

A Gorgeous Display
As what the Citizens of St. Thomas may expect on
QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

After months of preparation the enterprising manager and active business agent of **Howe's New Colossal Railroad Shows and Mexican and Wild West Exposition** has completed all arrangements, and today started their advertising car for Glenora and other points west. This amalgamation travels entirely by rail on twelve of its own cars, and although the performers, animals, &c., have been gathered and selected from all points of the compass and at an expenditure of many hundred thousand dollars, the entire fitting out has been done in St. Thomas. The proprietor and his assistants are thorough adepts in their several stations, and all alike are gentlemanly business men. A thoroughly drilled staff of workmen are now busily engaged in the performance of their multifarious duties, and the performers are arriving daily from every direction. As a Canadian enterprise this exhibition will assuredly receive a very liberal patronage. The equipments are now complete and ready for the road, and the pictorial advertisements have already been placed on the bill boards announcing the first exhibition in St. Thomas on the afternoon and evening of the Queen's Birthday. Admission to each performance, only 25 cents.

To Mr. Johns, the general press agent, formerly a member of the Ottawa *Free Press* staff, we return our thanks for courtesies and favors extended to this office, and the business men of St. Thomas have a like word of praise to give to Messrs. Bayliss & Griffin, managers, and to Messrs. Mann and Boyle and the several heads of departments with whom they have transacted business.

HOWE'S NEW
Colossal Railway Shows!

Mexican and Wild West Exposition.

A Congregation of Mighty Monarchs in the World of Athletes.

St. Thomas, Thursday, May 24.



Once Seen Never to be Forgotten.

Mexican and Indian Aerial and Gymnastic Artists, whose daring flights in mid-air, whose prowess and herculean strength have stamped them the wonders of a wonderful race. A herd of equine wonders, unbroken steeds, marvellous and classically educated canines. Cowboys and their daring feats on un-



The beautiful and accomplished MILE LOTI, (the Human Comet) in her startling teeth, trapeze and other astonishing performances. A vanguard of musical talent and a general array of the world's wonders.



broken and bucking bronchos. Indians in their sun and war dances. The finest Mexican and Wild West Show on earth. A living realistic picture of the wildest scenes of the wild life in the boundless prairies of the wild west.

DON'T MISS THE STREET PARADE.

25c. ADMISSION TO ALL. 25c.

Doors open at 1 and 7 o'clock. Performances to begin at 2 and 8.

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TREAT OF THE YEAR.

The Greatest Event for
 Years to take place in
 St. Thomas.

Readers of THE ERA have noticed that for a considerable time past the attention of the people has been frequently attracted by Howe's New Colossal Railroad Shows and Mexican and Wild West Exposition. The observances of the past were merely a warning of what was about to come, and now the time has come. This new enterprise has required several months' confined attention and the expenditure of nearly \$50,000 to bring it to a state of perfection and in that state it now exists, and on the 24th inst. the opening shot will be fired by an elegant street parade to be followed by an exhibition of such wonders of the nineteenth century as will startle all whose pleasure it will be to witness them. From Mexico will be found the historical mustang; from the wild west the cowboys and the Indians will appear in the costumes of their tribes, and the famous and treacherous bronchos will be ridden by the daring riders from Texas gates who in turn will be jolting, tossed, and perhaps thrown, regardless of their efforts to remain in the saddle. The slack wire will be mounted by the most skillful wire walkers that the world has known. The trapeze will be swung high in the air by beautiful lady and gentleman performers. Pigs will play all kinds of tricks and goats and dogs will startle the spectators with their wonderful and almost human performances. In the concert tent there will be found wonders in the musical world and the fairies of the Arabian Nights will break into the silence and charm the heart with grandeur. The clown in all his glory will give amusement to and make laugh the most gloomy, while the beautiful and unbroken steeds will capsize and create admiration in all. This unique, complete and unusually well formed show opens here on the 24th inst.—Her Majesty's birthday—and should be patronized by all. This is the only chance that the people of St. Thomas will have of seeing an amalgamation of the world's best athletes, aerial performers, performing goats, pigs, dogs, Indians, cowboys and Mexicans of the west for years. Therefore while you have a chance make it good. The admission is to be only 25 cents to all.