

YEARLY EXHIBITIONS

FAVORED BY THE ST. JOHN EXHIBITION ASSOCIATION - PRESIDENT PITFIELD'S RESIGNATION IS REGRETTED.

The St. John Exhibition Association at its annual meeting Tuesday afternoon, passed resolutions regretting that Mr. W. C. Pitfield could not again act as president, and also favoring annual exhibitions.

The meeting was very largely attended when the number present at former meetings is considered. Mr. Ward C. Pitfield presided, and there were present Secretary C. A. Everett, Harriet Allan, William E. Raymond, E. B. Emmerson, Col. William Cunard, W. P. Dolé, representing the Historical Society; W. Frank Hatheway, W. M. Jarvis, Alex. Maclean, B. B. Fitchell, Col. Markham, S. D. Scott, A. N. Peters, G. B. Egan, T. L. Hay, W. F. Burditt, T. H. Hall, A. H. Harrington, E. A. Dykeman, Dr. D. E. Barryman, W. J. Parks, H. A. Drury, Dr. G. A. Hetherington, O. B. Robertson, James R. Ferguson, G. U. Hay, J. L. Thorne, F. E. Holman, Jas. A. Esey, A. L. Law, W. J. Fraser, Wm. Adams, J. M. Scovill and D. W. McKenzie.

The minutes of last annual meeting were read and approved. The chairman then read the report of the directors, which told of the changes in the act of incorporation for increase of capital stock and to give stock to those who contributed to the guarantee fund of 1897. Grants of \$5,000 from the provincial government, and \$1,500 from the city had been received. Lots of land had been purchased or leased and poultry building and land stand erected. The poultry building cost \$1,217.30 and the land stand \$1,226.70.

As to exhibits, the report says those who exhibit annually are making marked improvement in arrangement; and, continues the report: "The dominion and provincial governments, and the Natural History Society of this city are indebted for leading attractions. Stuffed fish were loaned from the Dominion Museum at Ottawa, and in charge of Mr. Sutherland, an officer of the museum, were shown to fine advantage."

Deer, birds and other specimens representing the forest life of New Brunswick, were loaned from the provincial museum, and beautifully arranged by Mr. Carnal and assistants. Birds, insects, ferns and thousands of specimens of the New Brunswick natural products were loaned or secured by the energetic officers and members of the Natural History Society, and personally arranged and protected by them. Live salmon, trout and other fish were artistically shown by Mr. D. G. Smith, the fishery commissioner for New Brunswick.

The attendance was in excess of that of 1897 by about 5,000. Thanks are expressed to Sir Chas. Tupper, to Premier Emmerson, to Gov. Powers, of Maine; to Lieut. Gov. Maclean, to the dominion and provincial governments, to the common council, to the Natural History Society, to Fishery Commissioner D. G. Smith, to the department of militia, to the citizens who, by their subscriptions, showed interest in the association's work.

The report refers to the favorable railway rates obtained to the exhibition and gives the following receipts and expenditures:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Exhibition receipts (\$15,885.10), Exhibition expenditures (\$2,301.88), and other financial details.

Leaving a balance for which no provision is made of \$4,412.22. The movable property owned by the association is estimated to have a present value of about \$1,500. The grounds purchased and the buildings erected since the spring of 1895, cost a little in excess of \$10,000. They are in excellent condition. The buildings are insured for \$5,000.

There are still \$150 due on 142 shares of the original stock, from 52 subscribers. Many of the subscribers are deceased, or have left the province. Several subscribers took in January, 1897, have failed to meet their obligations. Sixteen subscribers to the 1897 guarantee fund have not honored their subscriptions. The amount is \$292.50.

As to an exhibition this year the report quotes a resolution of the board of trade favorable to annual exhibitions, and also says the directors held similar views, and the public sentiment is for the same, but funds are necessary. Before taking action on the report President Pitfield asked the association to accept his thanks for electing him four times president. He said it was absolutely impossible for him to resign in office, but he would do all possible to assist the exhibition. He strongly urged that the exhibition be continued annually. He also tendered special thanks to Mr. C. A. Everett, the secretary of the association.

Mr. T. H. Hall moved the adoption of the report, and Mr. R. B. Emmerson seconded the motion. Mr. Emmerson referred to the decision of Mr. Pitfield to retire from the presidency. It was a matter to be regretted that he could not do the coming year. Personally Mr. Emmerson felt very sorry and felt the association would be a loser by Mr. Pitfield's withdrawal. At least he hoped Mr. Pitfield would serve on the Board during the year.

