

WESTERN FAIR IN FULL SWING VISITORS POURING INTO CITY SHOW EXCELS PREVIOUS YEARS

All Departments Are Filled to Overflowing—Cattle and Horses Best Ever Shown—The Midway Will Be a Revelation to Sightseers—Some Class to Attractions in the Ring.

SOME OF THE GOOD THINGS OFFERED

Railways Are Growing Busier With the Hours—Exhibits Are All in Place—Main Building Is Simply Magnificent—Many New Lines Are To Be Seen There.

MONDAY EVENING.

7 p.m.—Grounds and Buildings all illuminated. Band concert at 8 p.m. Full programme of Attractions before the Grandstand, in addition to which will be given the first grand display of fireworks, concluding with the marvellous production of "The Battle of the North Sea."

TUESDAY'S PROGRAMME.

Citizen's Day—All gates open at 7 a.m. The judging of cattle, sheep and swine will commence at 9 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Judging Agricultural horses in small ring. 10 a.m. Thoroughbred horses, Hackneys and Roadsters inside track, 11 a.m. Carriage and Coach horses on track, and Agricultural teams in small ring. 2 p.m. Heavy Draught Horses in the small ring. 2:30 p.m. Single Roadsters on track. Saddle horses and Hunters inside track. At 1:30 p.m., a band concert will be given by the Band of the Ninety-first Regiment, Canadian Highlanders, Hamilton, Ontario, 41 strong, whose charming music and fine appearance in their kilted suits will entertain and please all visitors to the Exhibition. The entire programme of Attractions will take place, including Herzog's Stallions, Olson's Wild Animal Show, The Heras, Herbert's Dogs and Cats (one of the most interesting animal acts ever seen), and all the other artists.

Speed Events—Mixed Trotters and pacers, 2:25 trotters, 2:30 pacers (hobbies barred), best 3 in 5, mile heats. First, \$150; second, \$75; third, \$45; fourth, \$30. Mixed Trotters and Pacers, 2:12 trotters, 2:19 pacers (hobbies allowed), best 3 in 5, mile heats; first, \$150; second, \$75; third, \$45; fourth, \$30. This will be opening day for Dog and Cat Show.

TUESDAY EVENING.

7 p.m.—Grounds and Buildings beautifully illuminated. Band concert by the Ninety-first Highlanders; 8 p.m., the full programme of Attractions, followed by Hand's special Pyrotechnical programme, consisting of 58 separate and distinct pieces, concluding with that wonderful production "The Battle of the North Sea."

The Western Fair is off to a good start!

There have been few more auspicious opening days during the long history of the Western Fair. Beautiful weather, large crowds and a splendid exhibition make a combination hard to excel.

And the exhibition itself is worthy to be classed as the greatest city of London has witnessed.

Its growth has been marked, but this year shows the highest point in the progression.

Exhibition a Good One. Visitors who have been coming to London for years unanimously state that the exhibition of 1909 is the best they have yet attended.

Friday and Saturday were preparation days. This morning saw all the exhibits in place, ready for the judges. In fact, the arbiters of prizes have already done much work in the Horticultural and other buildings, and when the performance begins this afternoon the awards will all be made.

The Live Stock. In the live stock departments this was "bath" day. Every owner with a large corps of helpers was busy engaged in giving the cattle and pigs their final preparations for the judges.

Animals were industriously scrubbed and groomed, and they were pictures of beauty, so far as some of them could be made beautiful.

The sheep were also trimmed and cared for, and it will be a wise judge who will be able to pick out the flaws.

Better Than Toronto's. A word about the live stock. Western Ontario has always been a centre of cattle raising, and the Western Fair has always reflected that fact, but never to such an extent as this year.

In cattle, sheep and swine the exhibit cannot be better than this year. In fact, one Toronto visitor made the statement this morning that the Western Fair was better than the industrial in cattle exhibits, and also that he had never seen a better exhibit himself anywhere.

