

## THE BEST YET.

**Sanich Surpasses Itself in the Twenty-Fourth Annual Exhibition.**

**Splendid Displays of Cattle, Horses, Cereals, Fruits and Vegetables.**

**Ladies' Work Also Well Represented—The Programme for To-Day.**

The twenty-fourth annual fall exhibition of the North and South Sanich Agricultural Society was opened at the society's grounds, South Sanich, yesterday, under the most favorable auspices. Never during the history of the peninsula has there been so successful a show of its agricultural, horticultural and dairy products.

Even compared with last year, the present exhibition shows a marked improvement. Owing to the fact that several new strains of blood have been introduced in the district, the show of cattle was such as would credit to a far more populous and more extensive territory. In quality and quantity, good stock was there, and so great was the uniform excellence that expert judges found great difficulty in awarding the prizes.

Horses were also far more numerous than heretofore, and in this department also, very decided improvement was apparent. The young stock particularly, are of great promise, and the farmers of Sanich are evidently determined to raise the best grade of horses in every class—the heavy draft, trotting, running and fancy, all being well cared for.

Sheep were not numerous show, but what was lacking in quantity was made up in the quality. Sheep raising has not as yet become a very popular industry in Sanich, the farmers there seeming to take more kindly to a good class of cattle, and no doubt they have their reasons for this.

Swine were also well numerically, but the animals on exhibition were of the right kind.

Roots were a particularly fine display, many of the samples exhibited being in size and firmness equal to the best products of any section of the province, if not, indeed, of the Dominion. Turnips, carrots, parsnips, potatoes, mangolds, all were displayed in abundance, and the exhibits were of almost uniform excellence.

Fruits made a very fine display, and if special mention should be made of any of the varieties shown, apples and pears would deserve generous remarks. There were also grapes in abundance, all of Sanich growth, which for size and flavor would not be second to some of the choicest varieties imported. Plums, peaches, and even the out-of-season strawberries, were to be seen on the fruit counters.

Cereals were noticeably strong, and it may be worthy of mention in this connection that three world's prizes are held by the farmers of Sanich for their grain products. The wheat crop has been a prolific one this season, and from the samples on exhibition, is of excellent quality. Mr. D. R. Ker was wisely appointed judge in this department, and even with his experience he had considerable difficulty in making the awards.

Butter and cheese, for which Sanich takes a first place among the districts of British Columbia, had also a good showing. It is evident that the farmers and their industrious wives are awakening to a realization of the fact that Victoria presents an unsatisfactory market for all the first-class dairy products available, nor do the ladies of the district confine their ambitions to dairy produce. There was a wholesome rivalry evident in bread-making, pastry, fruit preserving, poultry farming, and needlework, both useful and ornamental.

In the absence of Mr. S. Sandover, president of the society, who is now in the East, having "taken in" the great Toronto exhibition, Mr. Julius Brethour, vice-president, did his honor, and so successfully that no one present felt his or her particular armament had been overlooked. Mr. W. B. Armstrong "did well his part" as secretary, while the old standby, E. Johns, handled all business with his usual efficiency and care. These gentlemen were assisted by a working committee composed of Messrs. G. Harrison, E. R. Johns, M. Dean, J. W. Sluggitt, Wm. Thomson, T. R. Harrison, J. Simpson, X. Marcotte, F. Turgoo, J. Sluggitt and F. Holden.

The judges were: Cattle and horses, W. H. Suiter, W. Clark and S. Roberts; swine and sheep, M. Holmes; roots, vegetables and fruits, M. Rogers; grain, S. R. Ker; butter and cheese, M. Rogers; poultry, F. Johns, W. Temple and F. Francis; ladies' and girls' work, Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Clark.

