

A Prosperous Year.

Annual Meeting of the Western Fair Association.

The Retiring Officers and Directors Re-elected.

Encouraging Financial Statement—Out of Debt—More Prizes Wanted and Better Live Stock Accommodation Asked For.

The Western Fair Association has paid all existing debts during the last year and now stands without liabilities and over \$5,000 to its credit in the bank. The annual meeting of the association was held in the city hall yesterday. There was a fairly large attendance of representatives, and President Porte occupied the chair. In submitting the seventh annual report the president congratulated the members on another prosperous year, and went on to refer to the success of last year's show. He laid particular stress on the encouraging progress made in the live stock department and noted that the Western, like many other Canadian fairs, had suffered from the World's Fair. This drawback had been providentially offset by favorable weather on the principal days. Continuing the report says:

It will be seen by the financial statement that the capital account has been increased by the payment made on real estate of \$2,250. This, we are proud to say, is the last payment on the additional lands acquired by the association on the west side of the park proper. The total paid for this real estate is \$8,900, not including interest. Besides this the amount expended by this association on Queen's Park property for construction or permanent improvement is \$7,658 48. The other assets in the statement consist of furniture and chattels, \$3,134 10. These, with cash in bank, make our present assets \$24,700, and there are no outstanding liabilities of any kind. The buildings and lands are conditionally held by the city of London.

It was necessary during the past year to make considerable repairs to the storage barn for straw and hay. New floors were put into the horse stalls requiring them and other repairs were made to each of the buildings, besides some important internal alterations which were needed for the better display of the exhibits, and for office accommodation.

Important alterations were also made on the horse ring, such as enlarging and raising the attraction platform, moving back the judges' stand, raising the roof of the band stand, etc., to enable our patrons to view the attractions and hear the music provided from any portion of our grand stands. The expenditure incurred in these repairs and improvements has been charged to expense account. The financial statement is hereto attached, and having been audited as usual, its correctness is attested by Mr. G. F. Jewell, F.C.A., auditor for the city of London.

The thanks of the association are especially due to the breeders, agriculturists and manufacturers for the interest manifested by them in the success attained and the desire to assist in making each successive Western Fair more attractive than its predecessor. The continued liberal patronage by the public is also a cause for thanks, and is the best evidence of the ever-increasing popularity of our exhibition.

Your directors wish to acknowledge the hearty co-operation of the city council and water commissioners. In this connection the iron fence around the ornamental pond and fountain should be particularly referred to, being a very necessary improvement.

Nor do we wish the attentions shown at all times by the railways and express companies' managers and officials to be forgotten. Our acknowledgments are also due the citizens and others who contributed in money and many handsome special prizes. To the press of the city and Province, who so willingly assist by spreading far and wide the high standing of the Western Fair in their well-written articles, our thanks are also due.

We wish to place on record the very satisfactory manner in which the officers and caretaker performed their respective duties.

RECEIPTS ON CURRENT ACCOUNT.
Balance from 1892.....\$ 6,129 63
Entry fees and rent of stalls.....2,205 45
Privileges and rent of booths, dining halls, etc.....3,296 44
Gates and grand stand receipts.....15,179 67
Yearly permits for use of track and stalls.....87 00
City of London Horticultural Society grant.....389 37
East Middlesex Agricultural Society grant.....580 09
Special prizes donated.....677 09
Cash subscriptions.....640 00
Interest from bank less paid on mortgage.....58 32
Total.....\$23,142 97

DISBURSEMENTS ON CURRENT ACCOUNT.
Prizes, medals and judges' fees.....\$10,531 83
Printing, advertising and bill posting.....2,914 38
Police.....304 75
Office expenses, including postage, rent and salaries.....1,899 95
Grounds and buildings and general expenses.....2,528 34
Expenses, gates and tickets department.....579 38
Expenses, live stock and poultry department.....220 01
Expenses, agricultural, horticultural and dairy departments.....136 65
Expenses, machinery and carriages department.....245 99
Expenses, main building departments.....250 67
Attractions, fireworks, music, etc.....2,433 75
Transferred to capital account.....4,257 50
Balance in bank.....5,096 57
Total.....\$29,142 97

The report further showed a capital account of \$2,370 50, and a list of assets valued at \$24,699 15, with the liabilities of \$2,370 50.

The adoption of the report was put to a vote and carried by a large majority.

The retiring officers and directors were re-elected.

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Every year it was getting harder and harder to run the show and make it a financial success. He did not think the expenses could be curtailed any more and the prize list enlarged, but if there was any readjustment of the existing prizes it could be easily attended to.

Mr. J. W. Little explained that it would be very imprudent to offer a greater prize list this year. One wet day would nearly wipe out the balance in the bank. The profits of the Toronto exhibition were only about equal to the Western, notwithstanding that it received a grant of \$80,000 from the city of Toronto.