The motion passed. The report of Auditor Sharpe was received and adopted. Mr. Pitfield spoke of the funds for an exhibition this year. He spoke of early application to the provincial government for a grant being advisable, and also said the dominion government should be interviewed and it was possible \$400 or \$500 would be had from them because of the work done on the grounds last year. He said about \$1,200 was needed to start work for the fair this year.

Mr. W. M. Jarvis moved "that in the opinion of the meeting it is desirable that the holding of annual exhibitions be continued and that it be referred to the directors now to be elected to make the necessary provisions for securing additional subscriptions to the capital stock of the association." He said he thought the general feeling was strong for the continuance of annual exhibitions. But financial matters were to be considered. He gave a short sketch of the difficulties the association had contended with. He expressed the Association's indebtedness to Mr. Pitfield for his attention, energy and ability in conducting the exhibitions. (Applause.)

Mr. Jarvis had been great pressure-how great none knew but those who had been through it-in the conduct of the exhibitions. Mr. Everett, too, could not have got through but for his wonderful power of systematizing things.

Mr. Jarvis referred to the money question. St. John was quite as well, if not better, able to raise the money now than two years ago when the guarantee fund was taken. There were many names on the stockholders' list which he thought should be there. It was necessary to raise about \$1,500 which meant the disposal of about 500 shares. He moved the resolution above.

Mr. H. A. Drury seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Mr. E. B. Emmerson, seconded by Mr. W. E. Raymond, moved a hearty vote of thanks to the local government and city government for their grants towards the exhibition. This was carried.

Mr. Everett spoke of the representation at the meeting, of several associations-the St. John Fishery Society, Breeders' Association, Agricultural Society, board of trade, etc. He was glad to see them, because so few had been at the meeting in former years.

Mr. W. M. Jarvis moved "that the heartfelt thanks of the association be given to Ward C. Pitfield, who commanded the services as president in the past few years, and the members of the association desire to express their deep sense of the second judgment, fact and ability exercised by Mr. Pitfield in fulfilling the duties of his office, their regard for Mr. Pitfield personally, and their regret that he should feel unable to continue longer in the position of president."

The motion was seconded by Mr. W. J. Parks, and was carried by a standing vote. Mr. Jarvis then tendered the resolution's sentiments to Mr. Pitfield.

Mr. Pitfield replied feeling, expressing his hearty thanks for the kind feelings of the association. The election of directors was then proceeded with. Messrs F. A. Dykeman, F. E. Holman, W. F. Burditt and James A. Esey being appointed scrutineers.

The following were elected directors: Messrs W. C. Pitfield, W. H. Thorne, Alex. Maclean, James Esey, Wm. Adams, J. M. Scovill, J. H. McAvity, W. M. Jarvis, C. A. Everett, R. B. Emmerson, S. B. Hall, Geo. Robertson, W. F. Burditt, F. A. Dykeman, E. L. Thorne, H. A. Drury, Dr. G. A. Hetherington, J. M. Johnson, W. F. Hatheway, T. B. Simms and A. O. Skinner. The directors will meet at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon to elect officers.

URGE THEIR RIGHTS.

NEWFOUNDLANDERS LOOK TO BRITAIN TO ENFORCE THE FISHERY TREATIES.

St. John's, N. F., Jan. 10-I have interviewed several government officials and other public men on the subject of the French rights along the treaty shore of the island. The Hon. A. B. Morine, agent for Newfoundland during the visit of the Royal commissioners, Sir John Brantome and Sir James Erskine, says-

"The treaties do not justify the French carrying on lobster-picking operations on the coast of Newfoundland. The question of sovereignty of the soil is involved. The treaties are not made for the purpose of catching fish and drying them on the land, as in 1713. The treaty of that year said the French should not erect any building besides stages made of boards and the huts necessary for the usual drying of fish. The declaration of the Treaty of Versailles, in 1763, says the French should build only their sea-forts, by which was meant fish flakes for drying purposes."

Lobsters were not fished in 1713 or 1763. The fishing industry requires permanent buildings and factories on the shore. Lobsters are not dried, but they are packed in an industry attached to the soil, not to the fishery shore. If there is an article of value in such treaties they should be rigidly enforced. Their fishing stations on the treaty coast do not exceed seven, and none are profitable apart from the lobster trade.

"The banks fishery is carried on from St. Pierre, and requires bait chiefly obtainable from the treaty coast. The French assert an exclusive right to take bait there, not for its actual value, but to enforce bait concessions elsewhere."

"Newfoundland denies the French right to take bait from a treaty shore for a bank fishery. If this contention be sustained by the British government the treaty shore would be valueless to the French. If the French can arrange with the colony for bait for the bank fishery Mr. Morine thinks they would probably abandon the treaty shore. This cannot be done without an arrangement regarding the French bait bounty."