The Herefords, Shorthorns, Holsteins, Ayrshires, Jerseys, Polled Angus, Galloways, and fat cattle classes are filled, and there remain few vacant stalls in the whole building. It is really a fine exhibit. Some prize-winning stock from all parts of the province are on exhibit.

A Western Fair Baby. There was one little visitor this morning who must own London as its birthplace. One of the prize-winning Holstein cows gave birth to a handsome calf this morning, and it was much admired by the cattlemen. It has not been named as yet, but it will likely have a cognomen referring to its place of birth.

The Horses. The horses are the exhibit this year. Last spring the stalls were increased greatly, but there is scarcely enough room left to shelter all the exhibits.

Dr. G. A. Routledge, chairman of this committee, has been untiring in his efforts to make the show a success, and he has succeeded beyond even his most sanguine expectations. The quality of exhibits is much superior to any previous year. Miss Wilks (of Galt) fine string of carriage and roadster horses is on exhibition, and among others who have shown many fine animals are Graham Bros., Clare.

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THE MIDWAY AT THE WESTERN FAIR.

MR. NIXON LEAVES WEDNESDAY MR. BOWKER TAKES CHARGE

Stratford Man Comes to London as Superintendent of the Local Division of the Grand Trunk Railway—Mr. McLarty Goes to Stratford.

Trainmaster Bowker, of Stratford, whose appointment as assistant superintendent of the western division of the Grand Trunk Railway has been announced, will take charge on Wednesday. His successor, Trainmaster McLarty, of St. Thomas, is already in the Classic City, and is being instructed in his new duties.

Mr. Bowker is expected in the city on Tuesday. Assistant Superintendent A. J. Nixon will leave the company on Wednesday, and will spend the next two weeks on a holiday trip. He will report at Ottawa on Oct. 1, and will take over his duties as chief of the operating department on Oct. 1.

Promote Yardmaster. It is not known definitely who will take Trainmaster McLarty's position at St. Thomas. At one time it was stated that Chief Dispatcher Charles Forrester, of London, would be given the place, but it is now understood that Yardmaster Konatchie, of the Wabash at Port Erie, will be promoted to the position of trainmaster at St. Thomas. The official announcement has not yet been made, but this change has been semi-officially announced.

No Local Changes. So far as can be learned there will be no changes in the local office of the coming of the new assistant superintendent. The present staff will remain as it is.

Mr. Bowker is spoken of very highly among railroad men. He has had considerable experience both in Canada and the United States, and is considered a coming railroad man.

Prior to going to Stratford he was chief dispatcher at Durand, Mich.

A. M. HUNT IS THE PIVOT OF GREAT WESTERN FAIR



The busiest man in town at the present time is Secretary A. M. Hunt, of the Western Fair.

Since daylight he has been out at the buildings receiving entries and getting things in running order.

Every morning and night he will be kept on the hustle, and at no time has he a moment he can call his own.

Although for months he has been preparing for the exhibition, the bulk of the work must be done in a day or two, and upon Mr. Hunt's shoulders the most of it falls.

To say that he does it well is but justice. Always courteous, he is very popular with exhibitors, and the management generally appreciate his great services.

The Fair may be a picnic party to many, but to Mr. Hunt it is many days of real hard work.

JOHN I. A. HUNT MAY BE NAMED TRUSTEE

To Succeed Rev. D. S. Hamilton on the Board of Education.

At the special meeting of the board of education, to be held this afternoon, it is expected that Mr. John I. A. Hunt will be named to succeed Rev. D. S. Hamilton.

There is little business to be transacted, other than the report of No. 2 committee, which will deal with the calling of tenders for lavatory accommodation for some of the schools.

MORE PICTURES FOR THE MAYORS' GALLERY

His Worship receives word that two are almost ready in Toronto.

