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FORTY-FIFTH YEAR.

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Fruit Exhibits at the Northwest Fairs a Great Advertisement for Province.

Commissioner R.M. Palmer Tells of Conspicuous Success of Enterprise.

Unexampled Prosperity on Every Hand-Harvest This Year a Record One.

M. PALMER, commissioner in charge of the British Columbia fruit exhibits at the Northwest fairs, who has just returned to the city, was yesterday interviewed by a Colonist reporter on the subject of the success and importance of his mission. He said:

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He said:

"I cannot say very much more about the exhibits than has already appeared, except that the successes at Winnipeg and Brandon were repeated at Indian Head and Regina. The displays of apples and plums were much better at the last named places, being much better developed and better colored. It was almost necessary in discussing exhibits with visitors to emphasize the fact that all the fruit shown was this year's production. Visitors from the eastern and central states were perhaps even more

It was estimated that there were required 18,000 hands to take off the crop. It is expected that this labor will be available from Eastern Canada and other points. Men come in on low rates

still continues from all ports. Three thousand persons arrived in one day while I was there.

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"I cannot speak positively about the total attendance at the Winnipeg exhibition, but on citizens' day it exceeded that of any previous year. At Brandon the attendance was much greater than last year. More than 30,000 persons passed the gates on the principal day, and they were largely from the country. The railway service was excellent and

of the climatic conditions of the Pacific province.

"All the principal fruit growing districts of the province are represented, including the famous Okanagan valley settlements of Kelowus, Peachland, Summerland and ernon. Kamloops is well to the fore with fine exhibits of apples, pears and peaches. Victoria makes a splendid showing in cherries, tomatoes and apples; there are also apples, plums and blackberries from Hammond, Wharnock and Mt. Lehman in the Fraser valley.

"The exhibit is in charge of R. M. Palmer, secretary of the bureau of provincial information, assisted by Mr. W. J. Brandrith, and information is cheerfully given in regard to the fruit and fruit growing districts of the province.

"We are informed that the fruit inguistry is growing very fast, and large areas of orchards have been planted during the last two or three years. It is estimated that there will be fully twenty thousand acres planted by the spring of 1906. The principal market for the output will be found in Manitoba and the Northwest, particularly in soft fruits, such as peaches, plums and cherries, but shipments of apples have also been made to Australia and to the old country, with very gratifying results, and this trade is expected to develop extensively."

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Manila, Aug. 16.—The governorgeneral of Hongkong has invited Secretary of War Taft and the members
of his party to attend a banquet
there. The members of the party
have answered that they will stop
one day at Hongkong and one night
at Canton. Miss Alice Roosevelt is
undecided as to whether she will visit Pekin, and it is believed that she
is awaiting her father's answer to
the invitation extended to her to visit
that place.

The Chinese merchants are secretly supplying the Chinese in Merclaud

make a good steamer. Andrew Alexis is to be chief engineer of the vessel when she is in commission. Some of the builders are ex-pupils of the Kuper Island industrial school.

NEW USE FOR WIRELESS.

Chicago, Aug. 16.—The experiments made with wireless telegraphy on engines running over the tracks of the Chicago & Alton railroad have proved so successful that the management of the road has taken steps to equip all the engines of the company with the apparatus.

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ANCOUVER, Aug. 16.—The Fraser pack to date is 630,000 cases. This beats the Pro-

SIR LAIRD CLOWES IS DEAD.

London, Aug. 16.—Sir William Laird Clowes died today, aged 45. Sir Laird

Clowes was known best as a naval critic, historical and miscellaneous writer. He was a gold medallist of the United States naval institute.

Dies From Injuries.

Redwood, Cal., Aug. 16.—Walter Spullman, son of the late George Spullman, who was injured in the railway accident last Monday, died today at his home at Belmont. His skull was fractured.

The Port Angeles Railway. The Port Angeles Railway.

Seattle, Aug. 16.—Proceedings to foreclose its mortgage against the Port Angeles Pacific Railroad Company were
begun by the Knickerbocker Trust
Company in the federal court yesterday.

M. F. Backus, W. D. Hofius, George J.
Danz, Smith, Mastick & Co., and M. J.
Henehan, all of whom hold claims for
either money or material furnished, are
also made defendants in the suit.

Six Killed in Wrack.

Six Killed in Wreck. Santa Anna, Cal., Aug. 16.—Six persons were killed tonight in a wreck of a northbound Santa Fe train between Santa Anna and Riverside. The train ran into a freight.

REPORT OF FIGHTS.

companies of infantry and two squad-rons of cavalry attacked us eight miles northwest of Chantu. This attack was repulsed, the Russians retreating north-ward.

REGULATING THEATRES Managers Make Joint Protest Against Fire Prevention Rules.

Frankfort, Aug. 16.—A Tientsin despatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung says an attempt was made on the life of the Empress of China today as she was passing through the gate of the city to her summer palace. Her assailant was dressed as a servant and was bayoneted by the guards.

TWENTIETH CENTURY

New York, Aug. 16.—The manager of every theatre in Brooklyn except one appeared before the city health board today to protest against an order issued by the health commissioner. Mr. Darling, that theatres remain closed until certain precautions against fire had been taken. Orders were issued to that effect to their managers, instructing them to equip their houses with automatic lers over the commissioner.