

# FORMAL OPENING

## Of St. John's Annual International Exhibition.

### Saturday Night's Exercises Draw Together Between Three and Four Thousand People.

#### Speeches by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, His Worship Mayor Daniel and Other Distinguished New Brunswickers—An Admirable Musical Programme

The public took so kindly Saturday night to the management's new departure in officially opening the exhibition in the evening instead of the afternoon, as has been the established custom for years, that it is extremely doubtful if the old order will ever be resurrected. There are many reasons why the evening is better adapted for such festivities, the chief being that it suits the convenience of the greatest number of people.

Over 3,300 persons passed through the turnstiles, and by 7:30, the hour fixed for the proceedings to begin, every seat in the drill shed was occupied and hundreds filled the floor space near the doors. On the large stage where Manager Skinner's amusement attractions will appear daily and nightly at this week, were seated a large number of ladies and gentlemen, including the lieutenant governor, his worship the Mayor and Mrs. Daniel, Senator Wood, Mr. Justice Forbes, Hon. A. T. Dunn, Sheriff Sturdee, Col. Tucker, M. P., Hon. R. J. Ritchie and Mrs. Ritchie, Rev. Dr. Armstrong of Halifax, Post Office Inspector Coulter, Lt. Col. Armstrong, Lt. Col. Markham, Albert W. Hickman, Rev. R. W. Weddall, Chamberlain Sandall, Hon. Dr. Stockton, J. D. Hazen, M. P., Ald. and Mrs. Macrae, Alderman and Mrs. Maxwell, W. M. Jarvis, Conductor Wade and Mr. Wade, Ald. Robertson, Ald. Hilliard, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Scott, R. O'Brien, J. H. McAvity, A. O. Skinner, Charles A. Everett, other members of the exhibition executive and a large number of ladies.

In the absence of President McLaughlin, who is somewhere in the western states, R. B. Emerson, vice-president of the association, occupied the chair. It was after eight o'clock when the proceedings began, and this delay, coupled with the length of the speeches, and the fact that what some of the speakers said was inaudible many feet from the platform, tested the patience of the audience to the utmost, particularly that large percentage which had been attracted by the official announcement that the orchestra would furnish music for dancing at the conclusion of the opening ceremonies. But St. John audiences are proverbially good-natured, and Saturday night's gathering acted up to the record.

The music of Harrison's orchestra and the singing of the male quartette, Messrs. Kelly, Seely, Lindsay and Ritchie, constituted a delightful treat, and the quartette received triple ovations at every appearance. Their comic selections evoked peals of laughter, but the gem of the evening was their rendering of Dearest Maiden Dance with Me.

R. B. EMERSON, the vice-president of the association, in his opening remarks expressed his regret at the unavoidable absence of the premier and attorney general, but his pleasure at the attendance of the lieutenant governor and the Hon. Mr. Dunn. He referred to the several radical changes in the arrangement of the exhibition, in machinery hall a machinery would be noticed owing to the refusal of the association of agricultural manufacturers to exhibit any place this year on account of the heavy expense involved. In the place of these would be found an attractive park where visitors could obtain pleasant rest and refreshment. In closing he spoke of the lack of adequate patronage from St. John heretofore, and in view of the good the exhibition did for the city and province he asked for a larger attendance this year.

LT. GOV. McCLELLAN expressed his pleasure in being present at the opening exercises and in beholding such a large crowd, which assured well for the success of the exhibition. The exhibitions in St. John have improved greatly every year, and this promised to surpass all previous ones. This had been a century of great progress in every way, and especially upon scientific and industrial lines. Exhibitions such as this, by giving the people a chance to come together and witness the signs of progress and by engendering healthy competition, had greatly helped on the advance. Exhibitions were not only amusing but educational. The people generally needed more faith in the dignity of labor and more industrial training. The tillage of the soil was a noble and necessary occupation, and in bringing scientific methods and machinery before the attention of the farmers exhibitions were of great benefit.

The St. John Male Quartette here gave a selection, which was rapturously applauded, and two responses were demanded before the audience would permit them to retire.

