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EARL GREY VISITS THE FAIR TO-DAY

Governor-General Reached Victoria on Noon Train—His Reception at Exhibition—The Closing Attractions.

(From Saturday's Daily.) This is the final day of the Victoria exhibition for 1906. It promises to close in a manner befitting one of the finest shows ever held under the auspices of the B. C. Agricultural Association. His Worship Mayor Morley received word last evening to the effect that His Excellency Earl Grey and Capt. Trotter, A. D. C., would attend, reaching Victoria by the noon train. They would be present at the fair between 3 and 4 o'clock, just after the Times goes to press. The distinguished visitors, therefore, are expected to be in time to view the finish of the horse races and to inspect the exhibition proper before the gates are closed for another year. It is unnecessary to say that every preparation has been made for the reception of the Governor-General. He will be accorded a hearty welcome upon arriving at the exhibition grounds by the Mayor and other civic officials. The intention is first to escort the party through the main hall, showing them the most important displays, and then to take them to the reserved seats in the grand stand, from which the contests may be witnessed. Two attractions are in progress this afternoon. Undoubtedly the most important is the horse races, but the other, the bronco busting competition, is attracting considerable attention. As to-day the final rounds for the belt representing the championship of British Columbia are taking place the public should witness even more general interest than has been the case heretofore. Several new entries were introduced to the corral yesterday in order that the test of horsemanship may be as thorough as possible. Of the horse races it is impossible to say much at the present time. They are under way as these lines are written. A number of entirely new animals are on the course. Shortly after 4 o'clock, and it is hoped in the presence of His Excellency the Governor-General, the great free-for-all trotting exhibition will be called. In this there will be some of the speediest equines that have ever participated in a contest upon British Columbia turf. Among the number, Capt. John, owned by W. Stevenson of Victoria, will be prominent. He has done creditably in all the races with which he has been identified this season, and should maintain his record on this occasion, although opposed to him will be some of the fastest trotters in the northwest. Capt. John, naturally, is a favorite with Victoria sportsmen, because of his being locally owned and well-known among the fraternity. At any rate, whether or not he is successful, all things being equal, the track record should be broken. To-night the exhibition doors will close for the last time this year. Before that takes place there will be the Victoria policemen's and the local St. Andrew's Society. To the winners will fall the Player's Challenge Cup. Afterwards a concert will take place in the main hall, the Fifth Regiment band rendering a variety of selections, and Mrs. Ann Beatrice Sheldon, of Portland, Ore., being heard in vocal solos, for the last time at the fair. These two entertainments, to say nothing of the general displays and the splendid illuminations, should bring out a fine crowd. In addition it should be mentioned that several selections will be given by the Musical Watsons, sons of Chief Watson of the Victoria fire department, upon their silver organ chimes. In connection with the description of the displays in the main buildings a slight mistake was inadvertently made in that of the Hinton Electrical Company. It includes, not an electrical, but a gasoline Lozler motor of three horse power, running under the actual conditions met with in a launch as nearly as possible. The propeller is placed in a tank of water but, owing to the fact that some of this has to be drawn for cooling the cylinder, it has been impossible to operate the machinery longer than serves for a short stretch. Hundreds of ladies have viewed the exhibit with interest, being particularly impressed with the cooking apparatus and electrical irons, the use of which has been demonstrated by E. McDougal, who is in charge, during the week. Looking at it from an unbiased standpoint, the show now drawing to a close must be considered one of the most successful in the association's annals. However, it is by no means perfect yet, there being room for improvement in many lines. If a criticism were called for, however, there is only one direction upon which the management should be called to task, and that is in reference to the interior agricultural displays. They are hardly as good as in 1904, but the management cannot be blamed, the reason being that the district competition fell through almost entirely. Most of the sections from which entries were expected backed out at the last moment. But it is likely that there will be a noticeable change next year. The stock shown at the present exhibition excelled anything seen here previously in point of quality, and was the admiration of the judges and all breeders in attendance. The attractions carried through with an evident desire to please the public. Then the weather has been beautiful on the whole, the first two days only being sufficiently inclement to interfere with the gate receipts. Providing the expectations regarding the exhibition are realized, the Victoria show should prove a financial success as well—something, as previously stated, practically unparalleled in the association's annals. It appears now as though the exhibition as a yearly event is settled. At the annual meeting held here last year there was a large attendance, and the proceedings were marked with enthusiastic optimism. Suggestions for the revision of the constitution and the direction of affairs may be placed in the hands of a secretary-treasurer and a small but energetic executive committee now being under consideration, and it is expected that their report, when submitted, will be of a nature to effect a few minor changes, it is believed by those interested that the Victoria exhibition can be made the greatest event of its kind in the West. That is the goal in view, and as Victoria possesses every facility for making its exhibition paragon of the kind, it is believed that it is only a matter of time before it will be the greatest of its kind in the West. 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SECRETARY J. E. SMART, B. C. Agricultural Association.