**TO-DAY'S ARRANGEMENTS.**

Yesterday being judgment and opening day, to-day will be given over to sports and pastimes, music and sight-seeing. The programme of foot and horse races, entries for which will be received at the post, will be taken up. At 1 o'clock the various events begin as follows:

**Dorothy Cup.**—To be won two years in succession. Half mile race, best 2 in 3, three to start. Competed for by horses bred, raised and owned in the district.

**One mile running race.**—Open to all; single dash; four to enter, three to start.

**One mile trotting race.**—For stallions only; three to enter, two to start.

**One mile trotting race.**—For horses owned and raised in the district; four to enter, three to start.

**One mile trotting race.**—Open to all horses that have not trotted in less than three minutes; five to enter, three to start.

**LIVE STOCK.**

**Cow, G. McRae.**

Swine, cattle, any breed, S. Dean.

Swine, cattle, any breed, T. Michell.

**Ball, of any age, S. Dean; 2, 1. Heard.**

Yearling bull, 1 and 2, S. Dean.

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**SHORT WOOL.**

Ram of any age, 1, S. Sandover; 2, D. McDonald.

Ram lamb, 1 and 2, D. McDonald.

Two ewes, any age, 1, S. Sandover; 2, X. Marcotte.

Two ewe lambs, 1, S. Sandover; 2, D. McDonald.

Four fat sheep, any breed, 1, G. Harrison; 2, J. T. Harrison.

**HORSES.**

Stallion, A. McNeil.

Span horse, 1, X. Marcotte; 2, F. Linday.

Single horse, 1, X. Marcotte; 2, J. Sluggitt.

Three-year-old gelding or filly, 1, J. Sluggitt; 2, F. Linday.

Two-year-old gelding or filly, 1, I. Heard; 2, J. W. Sluggitt.

Yearling colt, 1, X. Marcotte; 2, D. John.

Brood mare with foal at foot, 1, A. Menegh; 2, J. W. Sluggitt.

Sucking colt, 1, A. Menegh; 2, J. W. Sluggitt.

**ROADSTERS.**

Stallion, 1, 2, T. Michell.

Span horse, 1, G. McRae; 2, J. Hagan.

Single horse, 1, X. Marcotte; 2, J. Hagan.

Three-year-old gelding or filly, 1, M. Dean; 2, J. W. Sluggitt.

Two-year-old gelding or filly, 1, and 2, J. W. Sluggitt.

Yearling colt, 1, J. Hagan; 2, J. Holden.

Sucking colt, 1, F. Turgoo; 2, J. Hagan.

**SWINE.**

Best sow under 12 months, 1, X. Marcotte.

Best bred sow under 12 months, W. Wale.

**POLAND CHINA.**

Best bred sow under 12 months, W. Wale.

**GRASS, SEED AND HOPS.**

Bushell fall wheat, 1, W. Hail; 2, S. Brethour.

Bushell spring wheat, 1, X. Marcotte; 2, D. McDonald.

Bushell barley, 1, J. D. Bryant.

Barley, 1, W. Mitchell; 2, M. Dean.

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## NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

**Tarniello Committed for Trial—Logging on the Cowichan—Fish and Game Hunters.**

**Waterworks Loan By Law Carried at Westminster—Chimamen Homeward Bound—Shipping Matters.**

(Special to the Colonist.)

**VANCOUVER.**

VANCOUVER, Oct. 13.—Workmen erecting stay masts at Bank of B. N. A. brought the trolley and telephone wires in contact with one another. The fluid ran amok, burning out several instruments. In one or two instances more disastrous results by conflagration were narrowly averted.

T. G. Earle won the Oppenheimer gold medal for the best collection provincial fair at Kamloops Fair.

Our system of scavenger work is not a success.

Vancover has become the rendezvous of a great number of loggers throughout the Provincial Mainland.

The harvest at the North Arm district is reported to be only fair, the rainy weather having done much to reduce the yield.

The topic on her way to Port Neville and the Alta White to Jackson Bay.

The Highland Light has finished discharging rock, and is being towed to Departure Bay.

Schooper L. D. Foster has been chartered to load lumber at Moodyville Mills.

