Mary's, Maryville and Durham Bridge were surprised to have a lawyer's letter, sent to the pastor, read to them in church by the reverend gentleman during his farewell sermon. The letter, which was from Albert J. Gregory, K. C., stated that certain vestrymen desired an accounting for the proceeds of concerts held at the three churches, and stated that if the accounting was not forthcoming legal proceedings would be taken today.

Dr. Duffy today stated that three concerts were held. He was given the entire proceeds of one and part of another, while the proceeds of the third were raffled at a kitchen fair. He saw no reason for accounting for what was given to him, and would not do so. He said he was leaving St. Mary's with a Christian feeling towards everybody. Dr. Duffy says that he will leave this week for Saskatchewan and that the bishop of that diocese will decide as to what town he will go to after his arrival there.

In St. Dunstan's church yesterday the blessed memory of Mrs. Isabel McKee, daughter of the late Patrick McKee, and John T. Jennings, of the firm of Jennings & Co., were published.

Dr. J. W. Bridges has closed the purchase of the Hilliard residence, corner Queen and St. John streets, and will take it in November. The "price paid" is in the vicinity of \$8,000.

A crew of 75 or 80 Italians arrived on the noon train today from the United States to go to work for J. H. McManus.

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