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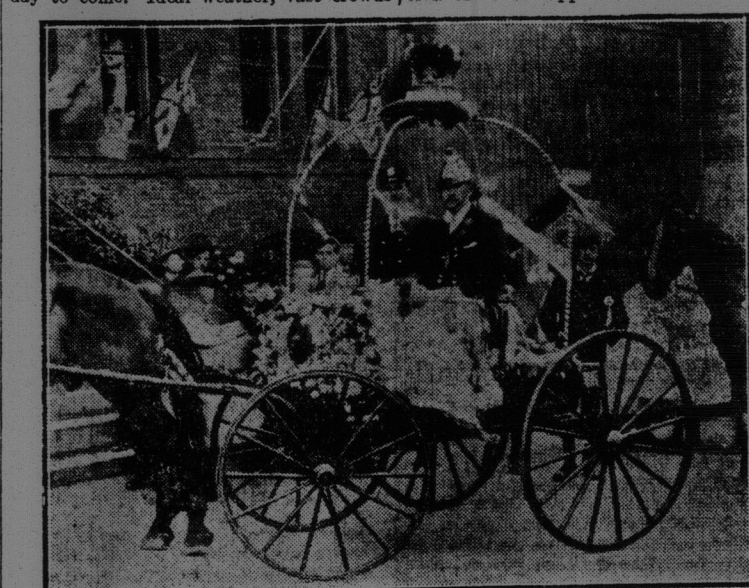
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THE FIRE LADDIES OWNED ST. JOHN YESTERDAY AND MADE SPLENDID SHOWING

Parade in the Morning Was the Finest Ever Seen in St. John--Excellent Sports in the Afternoon and Fireworks and Band Concerts at Night--City Thronged With Visitors

St. John, N. B., September 3. The success which attended the first day's programme of the firemen's tournament yesterday bids fair to make the event a memorable one for many a long day to come. Ideal weather, vast crowds

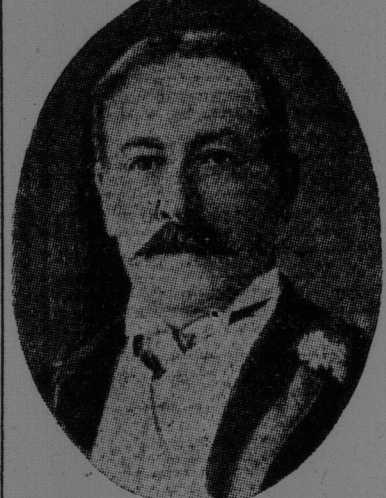


CHIEF KERR AND HIS TEAM IN THE PARADE.

of appreciative spectators both at the parade in the morning and at the sports in the afternoon and last, but by no means

was due to leave King street east at 10 a. m. Although some delay owing to the late arrival of trains kept the spectators waiting past the advertised hour they were amply repaid when the long procession made its appearance. Some of the

But one protest at the sports, lodged against the men from Sydney in the hose reel race, remains to be adjusted today.



John Kerr, Chief of St. John Fire Department.

There was abundance of good feeling and good fellowship among all who participated in the day's events. Few unpleasant incidents are recorded as far as the police and public were concerned. If less strenuous, today's proceedings



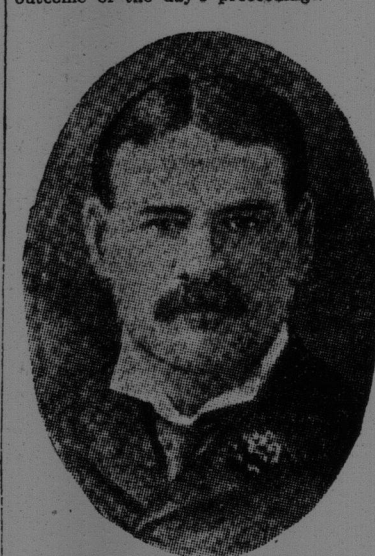
Harry Ervin, Secretary of Committee.

will be full of interest. The sports will be brought to a conclusion in the morning and in the afternoon the steamer Victoria will take the visitors for a glimpse of the St. John river. Given as fine a day as yesterday the St. John firemen's



W. W. Clark, Chief of Police, Chief Marshal of Parade.

least, the presence of such a representative number of departments from all over the maritime provinces and across the border in Maine, contributed to a successful outcome of the day's proceedings.



R. W. W. Frink, Tournament Treasurer.

Fire ladders and citizens alike were up betimes preparing for the parade, which

designs were of a striking and novel character and the elaborate decorations which must have kept the men busy for weeks past called for frequent applause. The bands interspersed throughout the procession added gaiety and the long lines of the fire-fighters, 1,000 strong, as they marched past made an impression which brought forth many a cheer, especially when some favorite company or appropriate device in passing caught the eyes of the thousands thronging the route. The pageant was carried out without a hitch and reflected great credit on all concerned.

The sports in the afternoon on the Barrack square were keenly contested, so much so that but half the programme could be completed and the remainder of the events will be decided today, commencing at 2:30 a. m.

Fireworks and band concerts brought a long day to a close. The local corps kept open house till a late hour in the various stations and entertained the visitors in royal fashion.

The awarding of the three prizes offered by H. W. deForest for the best turnout in the parade among New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and P. E. Island and Maine departments, was no easy matter for the judges. Halifax bore away the palm for the sister provinces with Amherst honorably mentioned. Bangor was the victor across the border with Calais a close second, and to St. John was



HALIFAX FLOAT AND PIPERS IN BRUSSELS STREET.

awarded priority of place in this province, the winning turnout being No. 1 Hook & Ladder Company's novel and elaborate design of the amusement features in Rockwood Park. The same company also secured the prize of \$50 offered by the executive committee.