Mayor Stevely has received word that the oil portraits of former Mayors Sir Frank Smith and William McBride will be presented to the city within a short time. Mr. J. W. Forrester, the Toronto artist, is painting them, and they will be delivered to the city as soon as possible.

"We will have a fine array of portraits," said Mayor Stevely today. "There are several more to come. They will form a nucleus for an art gallery some time."

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR. FORECASTS. Toronto, Sept. 13—8 a.m. Moderate to fresh southeast to south winds; fair and warm today; showers and local thunderstorms during the night and on Tuesday.

TEMPERATURES. Today. Yesterday. Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Low. High.

London, Saturday... 50 37 71
London, Sunday... 52 39 73
London, Monday... 58 43 79
Victoria... 52 42 76
Chicago... 52 42 76
Winnipeg... 54 46 74
Port Arthur... 56 48 76
Parry Sound... 58 54 84
Toronto... 60 58 81
Ottawa... 60 48 82
Montreal... 56 50 84
Quebec... 52 44 80
Father Point... 56 48 80
Dawson... 40 50 60
Athol... 44 52 64
Vancouver... 47 67 67
Kamloops... 52 74 74
Edmonton... 58 62 62
Mooselaw... 50 60 60
Qu'Appelle... 50 60 60
Halifax... 50 60 60

WEATHER NOTES. The pressure is high over the Atlantic and Pacific States, and low in Manitoba, the upper lake region and in the South-west States.

DIRECTORS PLEASED WITH BIG SHOW

Exhibits in All Departments Far Ahead of Last Year, They Say.

ONLY ROUTINE BUSINESS

At the first meeting of the Board—President Reid Extends Congratulations to the Directors.

At the first directors' meeting of the Western Fair of 1909, nothing but words of commendation could be heard of the annual exhibition. From the president, Mr. W. J. Reid, to the least important official on the grounds, all were most enthusiastic over the exhibits, and they unanimously declared that with fair weather it will prove the most successful ever held in the city of London.

There was little business transacted at the opening session. There were no complaints to be dealt with, and there was nothing more than routine business to be disposed of.

President Reid congratulated the directors for the good exhibition, and declared that it marked another step in advance. The exhibits were ahead of last year in every department, and the quality was especially good. With good weather, a high water mark, both in attendance and entertainment, would be provided the patrons of the fair.

Horticultural Report. Mr. W. A. Broughton, judge in the Horticultural Department, handed in his report. He congratulated the directors for a fine exhibit, and declared it to be a distinct credit to the Western Fair. He made some suggestions for additional classes, and these were referred to next year's board.

President Reid, Col. Gartschore, W. M. Spencer and Mr. Griffiths were named a committee to award the prize for the Western Fair poster. Messrs. W. McNeill, William Moore, R. A. Carrothers, W. W. Gammage and the directors also appointed the awarding committee.

Those Present. These present were President W. J. Reid, J. W. Jones, T. Hardy Shore, G. Scatcherd, Allen Fitzgerald, Dr. Geo. A. Koudage, William Moore, R. Oke, E. Treblecock, W. W. Gammage, Ald. Saunders, Jas. Murray, Secretary Hunt and others.

The directors' lunch was enjoyed by a large number of the directors and visitors today.

NOTHING NEW REGARDING PROPOSED P. M. LEASE

Mayor Stevely Says He Has Heard Nothing of Matter Lately.

There is nothing new regarding the extension of the lease of the London and Port Stanley to the Pere Marquette.

A definite proposition has not been made, but it is expected that such a proposition will be forthcoming shortly—provided, of course, that the company consider it the psychological moment to make such an offer.

"I have heard nothing definite of late," said Mayor Stevely. "No communication has come to me concerning the extension. It is possible that such an extension will be asked for. However, there is nothing new in the matter as yet."

DUKE ABRUZZI BACK WITH MOUNTAIN RECORD

Goes to Switzerland to Call on Miss Katherine Elkins.