MAYOR DANIEL, also expressed his pleasure in assisting at such a successful opening of St. John's eighth annual exhibition. He was pleased and honored by the presence of the lieutenant governor, and expressed a wish that the gubernatorial residence was located in St. John. It was not necessary for him to prove the value of these exhibitions to the city and province. He had been greatly gratified at the success of the agricultural and dairying

interests of New Brunswick, which have now reached the period of exportation. This exhibition would show, he referred to the natural history exhibit as instructively and interestingly setting forth our animal and mineral resources. These latter have been more exploited during the past year or so than ever before, and were on the eve of yet more important developments. He was in a position to announce the early establishment in St. John in the near future of a tin-plate industry, employing a large number of hands and founded wholly upon the mineral resources of this province. He referred to the excellent programme of amusements provided by the management, which though not the aim of the exhibition were necessary to attract numbers who might not otherwise attend the principal part of the show. He spoke of the untiring efforts of the managers, whose only reward for their time and trouble is the knowledge that what they do is for the benefit of their province and city. They were entitled to the greatest thanks. He was pleased to see such a large crowd at the opening exercises, which augured well for the success of the show.

After a selection by Harrison's orchestra.

HON. A. T. DUNN spoke of the benefit accruing from annual exhibitions. He referred to the great growth in agriculture in New Brunswick and to our success in competing with the west in the manufacture of flour, etc. Our raising industries also had taken a great step forward. He spoke of the colonial exhibits in London and advised manufacturers to send samples of their goods for exhibition there. Mr. Dunn closed his address with expressions of pleasure at being present and of his best wishes for the success of the exhibition.

Another selection by the City Quartette, which was as well received as the first, was the next item on the programme, after which

ALDERMAN MAXWELL in a brief but spirited address stated his belief in annual exhibitions as a great means of education to all who assembled there, and noted the progress in the industrial arts, in science and agriculture. He regretted that the manufacturers of agricultural implements had declined to exhibit this year, but believed that this action would result to their financial disadvantage. We were living in a grand time. New industries and new labor-saving machinery were being developed every day. He himself was a practical mechanic and never ceased to admire the contriving ingenuity of man. In spite of the action of some manufacturers, visitors would see in machinery hall articles of New Brunswick manufacture second to none on the continent. Provincial mechanics were the equal of any in the world, and their products were being shipped everywhere. And provincialists had shown during the past year that they would export not only the products of their ingenuity, but the bone and sinew of the people itself when need was to fight for the Empire. (Great cheering.) He believed in exhibitions as grand educators, and congratulated the commissioners on the success of their efforts this year. Their labors were entirely voluntary and their only reward was the consciousness that their work made for the development of New Brunswick's industries, the increase of her trade and the advance of St. John toward the goal of being the greatest winter port in North America.

After another selection by the orchestra.

A. W. HICKMAN, the New Brunswick commissioner to England, directed the attention of the audience to subjects that he regarded of the utmost importance to the province. He was engaged by the government to help forward the interests of New Brunswick in Great Britain, to call the attention of the people there to our attractions for settlers and to arrange with English lines for freight service. He had exhibited views of the country throughout the south and west of England, and had lectured to large audiences there on the advantages of the province, with the result of a large increase in applications for more information. The people of New Brunswick did not fully appreciate their province, which was one of the finest agriculturally in the empire. Emigration from Great Britain had hitherto gone largely to the Northwest on account of the large amount of advertising done for that country by the C. P. R. and the dominion government. Of the classes who asked for information regarding the province one consisted of those who had no money and who wanted situations with farmers until they learned farming. For these a labor bureau had been established, and he asked all farmers who were in need of men to apply to Robt. Marshall, who was in charge of the bureau in St. John. Another class consisted of those who had money but no knowledge of farming and wished to learn the business before buying farms. For the advantage of these a scientific training farm was established. New Brunswick farmers as a rule did not farm scientifically, but he knew of no one who did so that was not making money. He also referred to Imperial institute

as a great museum, where could be found every variety of product from the colonies with all particulars as to its price. New Brunswick had the best section in the building but the poor exhibit on the government was going to spend exhibits, which had showed the manufacturers the advantages which would accrue to them if they had full exhibits there. There was great demand in England for articles that we could easily supply, but we were lacking in the advance of it. It lay with ourselves to bring British capital and British bone and sinew to New Brunswick.