A RELIC OF THE FIRE-FIGHTING DAYS OF FIFTY YEARS AGO

of the parade at 10:15 o'clock. Chief Clerk and his assistant marshal, W. H. Simon, V. S., were kept busy getting the different detachments in line and there was little confusion. Police Sergeants, Baxter, Campbell and Caples kept the line of march clear. The parade started off with Chief Clerk and Dr. Simon following the mounted police. A number of barouches with Mayor Sears, a number of the aldermen, city officers and veteran firemen and guests followed and came along at intervals in the parade. Sixty men from Charlottetown, including the Artillery Band, came next. The band was under command of Band-

master Hines, and made a fine impression. The officers of the fire department were: Chief Ranaghan, Captains Gower, Batcher, Ruttery and Large and Lieuts. Martin, Connolly and Mathewson.

The Sydney fire department whose names were inadvertently omitted from the line of march as published yesterday were next in line. Counting the seven pipers the Cape Breton contingent numbered fifty and presented a fine appearance. Chief R. Menzies was with the corps which was led by the following officers: Capt. H. Mesereau, Lieuts. A. McMillan, R. Menzies and J. McLellan. Eighteen men from Sackville under



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tournament of 1907 will end as happily and successfully as it has begun.

The Parade.

The firemen began to assemble at 9 o'clock and King street east was filled with a waiting crowd until the starting



Photo by C. T. Lugin.

Chief A. E. Carter and Captains Fred Turner and Arnold Reifus were next in line.

Halifax Does Well.

The representation from Halifax followed, and was large and showed to good advantage. The Union Protection Company, consisting of thirty men, led and were probably the oldest organization in the parade, having been established in 1780. The officers were: William Hoyt, captain; Captain Preece, vice-captain; D. Ewing, 1st officer; E. H. Johnson, 2nd officer; D. Wilson, 3rd officer; A. Gibson, marshal. The 63rd Pipes Band,

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turned in number, under command of Bandmaster R. Thomson, preceded the decorated hose cart. This hose cart, which ranked with the best in the parade, represented the city by the sea, with designs and mottoes emblematic of the sister city. Composed of the words "Sussex" and other words imbedded in a background of moss and flowers looked very attractive. Chief Daley followed with thirty men.

Six men from Newcastle under Lieut. Dickson and two men from Milltown followed in next.

In Racing Rig. The Glens department turned out in novel costume. Fourteen men dressed as road racers in sweaters and knee pants drew a racing reel laden with water bottles, and cheer after cheer greeted this display.

The Fairville fire department which followed was not behind any of the others in point of careful work and preparation. An ancient engine with hand pumping attachment was prettily trimmed and the words "It was 15 50 years ago" aroused pleasant memories. Fred McCormick held the ribbons and other officers were: Fred Essey, marshal; Capt. Wm. Morrison, Robert Irvine, engineer and fire warden, J. J. Hennessy and James Mills. About thirty were in the Fairville detachment.

The City Men.

After the 62nd Regimental Band had passed, discoursing good music, spectators began to look for familiar faces and Chief Kerr with Charlie Davidson as driver led the local men. The oldest horse in the department, nineteen years in the service, was between the shafts and carried moving ostrich plumes at saddle and head. The carriage was handsomely decorated and was greeted with cheers along the line of march.

No. 1 salvage corps wagon was a marvel of graceful decoration. Over the driver, Wm. Donohoe, was an arch constructed with flowers with the date 1882 in large gilt letters. A double arch was thrown over the body of the wagon. This was made of red, white and blue flowers with red bells hanging underneath. On the apex was a large gilt crown. On each side were the letters S. C. & F. P. Resting against the back of the vehicle against a white ground in gold letters was "No. 1" while the bed of the wagon was filled with potted palms.

Hose cart No. 1, driven by Wm. Bell, represented Ever Ready, and a boy stood by an open gate in an attitude of expectation. Flowers and gilt ornaments were profusely used to good advantage. James Gullivan drove No. 1 engine, nicely decorated, and Jedediah Day was at the engineer's post.

No. 2 hose company followed their hose cart, which was also gotten up to represent the Man with the Ladder and the Hose. Henry Johnson guided the horses and Rupert Powers and James Bond were the two lads directing the hose on a supposedly burning house.

All eyes turned towards the float of No. 3 hose company. This was a creation in white and looked very delicate and chaste. A dainty doll held the reins from a varicolored peacock and the driver, Frank Furlong, looked as immaculate as could be wished.

Represented Rockwood.

The City Cornet Band, playing well, followed No. 3 hose company and No. 1 Hook and Ladder truck, driven by Chas. Conway, was next in line. The truck was for the occasion turned into a miniature pleasure resort. It was called Rockwood and on top it bore a shoot-the-chutes and Ferris wheel. Immediately underneath the shoot-the-chutes was a merry-go-round. All the features were in full operation and a small swing in the rear also had an occupant. The design was conceived by Jeremiah McLeod and he was assisted in the work by Wm. Grant.

Following the truck was a small two wheeled donkey cart elaborately decorated with two boys sitting in it dressed in firemen's uniform.

No. 1 chemical was very artistically decorated with flowers and bunting. A handsome arch was thrown over the top. The

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