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WESTERN FAIR SURPLUS \$4,000 EXHIBITION WAS BIG SUCCESS

The Directors Are Highly Pleased With Finances For the Week.

TOTAL SURPLUS
OF \$16,000

About 7,000 People Saw Fair On Friday—A Great Jump By One of Beck's String.

The Western Fair closed its gates last night, and today practically everything has been moved out.

Yesterday saw about 7,000 people present, the majority being city folks who could not attend earlier in the week.

It was a fitting wind-up of the Fair. The directors were well pleased with the exhibition, and they will finish on the right side financially.

Although \$1,000 was added to the prize list, and the expenses were increased along certain lines, there will be a surplus of perhaps \$4,000 this year. That is the minimum, and it will probably result in a surplus of greater proportions.

The board spent a considerable amount of money on the new cement building, new stalls, and in repairs, all of which must be met out of the general funds. Had this not been the case, the surplus would have been probably \$10,000.

The fair association has approximately \$16,000.

CROWN-ATTORNEY RECALLS HISTORY

Judge Macbeth and Mr. McKillop Indulged in Some By Play Today.

A BICYCLE THIEF UP
Found Guilty and Remanded Until Thursday Next for Sentence.

A juvenile, who was committed for trial at the court house yesterday by Squire Chittick on a charge of disposing of a bicycle which he had rented from F. J. Thompson, a dealer of Talbot street, to a blacksmith named Lipsett, of Mount Brydges, appeared before Judge Macbeth at noon today, and was remanded until Thursday next for sentence.

The boy, who is said to be under 15 years of age, together with a companion several years older than himself, rented two bicycles from the dealer on the morning of Aug. 23. They were sold the same evening to the Mount Brydges man, who is also a dealer in bicycles, the price for both machines being \$7.50. The bicycles were shortly after recovered by High Constable Hughes.

Prisoner's Story.
According to the prisoner's story, he returned to London the same evening, and told his mother's father what he had done. He said he needed one dollar to redeem the wheel, so that he could return it to its proper owner. His grandfather gave him the money, and a lady added another dollar on being told the same story.

The boys then started for Detroit, but were turned back at the border. They separated, and met again in Chatham, where the prisoner is accused of stealing a quantity of clothing.

The county police have instructions to arrest him again if he is released in London.

Will Surrender.
The other boy's name is known, and it is expected that he will arrive in this city in a couple of days. His mother claims that he will give himself up immediately.

Mr. W. G. R. Bartram defended the boy, and contended that the youth had been led into the trouble by his older companion.

Both Judge Macbeth and Mr. McKillop, the crown attorney, took occasion to remark that any person who would purchase goods at such ridiculously low prices should be prosecuted for accepting such property, which they should know had been stolen.

Some History.
"I remember you prosecuting a man for purchasing a horse for \$5," remarked the judge.

"Yes," returned Mr. McKillop, "a horse, saddle and bridle, for \$5, and your honor defended the man, and had the case thrown out by the jury."

The court laughed heartily.

ASSAULTED CONDUCTOR DRAWS SIX MONTHS

Young Man Who Caused a Disturbance On the Traction Sent to Central.

St. Thomas, Sept. 17.—William Meredith, a young man who raised a disturbance on a traction car Friday evening, dislocating the motorman's shoulder and disfiguring the conductor, was today sentenced to six months in the Central Prison at hard labor. Meredith had a bad record, and had previously done time.

WINNIPEG CONSTABLE SHOOT HIMSELF

Desperate Act of a Police Officer On Train Near Toronto.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Sept. 17.—Alf. Robertson, a sergeant of police at Winnipeg, and a former Toronto fireman, shot himself in the head on a train coming from Ottawa this morning. He had been acting strangely during the night looking for somebody, and had armed himself with a revolver. This morning he took that, and entering a drawing-room berth, shot himself.