Paris, Sept. 13.—The Duke of the Abruzzi has arrived at Marseilles from India. The duke said he would have done better in his mountain climbing if he could have realized all his plans. However, he held the record for climbing in the Himalayas. The highest ascent hitherto made there was by the Norwegian, Muradas and Robertson, who reached a height of 7,300 metres, but he had mounted Brigher Peak, which is 7,600 metres in height. This peak is in the Godwin group.

The duke refused to express any opinion on either the Cook or Peary expeditions, not yet having had an opportunity to study the question.

One report states that the duke will leave for Italy in an automobile, while another says he will go to Switzerland where Miss Katherine Elkins and her mother are staying.

Protection at the Fair. Chief Atken has finished the wiring and installation of fire extinguishers at the Fair grounds. A fireman in uniform will be stationed in the grounds at all times to look after the appliances. "We are going to take every precaution to prevent fires," said the chief.

OLD MAN OF SEVENTY-FIVE SHOT BY HIS SON'S WIFE NEAR THORNDALE, IT'S SAID

Terrible Tragedy in Nissouri in Which Harvey Scott Was Instantly Killed by His Daughter-in-Law, Mrs. Wesley Scott, Who Resided Next Door, It Is Alleged.

WARRANT ISSUED FOR THE WOMAN

Alleged That She Admits the Shooting and That She Says That the Old Man Abused Her So Much That She "Could Stand It No Longer"—Inquest Ordered by Dr. Armstrong.

Harvey Scott, aged 75, a retired farmer, living on con. 6, lot 12, of Nissouri, was shot and instantly killed by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Wesley Scott, at her home shortly after seven o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Scott, it is said, stated to Dr. Armstrong, whom she called, that she had shot the old man because he had been abusing her.

Mrs. Scott has been placed under arrest by County Constable Gumb and High Constable Hughes, who was notified, immediately left for Thorndale with a warrant charging her with murder, which was sworn to before Squire Chittick this morning.

An inquest is being held at Thorndale this afternoon.

FIAT TO PROCEED AGAINST COMMISSION

Held That Falls Power Cannot Be Controlled by Ontario Government.

Toronto, Sept. 13.—An application will be made tomorrow at the Parliament Buildings before the attorney-general of the province, on behalf of Major John A. Murray, of this city, for a fiat for leave to proceed with his action against the hydro-electric commission.

As will be remembered the claim of Major Murray against the commission is for an injunction to restrain the commission from proceeding with the construction of the power transmission line, and from erecting towers and constructing machinery and acquiring easements from the farmers, etc., on the ground chiefly that the whole proceeding is unconstitutional, and that the Ontario Government has no right to proceed with its power scheme for the transmission of power generated by the Ontario Power Company from the waters of the Niagara River.

The Ontario Power Company takes water from the Niagara River under a franchise or license from the Ontario Government, and Mr. Murray claims that the Niagara River, being an international boundary river, and also navigable, the Dominion Government has a right to control it.

The action, of course, raises very important constitutional questions, because if Major Murray is right, then the power companies in the country, and the jurisdiction of the Dominion Government, and the Hon. Adam Beck's power policy would have lost its foundation altogether.

Mr. A. F. Lobb is to represent the hydro-electric commission, and the firm of Deane, Blackstock & Co. will act for Major Murray, though one of its senior counsel.

KNOW HE WAS DOOMED

Harriman, Dying, Arranged With Morgan to Prevent Financial Crash.

Arden, N. Y., Sept. 13.—One of the last men to talk with Edward H. Harriman before his death, was J. P. Morgan.

The great financier came to Arden House on Thursday of last week, when the encouraging improvement noted in Mr. Harriman's condition was at its height, and in spite of his bodily weakness the head of the Union Pacific was as well fitted to discuss business as at any time in his life.

For nearly two hours the two leaders of American finance sat on the porch in the sun. It is believed that at this conference plans were laid to support the financial market in the event of Mr. Harriman's death, or in case his health forced him to abandon all business activity.