The American bark Colorado, 1,030 tons, has arrived 18 days from Hartford, California. She has 1,350 tons of bituminous rock, and will make her return trip with coal.

The following ships are in harbor now: S. Express of India, ships Ringal, Morninglight, lighters Seammell, Benjam, Sams, Columbia, Fernbach, Colorado. Combined tonnage 13,510 tons.

R. R. McLennan, M. P. for Glenora, is on his way to Victoria.

The new hump, erected on the top of the otherwise handsome new Vancouver post office, are unsightly.

The Capitan has been chartered by the C. P. N. to bring hay and grain from the Fraser to Victoria.

The crew of the Vancouver Belle for wages came up today before J. P. McLean, Schofield and McLaren, judgment being reserved.

H. M. S. Nympe awaits the arrival of her fresh crew from England.

The body of Nash, the laborer who fell off Evans, Coleman & Evans' wharf two weeks ago while wheeling brick from a saw, was found this morning near Linton's boat house, badly disfigured by fish and decomposed.

Fourteen cargoes of passengers, including 134 Chinamen, will arrive on Friday morning for passage by the Empress of India.

Captain Cooper intends adding 35 feet to the length of the Courser, a vessel with 14 feet beam, which is to run 20 miles an hour. Cooper built the steamer Dreadnaught, with his own hands. Marine critics said she would be the fastest vessel in the world.

The Dreadnaught weathered storms that drove every other vessel to port and was subsequently sold by her owner at a very handsome price.

G. A. Charney, secretary of the Y.M.C.A., was married this morning, in the Congregational church, to Julia S. Johnson, sister of Lacey Johnson, mechanical superintendent of the C.P.R. Charney has been appointed secretary of the Astoria association.

The fire yesterday morning is supposed to be of incendiary origin.

Water will be let into the new main across the Narrows to-morrow, giving 100 pounds pressure to all parts of the city system.

C. P. R. conductor James Wright was married to Eleanor Harrison on Tuesday.

Vancouver, Oct. 14.—The average public school attendance for September was 1272. Miss Wintermute has been engaged for the additional room to be opened soon.

The School Board will ask for a fourth assistant to the High School at New Year.

The estimated value of school property on December 31, the board places at \$294,700.

Archibald Baker, General Express agent of the C. P. R., Mr. Ennis, of the Allan line, Robert Kerr, of Winnipeg, and representatives of the London Grip and Land and Water, are on the Pacific Express, which is five hours late.

Considerable dissatisfaction is expressed at the decision of the militia department in not establishing a corps here.

Judgment was given in the Magistrate's Court, this afternoon, for 13 steers and boat pullers of the Vancouver Belle against Captain Cooper, personally, he not being able to get the order to pay the amount of the claims. The claims aggregate \$1,500. The defence is that the vessel being seized by a foreign power the crew cannot obtain wages till the vessel is returned. The case will be appealed.

**WESTMINSTER.**

NEW WESTMINSTER, Oct. 13.—The ferry steamer Sprang a leak to-day while crossing from South Westminster, and filled so rapidly that the captain had only time to beach her. She is now undergoing repairs.

A very old Indian, named Jack, who has been in destitute circumstances for some time, was found dead in his cabin to-day. Death is supposed to have resulted from natural causes.

The Water Works Loan by-law, to raise \$75,000 for the extension and completion of the work, was carried to-day by 136 majority.

The first rattlesnake found on the West side of the Fraser river was killed near the city limits in the West end of the city to-day. It is two and a half feet long with seven rattles, and was killed at about a mile west of the city.

The killing of this snake has caused much excitement among old-timers, who declare it to be impossible that a rattlesnake can live in the Coast climate.

The Richmond fair, Stevenson, yesterday, was not very successful. Only a few persons exhibited, and outside of vegetables and ladies' work, it was scarcely creditable to the municipality.

The new city market will be opened next week.