ONLY 12 CONDUCTORS HAVE BEEN REINSTATED

Many G. T. R. Men Who Struck Have Joined C. P. R. Or C. N. R.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Sept. 17.—Twenty-two G. T. R. conductors, who went out on strike, have taken service with the C. P. R. and C. N. R. in the past few weeks. Despite all reports to the contrary, out of 100 passenger conductors employed on the G. T. R. who went out, only twelve have been reinstated. Those taken on are all placed below men who took their positions during the strike.

SCHWAB TO BUILD FLEET FOR CHINESE

U. S. Steel Corporation Said to Have Secured a Great Contract.

[Associated Press.]
San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 17.—The call this morning states that Chas. M. Schwab, former president of the United States Steel Corporation, is to meet Prince Tsai Hsueh, uncle of the emperor of China, in this city next week to "close a deal" for the building of a fleet of warships for China.

In support of its assertion that American shipyards are likely to be given the work of building the warships the call quotes John A. McGregor, president of the Union Iron Works, as saying that he is informed that plans drawn by the Bethlehem Steel Company, through Schwab, have been favorably considered by the Chinese Government.

GAS STOVE EXPLOSION CAUSES WOMAN'S DEATH

Aged Widow, of St. Catharines Dies From Many Burns.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
St. Catharines, Sept. 17.—Last evening about 6 o'clock, as Mrs. Tobin, a widow, aged 75, was lighting the gas stove to get supper for herself and daughter, there was an explosion and the old lady was enveloped in flames. Her daughter in the back yard heard a scream and rushed in to find her mother in a terrible condition. Neighbors came running in and the flames were put out finally by wrapping the woman in a rug. She was removed to the hospital and died about 10:30 last night. It is supposed she turned on the gas tap before lighting a match.

UNCLE SAM MOVES TO WIPE OUT SUGAR TRUST

Petition for Dissolution To Be Filed at New York Next Week.

[Associated Press.]
Washington, Sept. 17.—A petition for the dissolution of the so-called sugar trust will be filed in the United States court in New York, probably next week. This is an action entirely independent of the indictments which were found some time ago against the American Sugar Refining Company and its officials. It was the subject of a conference in New York yesterday between Attorney-General Wickersham and United States Attorney Wise.

FINE FLYING.
Bordeaux, Sept. 17.—Maurin, flying a Blériot monoplane, broke all records for 300 kilometers (186.3 miles) yesterday, covering the distance in 3 hours 38 minutes 7 seconds. His average time was about 55 miles an hour.

PRIMROSE AND WIFE SEPARATE

Former Londoner Has Troubles With Second Matrimonial Venture.

WELL-KNOWN MINSTREL

Was Once a Bell Boy in the Tecumseh House—Does Not Want His Presents Back.

George Primrose spent all his boyhood in London, residing with his parents in the neighborhood of Clark's bridge. He began life as a bell boy in the Tecumseh House, and is now worth over \$100,000.

New York, Sept. 16.—George Primrose, veteran minstrel, whose first wife died in a tragic manner in Detroit in 1903, is now separated from his second wife, but believes they will become reconciled.

The first Mrs. Primrose went to Detroit to witness the debut of her husband in vaudeville. She was occupying a box at the performance, when she collapsed from illness, which proved fatal.

Within a few months after the death of his first wife, Mr. Primrose married Miss Esther Nerney, his present wife, then about 26 years old. Miss Nerney was



GEORGE H. PRIMROSE, a concert singer in San Francisco, and exceedingly handsome.

Mr. Primrose had first met Miss Nerney at a convent in Yonkers fifteen years before. Mr. Primrose prospered after his second marriage, and he bestowed fortune upon the woman from whom he is now estranged. However, he declares that his belief in the gospel of "This more blessed to give than to receive," has not been a Veteran Minstrel, Who is Separated From His Wife and His Acres, shaken, and that he has no intention of bringing action against Mrs. Primrose to recover the fortune in real estate he transferred to her.

Refused to Talk.
Mr. Primrose refused to discuss the cause of the estrangement, but said he had not been living with his wife since the latter part of July. At that time they were planning to depart for Portland, Ore., where Mr. Primrose has had erected a bungalow on 45 acres of farm land he owns there.