NEGOTIATING FOR STEAMER WATCHFUL FOR SERVICE IN THE WEST COAST TRADE

Letters Were Received Yesterday From Capt. Buckholz, Who Is Arranging Deal.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Letters were received yesterday from Capt. Otto Buckholz, who with Engineer Hewitt, is in England for the purpose of buying a steamer for the service on the west coast of this island. Capt. Buckholz states that he has not yet closed a deal for a vessel, but says that negotiations are in progress for the steamer Watchful. This is the first time the name of the steamer has been divulged by the parties interested, the greatest secrecy having been maintained so far in organizing the company and in conducting its business. By reference to Lloyd's register it is found that the Watchful is a steamer of 353 tons gross and 184 tons net register. She is classed as 100 A1. She was built in June, 1902, and her dimensions are given as follows: Length, 155 feet; beam, 24 feet, and depth of hold, 10 feet 8 inches. The ship is registered in Liverpool. She is supplied with compound engines, the cylinders being each 20x38 inches, with a 30-inch stroke. Her horse-power is 65, and her steam pressure 110 pounds, there being only one boiler. The steamer is constructed of iron, and is well decked, carries water ballast, and has four cement bulkheads. She is double masted and schooner rigged. Originally she was known as the Orpheus. In appearance the Watchful is said to very much resemble the Tees, while her speed has been stated as twelve knots. In the purchase of a steamer Capt. Buckholz and Engineer Hewitt are said to represent local and British capital. Contracts, it is said, have been secured by the company ensuring a substantial business for the independent steamer if placed in service. If a deal is consummated the Victorians now in England will start at once for Victoria, making the trip in the craft acquired.

STATE CONVENTIONS. New York Republicans Nominate Ticket—Charles E. Hughes for Governor.

Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 28.—The Republican state convention adjourned at 12:30 p. m., after nominating the following state ticket: For governor, Charles E. Hughes, of New York; for lieutenant-governor, Matthew Linn Bruce, of New York, for re-election; for secretary of state, J. F. O'Brien, of Clinton, for re-election; for comptroller, Merritt Lewis, of Monroe; for attorney-general, Julius Mayer, of New York, for re-election; for state treasurer, John G. Wallenmaier, for state engineer and surveyor, Henry A. Van Alstyne, of Columbia, for re-election. This ticket was nominated by acclamation, without opposition or division of any kind, and with notable enthusiasm.

HEARD FOR GOVERNOR. Convention Held, Buffalo, Sept. 27.—Hearst has been nominated by the Democratic state convention. The vote for governor stood: First ballot, Hearst, 308; Sulzer, 134; Dix, 11. Necessary to a choice, 225.

LORD MAYOR OF LONDON. London, Sept. 28.—Sir Wm. Trevelyan, an alderman of the city of London since 1882, was to-day elected Lord Mayor in succession to Walter Van Han Morgan. Sir William Trevelyan was born in London on January 13th, 1848, and has been a member of the corporation of London since 1880.

ATTACKED BY STUDENTS. Two Men Assaulted—One of Assaultants Claimed to Be Son of President Roosevelt.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 28.—Police Commissioner Stephen O'Meara issued a statement last night that the police would apply for warrants for the arrest to-day of two men, supposed to be Harvard students, who assaulted Reserve Officer Fraser and an unknown man on Boston Common on Thursday night. One of the assaultants, who was questioned by the police at the station just after the assault, said he was a son of President Roosevelt. He was allowed to go.

PRaises PEACE RIVER COUNTRY

GOVERNOR BULYEA OF ALBERTA GIVES OPINION

Describes Growth of Adjoining Province and Mentions Facts Regarding Northern Fertility.