When this conference occurred Mr. Harriman was already a dying man. Although he kept this information from his family, and steadily encouraged their belief that he would get well, it is now believed that he himself knew that he was doomed.

No one saw more clearly than Mr. Harriman what would probably happen when he died. For the sake of thousands of railroad stockholders, as well as for his own interests, he knew that unless the strongest money power in the country "got under" the market the effect of his death would be disastrous.

JUDGE MORRIS DEAD.

Washington, Sept. 13.—Judge Martin F. Morris, formerly chief justice of the court of appeals of the district of Columbia, and one of the oldest and most prominent members of the bar in Washington, died at his home here yesterday, aged 74 years. Judge Morris was a conspicuous figure in the noted trial of John H. Surfatt, one of the alleged conspirators against President Lincoln. He engaged as one of the attorneys for the defence at that time.

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Story of the Shooting.

Mr. Joseph Vining, who lives on the next farm to the Scott's, states to The Advertiser this morning that he was the first person to arrive on the scene.

Mr. Vining says he was coming down the road past the Scott house when Mrs. Wesley Scott ran out and halted him.

She asked him to come in as she had something she would like him to see.

When Mr. Vining went in she took him through the house to the back door and there, lying about six feet from the doorway, was the old man, Harvey Scott, with a bullet wound under his right ear. He was dead.

Mr. Vining questioned Mrs. Scott regarding the matter, but she would say nothing.

Doctor Called. Dr. Armstrong, of Thorndale, was called quickly as possible, and hurried to the scene of the tragedy.

To The Advertiser he stated that as soon as he arrived shortly after half-past seven, he found the old man lying in the yard with a bullet-hole under the right ear.

Death, he judged, would result instantly.

The police allege that Mrs. Scott has admitted the shooting, and said that she shot her father-in-law because he had been abusing her.

She was immediately taken in charge by Constable Gumb, and was held pending the arrival of High Constable Hughes. It is likely that she will be brought to London this evening.

A Well-to-Do Farmer. Inquiry from the neighbors by The Advertiser elicited the information that the late Harvey Scott was supposed to be very well-to-do. He lived in one of the handsomest brick houses in the vicinity and owned 300 acres of land. On the farm are three dwelling houses—those of Mrs. Scott, a small and somewhat dilapidated house in which his son Wesley and his wife lived, and some distance away another house in which another son Albert lives.

Old Man Irritable. The elder Scott is said to have been of an exceptionally irritable and fault-finding disposition.

It is alleged that at one time both Albert and Wesley ran away because of their father's ill-treatment.

A St. Mary's Woman. Mrs. Wesley Scott is a woman about 45 years of age. She was formerly a Miss Bains, and was married to Wesley Scott some fifteen years ago. They have one daughter, Clara, 15 years old.

Wesley Scott's humble home is said to be in very striking contrast to the fine house occupied by his father, and, it is understood, that there has always been considerable friction between the old man and his sons.

Inquest Ordered. Just what occurred this morning has not yet been made known, but it is expected it will come out at the inquest this afternoon. People who live in the vicinity state that the Scotts kept very much to themselves, and that there were frequent altercations between them.

Mrs. Wesley Scott, it is alleged, has for some time been the victim of old Harvey Scott's overbearing ways, and she is said to have made the statement that she could not bear the old man's nagging any longer.

Are Well Known. It is also alleged that on many occasions there had been trouble over liberties that Harvey Scott attempted to take with Mrs. Wesley Scott. Both Wesley Scott and his wife are well known in Thorndale, where they traded frequently. Mrs. Wesley Scott is said to have been a shrewd bargainer, but somewhat simple in many ways.

When they were first married, it is said, Harvey Scott gave his son a small place to live in, and paid him very scanty wages.

Some 20 years ago, Harvey Scott's first wife died.

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