Yesterday Mr. H. London completed the sale of a piece of land just above London's Landing on Lulu Island to Hennessey, which is about 184 feet on the river, and the city of the new cemetery will be 20,000 acres.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Oct. 14.—George Alonzo Kelly, one of the pioneer journalists of this province, and a native of Galway, Ireland, died last night at St. Mary's Hos-

pital, of hemorrhage of the bowels. He was aged about 60. He was on the Colonist staff 30 years ago, and had been connected with some of the large papers of England and Ireland. He was greatly respected, and was agent for many of the moneyed men in this city. He was the author of the famous Paddy letters replying to Lord Dufferin, which appeared in the London Daily Telegraph.

The late heavy rains have proved disastrous to the bridges on the Lillooet river, no less than three of these structures in the Maple Ridge municipality having been carried away by a sudden freshet.

The steamer Capitan loaded a cargo of grain and salmon at the Delta this morning for Victoria.

A Harvest Thanksgiving service was held at Holy Trinity last night, the church being crowded to the doors. The music is described as having been the grandest ever heard in Westminster. There was a choir of about 60 voices, accompanied by the organ and a stringed orchestra.

**NANAIMO.**

NANAIMO, Oct. 13.—The case of Tarniello was closed to-day. Several witnesses were examined, all giving circumstantial evidence. Tarniello was committed for trial at the next sittings. When asked if he had anything to say he replied: "If I am condemned, I am ready to die."

A. A. Richardson, dry goods merchant, has assigned for the benefit of his creditors. He assigned to John Ferguson, of Toronto, Sailed, ship Sea King.

Another stabbing affray occurred last night at Northfield. This time Joe Hansen, light heavy, fought Seammell, Benjam, Sams, Columbia, Fernbach, Colorado. Combined tonnage 13,510 tons.

Joe Hansen, or Russian Joe, as he is commonly called, asked another Finn, Oscar Katila, to have a drink. Katila declined rather than have a fight with the Finn.

Joe Hansen, who was quickly disarmed, and the latter pulled a huge knife and stabbed Joe, striking him above the left ear, inflicting a wound seven inches long down the side of his face to the throat, just missing the jugular. He was quickly disarmed, and retained until Constable Stephenson arrived, when he was taken to Nanaimo jail. A companion of Katila was also arrested on suspicion, but was released.

Chase Dornier, miner, was slightly injured in the East Wellington mine. He was standing at the bottom of the shaft, when the cage descended. He was not seriously injured.

Harvest Thanksgiving services will be held in St. Matthew's Church, at Wellington, on Tuesday evening, St. Luke's Day. Rev. W. D. Barber, of Victoria, will deliver the sermon, which will be followed by a grand social service of song.

Mr. Ross, & Co. have received a consignment of two tons of live pork from Ontario, in prime condition.

The store of A. Richardson is closed to-day while stock is being taken. It is now open to the public.

Mr. Richardson intended to have sold out his Nanaimo business early in the spring, when he opened a dry goods store in Vancouver, but he was unable to do so.

At the latter point, he closed out, selling his stock to Cope & Young, and returned to Nanaimo. The general business depression is said to be largely accountable for the assignment.

Yesterday made the fourteen days for the suspects at the Provincial quarantine grounds, and the regular course of anti-septic baths commenced to-day. The suspects are to be released on Monday.

This evening a concert was given in the Wellington Hall by the pupils of Mrs. Patton, assisted by a few friends.

Sailed—S. Wellington, s.s. Daab. Arrived—St. Haylen Republic.

**DUNCAN.**

DUNCAN, Oct. 12.—Judge E. Harrison held a County Court at the court house, Duncan's, on Monday last. The case of Abrams & Co. v. Jones, in which E. M. Yarwood, of Nanaimo, appeared for the plaintiffs, occupied some time, the defendant applying for judgment on a writ of habeas corpus.

The case was on the Pacific Express, which is five hours late.

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