

bian building, built of British Columbian native woods, was a new and most attractive feature of the fair, and was thronged all day long and every day. The mineral exhibit was most instructive, as were also the grain and grass exhibits from Alberta, which were given place in this building.

ATTRactions.

These grow yearly a more important feature of our Western fairs until the more sober-minded are inclined to think the thing is entirely overdone. However, this may be, there was at least one very regrettable feature of the attractions at Winnipeg, and that was the introduction of a "Midway." It is to be hoped it will not be repeated. Attractions which have as their lure women performers, and are of a character no decent women may see, should have no place on the grounds of an Industrial Fair, which makes its proud boast of being educational as well as amusing. Education in vice can be obtained all too easily without the Exhibition directors making money out of placing it under the very eyes of hundreds, yes thousands, of youths fresh from country homes and eager for change and excitement.

One of the sights of the Fair always is the "stock parade" of Citizens' Day, and it is a sight worth going far to see. It is estimated that there were 12,000 people on the grand stand and in the paddock when it passed this year, and the crowd was quite as goodly a sight as all the glossy stallions, stately bulls and grunting, protesting pigs.

American Day was, as ever, a great success. Year by year more of our cousins come to see us and fall in love with our country and come back to stay, or fall in love with our pure-bred stock and pay long prices for them.

MERCHANTS IN TOWN.

It is estimated that there never has been as many merchants from outside points in the city at any previous Fair, and though in the dry goods and hardware lines but a small amount of business was done, yet wholesale men express the opinion that in the end the meeting of heads of departments and customers is a wise and profitable thing and is productive of much better mutual understanding. All travellers were in the city for the week and devoted themselves to the comfort and pleasure of their customers.

THE U.C.T.'S MAKE MERRY.

Some of the officials of the United Commercial Travelers of Minnesota and Dakota took the opportunity of the cheap rates for Fair week to visit the brethren here. Business being got through with by noon Saturday an adjournment was made to Edison Hall, River Park, where, after a pleasant run on the electric cars, the guests and hosts sat down to a banquet. The menu was choice, the service good, and it is safe to say that after the first course the repartee was as choice as the viands. Toasts and speeches followed the banquet, and from 10 p.m. until midnight dancing was kept up merrily. The wire screening sides of the great hall admitted plenty of sweet fresh air, the floor was good, and the music better. Outside was a perfect Manitoba summer night and a grove of cool rustling poplar with seats here and there in shady corners, and the Knights of the Grip and their lady friends found this a delightful spot to cool off between dances. Winnipeg was reached shortly after midnight by a tired but jolly crowd, the American visitors insisting to the last breath that the Winnipeg U.C.T.'s were in very deed "Jolly Good Fellows."

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