(From Saturday's Daily.) "The growth of Alberta can best be gauged by the recent census," said His Honor George H. V. Bulyea, Lieutenant-Governor of that province this morning. "In 1900 the population of the new province, if I remember rightly, was about 168,000; the census of this year gives Alberta 185,000 and Saskatchewan 272,000. This is a satisfactory indication of how things are progressing. The Grand Trunk Pacific expects to be in Edmonton next spring and to be in a position to help carry the wheat crop of 1907. Surveys are practically completed from Edmonton eastward, and to the west there are a large number of parties working and surveying the different passes through the Rockies. The Canadian Northern is also building two new branches out of the Alberta capital. One runs to the north about 90 miles having its terminus at Athabasca landing. This means that supplies can be sent down the river to Fort McMurray in flat bottom boats. Westward from Edmonton the same company is rapidly building towards British Columbia. This year a branch is being constructed to Stony Plains. On this they are laying rails this fall. "Do you know anything of that portion of the Columbia west of the Rockies?" queried a Times reporter. "Well, there are a number of people from Edmonton who have visited the Peace river valley," said His Honor, "and they all bring back good accounts. Large portions have fairly good land and there are many swampy meadows that can be drained. The country is also very rich in timber and minerals. "About growing wheat—" "What can certainly be grown there. It is successfully cultivated 250 miles north of Edmonton and vegetables also in the same locality. People generally have a very strange idea of the climate in that country. Of course wheat cannot be grown in the mountains, but on the prairies it may safely be said that it can be raised much farther north than is generally supposed. "You ask about coal. I hardly think Alberta requires to look to British Columbia for that. The Crow's Nest fields run in the south west corner of Alberta and great development is now going on. There is splendid hard coal at Anthracite, near Banff, and Leithbridge coal has been used by the C. P. R. for many years. In Edmonton the local market is practically wholly supplied by coal mined in the immediate vicinity. I understand these measures extend into the Peace river valley including that portion of British Columbia. "Coming back to the question of settlements in the north, Governor Bulyea said—"There are settlements springing up as much as 400 miles north of Edmonton, and therefore it can be easily seen that the Peace river valley in your province must be available for agricultural purposes. Mr. Macdonald, who recently arrived in Edmonton after surveying the Dominion reserve in that district gave a very good account of it, stating much of it was arable. "His Honor, immediately before coming to Victoria, spent some three weeks in the Okanagan Valley. "It is a great fruit country," he said, "there will be a very large crop coming from there next season. Speaking of fruit, I visited the Victoria exhibition yesterday, and was much pleased with the fruit shown there. There is no doubt that the prairie must look to British Columbia for its fruit supply and, from what I have seen, your province is well able to meet the demand. It will shortly require a much increased acreage, however." "The Kootenay country, through which Governor Bulyea travelled this summer, also attracted his admiration. He spoke enthusiastically of the mining districts, again mentioning fruit when referring to the vicinity of Nelson. "But you have one of the most beautiful of cities here," he concluded. "This is our first visit to Victoria, and I am perfectly delighted with what I have seen."

FORMAL CONTROL OF CUBA ASSUMED BY UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO-DAY

War Secretary Taft Made Provisional Government—Will Exercise Power Until Peace is Restored.

Havana, Sept. 28.—An American provisional government assumed possession of Cuba to-day, when War Secretary Taft's proclamation, declaring himself provisional governor of the island was formally issued. The Gazette and thousands of copies of the document were distributed in Havana and elsewhere. The terms of the proclamation caused general satisfaction, especially on account of the moderate terms in which it was expressed, its statements that the provisional government of Cuba is undertaken only on account of the necessities of the situation, and its promise that the provisional government will be maintained purely for the purpose of restoring peace, order and public confidence until a permanent government is established. "No one appears inclined to doubt the good intentions of President Roosevelt, and his representatives, and there is no apprehension of any serious trouble or resistance to the provisional government in any part of Cuba. "While Governor Taft has not yet taken possession of the government, he is not ready to vacate the official residence until Monday, and Mr. Taft desires to do whatever he can to suit the ex-president's convenience. No disturbance of any kind occurred last night. The business interests here are gratified at the change of government. The fact that the Cuban flag has not been lowered is an evidence of this. This establishes a precedence in provisional government and protectorates. Governor Taft's proclamation reads as follows: "To all people of Cuba: "The failure of congress to act on the irrevocable resignation of the President of the Republic of Cuba, or to elect a successor leaves the country without a government at a time when great disorder prevails and requires that, pursuant to the request of Mr. Palma the necessary steps be taken in the name of the President of the United States to restore order and protect life and property in the Island of Cuba and the islands and bays adjacent thereto, and for the purpose to establish therein a provisional government. "The provisional government hereby established will be maintained only long enough to restore order, peace and public confidence by direction in the name of the President of the United States, and then to hold such elections as may be necessary to determine these persons upon whom the permanent government of the island devolves in so far as is consistent with the nature of a provisional government established under the authority of the United States. This will be a Cuban government, conforming with the constitution of Cuba. The Cuban flag will be hoisted as usual over the government