So strong is Mr. Primrose's belief that a reconciliation with his wife will be effected that he has even stated that their excursion to the Portland bungalow had not been cancelled. "It was only postponed," he said. According to the minstrel, the dealing away of real estate has become a habit with him. He built a mansion at Fulton and East Lincoln avenues, Mount Vernon, and acquired other property in the exclusive Chester Hill section of that city. So extensive were his holdings that a section of the town was named Primrose Park. Mr. Primrose said last night that he was unable to estimate the value of his holdings in Mount Vernon. He declared he had deeded the property to his wife three years after their marriage, which took place seven years ago. He said he took a similar course with his property when his first wife was alive.

No Presents Back.
"I am not shouting for my presents back," said the actor. "Mrs. Primrose and I are both well protected financially." Mr. Primrose, who is said to be more than 60 years old, received a fortune of \$35,000 from his first wife. Real estate men say the value of the Primrose property in Mount Vernon is between \$150,000 and \$300,000.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FAIR.

FORECASTS.
Toronto, Sept. 17-8 a.m. Moderate to fresh southerly to south-westerly winds; fine and warm today. Some local showers or thunderstorms late tonight and on Sunday.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. Max. Min. Weather.
Victoria. 59. 52. Rain.
Calgary. 50. 38. Cloudy.
Winnipeg. 66. 56. Clear.
Port Arthur. 72. 54. Cloudy.
Perry Sound. 70. 48. Clear.
Toronto. 72. 48. Clear.
Ottawa. 66. 44. Clear.
Montreal. 66. 50. Fair.
Quebec. 64. 44. Clear.
Father Point. 60. 40. Clear.

FRIDAY'S WEATHER.
The weather remained fine yesterday throughout the Dominion. It was quite warm again in Saskatchewan and Western Manitoba, but elsewhere the temperatures were moderate.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 49-77; Dawson, 35-66; Victoria, 52-69; Vancouver, 56-66; Port Arthur, 46-72; Edmonton, 47-74; Battleford, 48-82; Moosejaw, 49-82; Qu'Appelle, 48-81; Winnipeg, 56-66; Fort Arthur, 46-72; Perry Sound, 44-70; Toronto, 46-72; Ottawa, 42-66; Montreal, 48-66; Quebec, 42-64; St. John, 49-61; Halifax, 46-68.

TODAY'S PROBS.
The East—Moderate to fresh winds; fine; not much change in temperature. Lake Superior—Fresh southerly winds; fair; not much change in temperature.

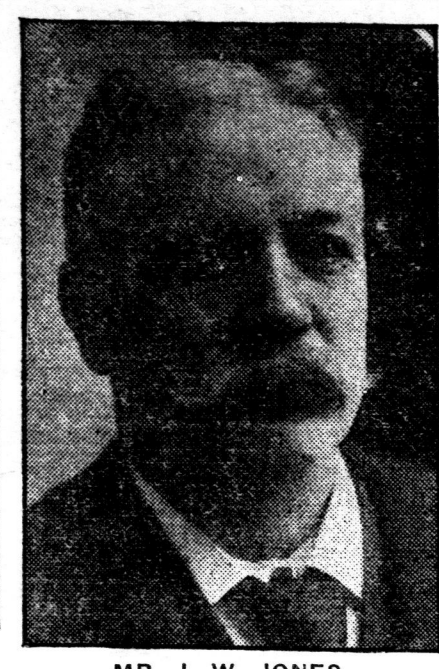
Washington, D. C., Sept. 17.—Forecast: Eastern States and Northern New York—Fair tonight and on Sunday; slowly rising temperature; light variable winds. Western New York—Fair and warmer tonight. Sunday—Increasing cloudiness and warmer; probably showers near Lake Erie; south winds.

J. W. JONES HASN'T MISSED A FAIR IN FORTY-TWO YEARS

Mr. J. W. Jones, of this city, has not missed the Western Fair in 42 years. He has been a director ever since the inception of the Fair. He is the last of the old guard, and is the last surviving member of the men who organized the Fair.

