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## Dahlias Nearly a Foot Wide And a Riot of Bloom Will Delight Visitors To Fair

THE love of flowers is universal. The cultivation of flowers should be at once the task and the joy of all who have a space of ground to beautify with bud and bloom. The travels in country districts hails with delight a lovely flower garden beside a farm house, and wonders why such display is not to be seen at every home.

The flower display at the Saint John Exhibition this year will surpass all former ones, and the space allotted to it has been doubled. It will occupy two-thirds of the lower floor of the Annex Building. The remarkable improvement made in floriculture in the last few years has warranted the larger space.

As was the case last year there will be a general display of flowers the first three days, and of dahlias the last three days. The Saint John Dahlia Society has had charge of the dahlia exhibit for the last two years. This society was organized in January, 1925. The officers are: President, Dr. J. H. Barton; first vice-president, Alfred Mortimer; second vice-president, Stanley Emerson; third vice-president, Mrs. Amador Anderson; recording secretary, Mrs. J. E. Angerine; corresponding secretary, Mrs. R. J. Hooper; treasurer, Charles H. B. Wright.

**GROWTH OF INTEREST.**  
The chairman of the exhibition committee is H. L. Lyman. In conversation he and Dr. Barton said there has been a very marked growth of interest in the cultivation of flowers, and especially of dahlias, in the last three years. The society realizing that the climate of Saint John is especially adapted to the growth of dahlias, has done its best to encourage amateurs, and to get them to cultivate the newer and better varieties. Dr. Barton spoke of the contrast between the old-fashioned small dahlias and one that has a spread of 1½ inches, such as shed its bloom in his garden this year. It is interesting to note that some amateur growers have become so greatly interested that seed and tubers have been imported from Holland, England and California. The Saint John Dahlia Society was the first to be organized in Canada. Others have since been formed in Montreal and some other cities. The Saint John Society is affiliated with the American Dahlia Society, which has branches all over the United States. Everywhere there has been an improvement in the size and color of dahlias grown, and the society seeks to increase interest in the better bulbs.

**FARM AT BUCTOUCHE**  
There is at least one dahlia farm on the American plan in New Brunswick. It is owned by Mrs. Douglas, of Buctouche. It is expected the judge of the dahlia exhibit at the fair will be a Halifax expert. Lady Hume has consented to judge the best single piece of dahlia blooms by the Saint John Society. Professor Blair, of Nova Scotia, will be the judge of the general floral display of the first three days. Among the prizes for dahlias will be silver and bronze medals from the American Dahlia Society. In view of the remarkable interest in the cultivation of gladioli in the last year or two the association decided this year to encourage the growers, and the following takes the place of Section 3 in the printed price list.

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(c) Best spike, any variety, \$3, \$2, \$1.

## "Ex" Is An Educational Institution

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metropolis of the Maritime Provinces and is asking the various communities around to patronize our manufactures and our wholesale houses that it is incumbent on us to maintain an exhibition. I do not look at it from the standpoint of profit and loss. So far as I know there is no exhibition in Canada, not even Toronto, that pays its way altogether. An exhibition is an educational institution, and in every educational institution it costs money to operate. If we in Saint John have business houses and industries which are looking for support to the people of the Maritime Provinces it is to our interest to make those communities as prosperous as possible, in order that they may patronize to the fullest extent these various industries and business houses.

**A ROYAL EXAMPLE.**  
(London Morning Post.)  
The announcement that the Prince of Wales will go into camp with the Welsh Boy Scouts will not only fill with joy the hearts of the Welsh contingent, but will serve as a well-earned encouragement to every scoutmaster. In every part of the Empire the scoutmasters are quietly and conscientiously carrying on the work of that admirable institution, the Boy Scouts, sacrificing what is commonly a scanty leisure to the welfare and happiness of lads who are not endowed with too much of either. The benefit derived by the children is incalculable. They learn the rudiments of discipline, which they enjoy, simple crafts, dancing, how to manage a camp, how to cook, and generally to make themselves and others useful and happy. The example of the Prince will, we hope, serve to attract even wider support for what is one of the best institutions in the country.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT.**  
La Patrie.  
Let those who affect to believe that the customs scandal is of no importance put their hands in their own pockets and tell us how much they are willing to turn over to the public treasury to make up for the millions eluded from it by the smugglers. Those who incline to the belief that the question of the tariff is only an old saw look into the matter of the permanency of their employment and see whether tomorrow or soon they will not be forced to leave the country swinging to the factory at which they earn their living closing its doors. Mr. Bourassa declares that these material questions do not merit attention. Truly, this fine gentleman has a happy flow of speech.

Visitors are invited to visit the stand of the Blue Bird Beverages at the Saint John Exhibition. They have taken over the agency of The Liquid Carbonic Co., one of the largest manufacturers of carbonators, fruits and syrups, carbonic gas, furniture, glassware, silverware, ice cream machinery and supplies in the U. S. A., having fourteen factories. The Blue Bird Beverages are the only representatives of this company in the Maritime Provinces.

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## The Old And The New

IN a chat on old-time exhibitions in Saint John, A. O. Skinner, who had much to do with them for many years, said to this paper that a very interesting feature was the daily parade of

cattle in the roped arena on the grounds. The country people, he said, were deeply interested in this feature and would stand for a long time waiting for this event.

Mr. Skinner observed that there was no very marked difference in the method of exhibiting in those days, except that the fairs lacked many of the conveniences and features which have come with changed conditions in in-

dustries, and that the amusement features were somewhat different. The amusement hall in those days was well patronized, and some very excellent entertainments were provided. As he is now past four-score, Mr. Skinner cannot take an active interest in exhibition matters, but for many years he rendered valuable service.



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