The chairman here read a telegram of regret at their absence of Hon. Messrs. Tweedie and Pugsley, accompanied by their best wishes for the success of the exhibition, and after another selection by the quartette

J. D. HAZEN addressed the assembly. He congratulated the exhibition association on the excellent arrangements for the opening of the exhibition. The time attracted such a large and representative number of citizens. He would not dwell on the value of exhibitions to the farmer and stock raiser, nor on their educative effect upon all who attended them, nor on their beneficial effect upon the trade of the province. We did not think enough of the value of our own province but attached too much importance to the capacities of the Northwest. Here in New Brunswick we had as much of prosperity, of happiness and of intellectual advancement as any country in the globe. The time and efforts of the exhibition association had been well spent, and he congratulated them on the success he was confident they would have. In time these exhibitions would be self-supporting, but for the present they must look to the government for some aid. As leader of the opposition he promised them every assistance, and when he became leader of the government he promised they should have his earnest consideration and support.

In declaring the exhibition formally open the chairman thanked the audience for their attendance and attention.

The speeches over, the stage was cleared and a few couples took advantage of the occasion to enjoy a short dance to the music provided by Harrison's orchestra. The over the crowd dispersed to take a trip through the main buildings and thence homeward.

NOTES.

The turnstiles registered an attendance of 3,370 Saturday night.

Vice-president Emerson made a capital speech, and the ladies of Trinity church, who were present, were very complimentary to the young folk to indulge in more than a couple of dances.

The drill shed has been seated to accommodate over 1,000 persons. Every seat commands a fine view of the large stage.

The ladies turned out in great force Saturday night.

A GREAT BIG SHOW.

It is a little too early to speak with definiteness as to the success of the exhibition, but indications so far point to a splendid show and, weather permitting, an exceptionally large patronage from all parts of the country.

The critic who tells you that all exhibitions are alike will have a chance to revise his verdict this year, as the "World's Fair" indications are so far from given the comfort of patrons as changes in the general arrangement of the exhibits, and their efforts have been cheerfully seconded by the main exhibitors, who are sparing no pains to surpass all their previous efforts.

The year, too, greater attention has been given to the comfort of patrons. The aisles have been widened, more standing room has been provided, and the gallery plan has been completely revolutionized by placing the exhibits back to the wall and throwing open the whole front for an unbroken promenade, with an unobstructed view of the floors below. A forest that would gladden the heart of Robin Hood furnishes a novel retreat for lovers and those spouzy young people who think they are in love, but to find it they have to seek the mysterious recesses of the machinery hall.

New ideas greet the visitor at every turn. Manchester, Robertson & Allison have taken possession of a big part of the annex floor, and are making a display of furs, furniture, room fixtures, etc., that will attract universal attention. C. Fisher & Sons are artistically fitting up their old stand in the western end gallery of the annex and other piano men are making preparations for extensive shows. Emerson, the Ceramic Business University, W. H. Thorne & Co., and by tonight the booths well advanced, and by tonight the general display will be well worth seeing. The fish and

NATURAL HISTORY EXHIBITS constitute a great feature of the main and annex floors, being on a larger scale than ever before attempted in St. John, arranged in such a way as to be seen to the very best advantage by night as well as by day. Of living fish, swimming in plain view of all visitors, there are three different kinds of dace, long-eared and common sun-fish, pickerel, black bass, small sea-bass, chub, suckers, brook trout, white trout, large trout, catfish, hake, white perch, flounders, sculpins, toad-fish, salmon, sturgeon, various kinds of eels, touladi from Madawaska, tommy cods (esteemed a winter table luxury in Ottawa), minnows, smelt, fresh water cusk and gizzard fish, etc. Frogs, snapping turtles, tortoises, etc., are shown in ponds and gardens near by, and close at hand is W. A. McIntosh's large collection of New Brunswick insects; also weeds, useful plants, samples of native woods and stone, with interesting archaeological specimens, such as arrowheads, flint and stone weapons; stuffed animals and birds prepared by J. H. Carnall, and a lot of living birds and animals contributed by a North Shore hunter. Taken as a whole, the natural history exhibit will rank among the best to be seen in all Canada.

AMUSEMENTS GALORE.