"I am the only one left of the lot, so far as I can recall at this moment," said Mr. Jones. "There may be one or two left, but their names have escaped me. I have not missed a fair in 42 years, and have been a director for nearly all that time. I have seen a lot of changes, but the Fair is growing, and it is bound to grow. I have every confidence in its future."

Hunt Club Run.
The London Hunt Club had a fine run this morning, going in all fully 15 miles. The air was clear and crisp, and the hunters enjoyed it immensely. There were about 30 men in saddle. On their return, they were entertained at breakfast at the Kennels by Mr. J. I. A. Hunt.



MR. J. W. JONES.

ATTENDANCE WAS GREATER IS THE CLAIM OF DIRECTORS

It Is Figured Out That About 6,500 More People Saw Western Fair This Year Than in 1909—One Director Says Board Should Provide Better Amusements For Citizens.

From the standpoint of attendance, the Western Fair of 1910 was ahead of that of 1909 by about 6,500, according to information given out at the Fair Grounds.

Every day showed an increase over the same day in 1909, and the total was well above 120,000.

As far as can be learned, the comparative figures are the following:

	1910.	1909.
Monday	14,000	12,000
Tuesday	17,000	16,500
Wednesday	44,000	40,000
Thursday	40,000	41,000
Friday	8,000	7,000
Total	125,000	116,500

It will thus be seen that the attendance is about 6,500 more than last year, rather a good increase. The grandstand was well patronized this year, better than last, not a performance being lost whatever.

A Loss of Revenue.
The association will suffer a loss of revenue from the fact that there was no midway.

This has not only been a revenue-producing feature, but it was a decided attraction to the citizens, in fact, the main attraction.

"The Fair failed in the midway," said one director. "After many years' close observation, I came to the conclusion that Western Ontario sent more people to London this year than is usually the case. Perhaps the weather during the Toronto Fair had something to do with it. In any event they were here. Businessmen tell me the same. The citizens did not turn out so well. This was due to the fact that there was no midway, and to the class of attractions before the stand. People grow tired of the same acts year after year. Consequently, they remained at home. The citizens should be considered in laying out the Fair."

TORPEDO HURLED A STONE PAST HEADS OF LONDONERS

Fog Signal Exploded On Dundas Street When a Lorrie Passed Over It—Several Citizens Had a Narrow Escape From Death Or Serious Injury.

A railroad fog signal, exploded by a C. P. R. lorrie on Dundas street, near the Majestic Theatre, at 11 o'clock this morning, caused a great deal of excitement when it hurled a large stone within a few inches of the heads of Mr. Harold Little, son of Col. J. W. Little, and Mr. Bert Wilcox, crashing through a plate glass window in the store of Messrs. Dambra & Walsh. The signal was an ordinary one, but its presence on the city pavement is unaccounted for. It was evidently lying beside the stone near the street railway rails, when a rear wheel of the lorrie passed over it.

Narrow Escapes.
There was a terrific explosion, and a smashing of glass. The stone whirled past Mr. Wilcox so close that he could hear it. Mr. Harold Little was just entering the door less than a foot from where the stone struck the plate. Mr. Joseph Dambra had just completed dressing the window and stepped out onto the floor as the crash came. Several others were passing at the time, but all were lucky enough to escape injury. The window was a valuable one, but was covered by insurance.

JOHN H. CHAPMAN NAMED FOR WATER COMMISSIONER BUT HAS NOT YET ACCEPTED

Well-Known Retail Merchant Says He Has Been Approached But He Is Not at All Willing to Accept the Responsibility—Friends Say Only On Unanimous Vote of the Council Will He Take the Position.

At a meeting of the committee of the whole council, held last night, it was decided to recommend to the council that Mr. John H. Chapman be named water commissioner to succeed the late Adam T. McMahon.

The session was a brief one, the business being transacted in five minutes. Prior to the session, there was a caucus of some of the members, and a certain line of action agreed upon. When the committee convened, Ald. Richter, the chairman, did not vote. Ald. Eckert then brought the name of Mr. John H. Chapman before the meeting, and Ald. Tancock moved that the nominating be done by ballot.