The election of directors then took place, and they in turn afterwards elected officers. The retiring directors were unanimously re-elected, as also were the officers. Following is a complete list of the directors and officers for 1894:

Capt. A. W. Porte, London, president; Mr. J. W. Little, London, first vice-president; Mr. Chas. Trebilcock, the Grove, second vice-president. Board of directors: Capt. A. W. Porte, Mr. J. W. Little, Mr. A. M. Smart, Mayor E. T. Esary, Mr. John Kennedy, W. Jackson, Mr. Geo. M. Reid, Mr. Chas. Trebilcock, Mr. J. S. Peace, Mr. W. J. Reid, Lieut.-Col. F. B. Leys, Lieut.-Col. R. Lewis, Aid. Thos. Jones, Lieut.-Col. W. M. Gartshore, Aid. John Nutkins, Mr. Wm. Moore, Aid. John Pritchard, Mr. Allen Bogue, Mr. D. Mackenzie, Aid. J. Garratt, Mr. Wm. Yates, Mr. Geo. Taylor, Mr. W. R. Hobbs, Aid. J. W. Jones, Bankers—The Merchants' Bank of Canada, Solicitor—Andrew Greenlees, Auditor—Geo. F. Jewell, F. C. A. D. Mackenzie, treasurer; Thos. A. Browne, secretary.

On motion of Messrs. Alf. Robinson and Healey, Strathroy, a vote of thanks was unanimously tendered to the officers for their splendid work of the past year. Capt. Porte replied and the meeting adjourned.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

BRANT.

It is understood the Fire Underwriters' Association will make a substantial reduction in the fire rating of Brantford.

ELGIN.

The Elgin County Orange Lodge has appointed T. I. Hutchinson, county master, as chairman of the celebration committee. Joseph Nesbitt's residence, one mile east of Springfield, which was with the contents destroyed by fire on Sunday, was insured in the London Mutual Fire Insurance Company for \$1,150. Inspector Leitch adjusted the loss and also that of Alex. Russ, South Yarmouth, who had \$2,000 on his building.

ESSEX.

One hundred and fifty choppers in the employ of Edward Smith, of Rochester, were discharged Tuesday. They will go to work again as soon as Mr. Smith disposes of the wood he has cut.

Members of St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, say that never again will they allow that edifice to be the scene of a public wedding.

The Toronto Highlanders, it is thought, will probably accept the invitation to visit Windsor on Dominion Day.

KENT.

W. E. Rispin, of Chatham, grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, was given a reception in Toronto Tuesday night.

LAMBTON.

Tuesday evening about 11 o'clock a fire of incendiary origin broke out in the rear of the Huron House on Michigan avenue, Point Edward, and the place was completely gutted. The loss will be about \$400; no insurance. The property was owned by D. Mackenzie and occupied by Joseph Turner.

A number of young fellows from Saginaw, reinforced by several Port Huron boys, who styled themselves the Ford's Dramatic Company, visited Sarnia Tuesday evening, intending to present a farce entitled "Two Married Men." They got as far as the second act with their presentation, when they were compelled to desist, the bouquets coming from the audience with too frequent regularity. On their way to the ferry the would-be Theopians were accompanied by a hooting and jeering crowd and were made the targets for ancient hen fruit, snowballs and other articles.

MIDDLESEX.

Donald McKellar, one of the leading farmers of South Dorchester, and well-known in London, died suddenly Tuesday of heart disease. He was the senior partner in the firm of D. McKellar & Son, Belmont.

Thirty-eight candidates were confirmed by the Bishop of Huron at Thorndale the other evening. At the last meeting of the quarterly official board of the Methodist Church, St. Johns circuit, London township, which was held at Hyde Park, a resolution was passed expressing hearty appreciation of the services of the pastor, Rev. Wm. Penhall, both in his pupil work and as a pastor, the result of which is shown in increased congregations and success in other departments of the church work; and also extending to him a cordial and unanimous invitation to remain as their pastor for the next conference year. A very gracious revival is being held at the St. Johns appointment, and several have found the Saviour.

After dreaming three years of a fairy prince riding into town on a fierce charger, with a glittering sword hanging by his side, a Strathroy girl is about to marry a man who has two chargers that are hitched to a milk wagon, and she is doing remarkably well these hard times to get him.

At the last meeting of the Lobo Township Council it was moved by C. A. Paul and seconded by C. W. Zavitz, that the following parties be accepted as sureties for Jacob Marsh as township treasurer of Lobo, viz., David C. Gray, Henry Fisher, Elihu Mareh and Archibald Sinclair. Carried.

The anniversary services in connection with the Delaware appointment of the Westminster circuit took place on Sunday and Monday last, and proved a grand success. On Sunday the sermon was by Rev. Walter Rigby, who was original and of great force, and in the afternoon Rev. T. T. George, as usual, delighted the people. On Monday evening there was a great crowd, all of whom were well pleased with the excellent supply of provisions.

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