DEAD MAY NUMBER MORE THAN HUNDRED

Death Roll as Result of Storm is Increasing --Property Loss Amounts to Millions of Dollars.

Mobile, Ala., Sept. 28.—Between 75 and 100 lives lost, fully two score of vessels driven ashore or wrecked in various parts of the Gulf of Mexico, damage amounting to \$4,500,000 in the City of Mobile and to several millions at outside points, is the record of the storm which swept over Mobile on Wednesday and Thursday night. No accurate estimate of the number of the casualties can be made yet and it is doubtful if it will be known for a week or more. Grave Apprehension is being aroused at the situation in Gulf ports where it is thought many lives were lost. Reports from this point are meagre. It is declared by municipal officers that no lives were lost in Mobile, but that the deaths occurred in places in a radius of fifty miles of this place. The following ships were wrecked or driven ashore near Mobile: Schooner Pendleton, of Pendleton Bros., of New York; the barkentine Trojanna and Corrieree, steamer Josephine, sloop Minnow, sloop Alvir, steamer Dashcot; schooner King of Albany; ship Phoenician; revenue launch Alert; and three tugs. Fishing smacks and small craft in great numbers were Driven on Shore and smashed. Three boats belonging to the United Fruit Company have not been heard from, but it is believed that they have ridden out the storm in safety. The storm made its appearance in the neighborhood of Mobile on Tuesday afternoon, when fitful winds began to blow and the barometer fell. The wind rose steadily all through Wednesday, and between 2 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon that day blew 48 miles an hour. At 7:20 on Thursday morning it reached its highest speed, blowing from the north at 50 miles an hour, the barometer falling to 28.84. A few minutes after 8 o'clock on Thursday morning the wind died down and the barometer began to rise. The total rainfall in Mobile during the storm was 6.8 inches. While the storm was at its height the Water from the Bay was driven in with great force on the city, the waves coming over the ends of the wharves five feet deep. Three blocks into the city the flood was driven, filling every basement and store in that quarter of the city. While the storm was at its worst, it was impossible to do anything to save the boats which were slowly driving ashore. Tugs were sent out in a number of instances, but they were not able to accomplish much until the storm abated somewhat. The damage in the city of Mobile

WHEAT YIELD OF WESTERN CANADA ESTIMATED AT EIGHTY-FIVE MILLION BUSHELS

Ottawa, Sept. 28.—The trade and commerce department has received a report which indicates that the wheat yield in Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan. It is placed at eighty-five million bushels from 4,500,000 acres. It is said that the yield would have been considerably larger, but for the hot wave in August, which was very severe. About six million bushels of the new crop has been inspected. Of this 25 per cent. is No. 1, 40 per cent. No. 1 Northern, 15 per cent. No. 2 Northern, or 30 per cent. of the yield high grade. The fine weather is facilitating threshing, etc. Some damage from frost is reported from the Regina country. EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS. San Juan, Porto Rico, Sept. 27.—This city experienced a series of heavy earthquake shocks to-day, beginning at 10:47 a. m., increasing in intensity and lasting thirty seconds. The terror struck the occupants of the shaking building fled to the streets. Even the government buildings were deserted, but no damage has yet been reported. The excitement among the people is intense.

DESTROYED BY FIRE. Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 28.—Fire last night destroyed the business portion of Barstow, Cal.

HINDOO IMMIGRATION. Ottawa, Sept. 27.—Messrs. Macpherson and Gallier, who interviewed Hon. F. Oliver on the Hindoo matter, say that under the present act it will not be possible to shut them out, but that it would be amended next session.

EXPLOSION IN TUNNEL. Middleton, N. Y., Sept. 28.—One man was killed and several imprisoned in the Erie road tunnel near Otisville, N. Y., to-day as the result of a blast of explosives.