The Vote.
A vote was taken, and Mr. Chapman had six votes, with two opposed. Ald. Richter, the chairman, did not vote. Ald. Jeffries stated that Mr. Chapman would likely accept the position if given a reasonable majority of the council.

The committee then adjourned. Ald. Stevens arrived just after the business had been transacted. It is more than certain that Mr. Chapman will be endorsed by the council on Monday night. Seven of the aldermen, Ald. Richter, Ald. Ashplant, Ald. Tancock, Ald. Underwood, Ald. Pockock, Ald. Fitzgerald and Ald. Jeffries, are practically pledged to support him. Ald. Morgan, too, may vote favorably.

It is not known what the other aldermen will do. In any event, there is a majority for Mr. Chapman. Those present were Ald. Richter

(chairman), Ald. Ashplant, Ald. Jeffries, Ald. Underwood, Ald. Eckert, Ald. Fitzgerald, Ald. Tancock, Ald. Pockock and Mayor Beattie.

Mr. Chapman's Position.
When seen by The Advertiser, Mr. Chapman stated that the action of the committee was news to him. "I have been interviewed on the subject," said Mr. Chapman. "I gave no person any assurance that I would accept the position, and I have not yet decided to do so. My business is heavy, and requires a great deal of time. The year's work in the commission is important, and will require a very great amount of time. I would much prefer somebody else to take the position, and will gladly support a good man."

Close friends of Mr. Chapman stated to The Advertiser today, that he would not accept if there were any bickering or opposition. Only by the unanimous vote of the council will he consent to consider the water commissionership.

PANIC AT BULL FIGHT.
Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 17.—Panic reigned among thousands of spectators of a bull fight exhibition here last night when an enraged bull burst through the barrier of the ring and headed for the crowd. A deputy sheriff shot the animal in the head and it fell dead within six feet of the spectators. Humane officers stopped further performances. The exhibition was part of a barbeque and a series of Mexican sports given in honor of the Mexican centennial celebration.

ODDFELLOWS HAVE A SCHEME TO ERECT TEMPLE IN LONDON

Matter Is To Be Brought to the Attention of All City Lodges Shortly—Detroit Visitors Put New Ideas Into Minds of Local Members.

There is a move on at the present time to erect a fine new temple for the Oddfellows, and if the scheme, as it is being discussed, is carried through, the building will be a very handsome one. The matter will likely be brought before the various lodges of the city very shortly and the members will be asked to give their views on it.

The matter has been in the air for some time, as there has been a feeling among many members that there ought to be a central meeting place, where Oddfellows from all over the city can gather. The facilities for entertaining out-of-town lodges and putting on various branches of the work could be improved, and if the new temple is built this will be amply provided for.

The Detroit Visitors.
The visit of 135 Oddfellows from Riverside Lodge this week resulted in many good ideas being obtained. Riverside Lodge has a splendid new temple in Detroit, and since it was built the membership has boomed and there are now over 700 names on the roll. The temple is fitted up very completely, and is entirely self-sustaining, and the Riverside members look upon it as a most valuable asset. There is a feeling among many members that London Oddfellows can do what the Detroit brethren have done and that it will result in a boom for Oddfellows in this city.

COUNTY PATIENTS WILL BE ADMITTED UNTIL DECEMBER

Alexandra Sanatorium Board Will Look After Middlesex Consumptives on Humanitarian Grounds—London Health Association Met Today.

Tuberculosis patients from the county of Middlesex will be admitted to the Alexandra Sanatorium until the December session of the county council.

At a meeting of the London Health Association held this morning in the board of trade rooms, this decision was arrived at, and it will be carried out.

Hon. Adam Beck presented the case. He pointed out that there were six applications for admission to the sanatorium. Humanitarian grounds demanded that these people be given some attention, as the rapid spread of the disease, as well as its dangers, made it imperative that something be done at once, if they were to be saved. It was also stated that the county council had not refused to make the grant.

Action was deferred on the matter until the winter session, when it will come up.