For the first time in the history of St. John exhibitions ample accommodation has been arranged for all visitors wishing to take in the amusements under favorable conditions. To this end the drill shed has been fitted

with seats rising tier above tier, capable of easily seating 1,200 people, all facing a large stage that has been erected about the centre of the southern wall. This is a great improvement over the cramped quarters of the old amusement hall in the agricultural building, which this year has been set apart for the production of moving pictures of the war in South Africa. It thus comes about that instead of one the exhibition now sports two amusement halls. Then, too, a fine programme has been provided in the open square in front of the grand stand, including the wonderful Marsh in his thrilling high dive from a bicycle, and the marvellous stage coach with its acrobatic occupants. The indoor shows must be seen to be appreciated. Manager Skinner is confident that the attractions he has secured this time will cast all previous exhibition entertainments in the shade. They include the very best features of the amusement department of the great Toronto fair just closed, the grandest fair held in all Canada.

THE RESTAURANT.

This important department of the exhibition has been placed in the hands of the ladies of the Tabernacle church, which should be a guarantee that the public will be properly catered to. Experience has taught the directorate that our own people can handle this branch much better than can caterers from outside the province. Since the ladies of Trinity church, Sussex, set the standard, the public have come to regard the securing of a good meal at the exhibition as an every-day possibility.

SPECIAL POLICEMEN.

The following men were sworn in on Saturday by the police magistrate to do duty as special policemen at the exhibition: William McAuley, John Mulhern, John McLaughlin, Richard Evans, Geo. F. Straight, William A. Beckett, J. Leslie Smith, George H. Seely, Leonard Turner, Smith Root, James Scott, Merritt Straight, Walter Kitchen, Hugh Gibson, William Garnet, Arthur Read, Charles W. McFarlane, Peter Conlon, Charles W. Green, Robert J. Leonard, Edward O'Shaughnessy, William Evans and Michael Clancy.

P. E. I. EXHIBITS.

P. E. Island will be well represented at the St. John exhibition. This afternoon Messrs. McLaughlin and Drayton will ship 15 head of horned cattle, the majority of which will be Guernseys and the remainder will be Jerseys, Ayrshires and other grades. D. McMillan will also ship four horses.

A large lot of cheese exhibits are now on the way, and others have already arrived. The Island cheese display will be a grand one on this occasion.

Harrison's orchestra played the following programme Saturday night:

March—Colored Major ..... Henry Overture—Nabuccodonosor ..... Verdi  
The Rose Tree ..... Mendelssohn  
Valse—Songs of Scotland ..... Rossini  
EXPERIMENTAL FARM EXHIBITS.

In agricultural hall the experimental farm is putting up a good exhibit, which as usual is nicely arranged. W. S. Blair, horticulturist of the farm, has charge of the exhibit, and is making the display show up well. The trophy, which occupies a central position, is arranged in a three-sided form topped with stars artistically arranged with grains of various kinds. Charts are used to illustrate the central object of the exhibit, and by one the value of corn is prominently set forward. The artist has presented the corn field of the farmer to what he could get regardless of its value, while a picture of the field where only good varieties were placed shows the necessity of being able to take advantage of experimental work setting forth the best sorts. The two farmers are shown talking over the fence telling what varieties to grow.

The hen is also having her say. She is telling her business and the number of eggs she supplies for export, while the cock thinks he, too, has something to crow about. This chart is well designed.

A list of the best sorts of grains, roots, etc., grown at the farm after five years' test is also given on a chart. Around the charts various kinds of grains in straw are arranged, and on shelves below grain in glass bottles of different sizes is shown. Different sorts of tomatoes, potatoes, roots and vegetables are also exhibited.

Fruit in glass jars, preserved in formalin, boric acid or sulphurous acid also make a splendid display. This show of produce, grown this year, will be one of the most attractive features in agricultural hall.

BANGOR FIRM FAIL.

BANGOR, Me., Sept. 9.—The firm of Hodgins & Hall, lumber manufacturers, has made an assignment, with liabilities of \$84,000 and assets of \$40,000. The failure was caused by the firm's paying high prices for logs last winter, while the bottom has since dropped out of the lumber market.

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N. B. BAPTIST CONVENTION.

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On the Thursday preceding the convention the N. B. Sunday School convention will hold its sessions in the same house of worship. Of this body Rev. M. Allison, of Alma, is president and Rev. S. H. Cornwall, of St. Martins, secretary.

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P. E. I. PERSONALS.

Says Tuesday's Charlottetown Guardian: Mrs. H. V. Buntain and Master Geo. Buntain were passengers by Wednesday night's train returning from Chatham, N. B. Miss Della McDonald of Chatham, N. B., was a passenger by Wednesday night's train. She intends spending a few weeks at Charlottetown, the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. V. Buntain.

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