Claims of Humanity.
"While it was our original determination not to admit any patients to the institution from the county of Middlesex until such a time as this Continued on Page Eleven.

G. T. R. MEN MUCH PLEASED WITH MR. GRAHAM'S MOVE

Passenger Men Are Out of Work in London and They Feel They Are Not Being Fairly Treated by the Company.

Local Grand Trunk men are keenly interested in the report from Ottawa that Hon. George P. Graham, minister of railways, will see Mr. Charles M. Flays as quickly as possible and ask why the men are not being taken back.

At the present time there are 13 of the passenger men who have not been taken back, and some others, in all about 25, in London. A prominent Grand Trunk official stated to The Advertiser recently that as long as the men who are at present operating the trains continued to give satisfaction and wanted to stay with the company there would be none of the old men taken back, except those who were called at first. He said "All Will Go Back."

Asked regarding this, one of the strikers said he did not think there was anything in it, and that all the men will be taken back.

The G. T. R. official was asked regarding the 90-day arrangement, and said he had never heard of it officially and thought it was a newspaper story. "He will find out that he doesn't know anything at all about it," was all the strikers asked regarding the matter would say.

WAGON WITH ASYLUM PATIENTS WENT OVER A 30-FOOT BANK

Narrow Escape From Death of Many Persons Near C. P. R. Overhead Bridge On Asylum Sideroad.

Several of the patients at the Asylum had a close call from very seriously injured yesterday afternoon, when a wagon in which they were riding went over a 30-foot embankment near the C. P. R. overhead bridge on the Asylum sideroad, as a result of the horses drawing it being frightened by a passing auto.

The patients were somewhat badly shaken up, but escaped without being thrown out. It took some time to pull the wagon back on to the roadway again, and extra horses had to be secured. Dr. Robinson, when asked regarding the matter, stated that it had not been reported to him.

MORE PUPILS ARE ALLOWED TO PASS ENTRANCE EXAMS.

Inspector Edwards has issued a supplementary list of candidates who have been granted high school entrance certificates. It will be remembered that the entrance papers were somewhat difficult this summer, and the number of failures was large. The department issued instructions to the board of examiners to go over the papers, and recommend students whose papers showed ability, although they had not obtained the requisite number of marks.

The board, consisting of Inspector Edwards, Inspector Sullivan and Principal Theobald, did so, and today made known.

The successful candidates are as follows: May Brighton, William Buskard, Mabel Carfrae, Nellie Fitzpatrick, Jean Galbraith, Clifford Horby, Marguerite Hynd, Edward Harrison, Lily Jacobs, Utah Kennedy, Verlyn Lewis, Elsie Mathewson, Elsie Morrison, Lizzie Mitchell, Harold Pingel, Willie Parker, Wilfred Rose, Marjorie Stinson, Lillian Sproule, Cyril Thomas and Eva Walker. "That makes 66 per cent of students that we have passed," said the inspector. "It is the best record in the province. I am well pleased with the results."

45,000 PEOPLE BROUGHT IN FOR THE WESTERN FAIR

Railway officials state that they are well satisfied with the returns of the Fair traffic, and that they are very good. The Grand Trunk estimates that for the entire Fair they carried in more than 45,000 people.

The C. P. R. brought in about 5,000; the Traction Company carried between 8,000 and 9,000; the Pere Marquette about 3,000; and the Michigan Central about 2,000. Altogether the railroads brought in close to 45,000 people.

of the city holding contracts on many prominent structures in course of construction will be affected if the fight lasts long. The men claim they have been put off for a long time by their employers in their negotiations for improved working conditions, and that they are determined not to be put off any longer.

Plumbers Strike.
Four Hundred Employed at Montreal Have Gone Out.

[G. N. W. Dispatch.]
Montreal, Sept. 17.—Four hundred plumbers and steam fitters went out on strike this morning, demanding a flat rate of 40 cents an hour and an eight-hour day. Twelve of the leading firms

Jumbo's Finish.
It was just twenty-five years ago on Thursday that "Jumbo," Barnum's big elephant, was killed in St. Thomas, Ont.