"On the bait and bounties the whole question hangs. The colony would be satisfied if the British government enforced the treaties as Newfoundland contends they should be construed."

The Hon. A. W. Harvey, a prominent business man and also one of the delegates to the Anglo-French question, says-

"If any negotiations be entered into for the relinquishment of the French privileges compensation should be based on the value of the privileges to the French, not to the prospective value of an untested treaty coast to British subjects."

Heavy Day in Stocks.

New York, Jan. 10-For the first time in the history of the stock exchange there was trading in over a million shares on each of the two successive days, today being the fifth million shares day in 15 years. Practically all the railways, except Atchafalpa, preferred show gains.

JEAN LAFITTE, THE PIRATE.

HIS SHARE OF THE GLORY OF THE BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS.

On Jan. 8, 1815, occurred the battle of New Orleans, which, under Gen. (afterward President) Andrew Jackson, resulted in the success of the United States; but was Gen. Jackson alone to be credited with the victory? His right hand man was Jean Lafitte, sometimes called the "Pirate of the Gulf." It is hard at this late day to take from the laurels of the "Prince of Demosclerosis" anything that was supposed to belong to him, but it is to be remembered that he had not called into his service that pirate Lafitte, it might have deprived "Old Hickory" of the honor of retaining Louisiana for "Uncle Sam."

Let us see how this was brought about. Lafitte, a Frenchman by birth, but an American by adoption, who commanded the navy of the adopted country, to gain the offer of a splendid position in the British navy, a large sum in gold, and other emoluments; if he would pilot the British man-of-war to a place convenient to attack and take possession of New Orleans.

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FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

LARGELY ATTENDED MEETING AT CAMPBELLTON LAST EVENING.

CAMPBELLTON, Jan. 10-The Farmers' Institute meeting here this evening, well attended in spite of the intense cold and high wind. Dr. Murray, mayor of the town, and the citizens of Hon. C. H. LaBilios and his staff. Hon. C. H. LaBilios was the first speaker and outlined the position of his department towards agriculture. He was gratified with the result of his dairy and wheat growing policy and looked for still better results. He was pleased and gratified with the consequent increase of acreage of wheat the past year, today in the county of Restigouche there was only one barrel of flour sold to farmers where last year ten were sold.

This meant that much money was kept in the pockets of the farmers. He urged the people of Campbellton to secure the building of an up to date grist mill in their town. He gave good advice to the agricultural community and closed an eloquent address with a reference to Canada's winter port of St. John, complimenting the enterprise of the St. John Farmers' Association in the benefit of this winter port business by producing such things as could be exported to the South market.

W. S. Blair, horticulturalist of the Maritime Experimental Farm, spoke upon fruit and vegetable growing. There was some discussion upon the subject and the meeting closed with three cheers for the speaker, and the rendering of the national anthem.

HEAVY GALE. And Severe Cold Snap Holds Up Vessels. CHATHAM, Mass., Jan. 10-A heavy northwest gale, accompanied by a severe cold wave, made today one of the hardest of the winter of Cape Cod. The cold snap came on so suddenly last night that a number of vessels were caught outside, and a few ran in under Chatham Beach for shelter. Those who were outside and felt the full effects of the gale, led up rapidly, so that the day must have been one of great suffering for the seamen.

A number of vessels came down the Cape, including three or four tug boats with low, but scarcely any vessels went up round Highland light. The ice formed rapidly in the harbor this afternoon as the sun went down, and at dark tonight the mercury registered only 12 above zero, which is exceptionally low temperature for Cape Cod. The gale at sunset tonight showed no signs of abating and tonight will doubtless be one of the severest of the winter.

Mr. A. L. Calhoun Accidentally Killed. Mr. A. L. Calhoun, of Wolfville, N.S., was instantly killed there at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday morning by falling from a grain elevator to the wharf, a distance of about 20 feet, striking on his head. Mr. Calhoun bought the Skoda discovery building at Wolfville some time ago, and removed it to Water street where he converted it into a corn mill which he has since been operating. His supply corn had run short, and he went down to the elevator yesterday morning to arrange for the discharging of a schooner load which had just arrived.

While there he met with the accident which caused death, a grain bucket struck him, knocking him off the elevator. Deceased was about 35 years of age and leaves a wife and two small children. His daughter, a daughter of Mr. V. Ellis, M. P. of this city. Mr. Calhoun was much respected in St. John, where he belonged previous to his taking up business in Wolfville, and his many friends will warmly sympathize with his bereaved family in his sudden death.

PHILLIPS FAMILY TREW THINGS DURING PRE-QUENT ROUS. Boston, Jan. 10-Saturday's session in the Divorce court was one of the most interesting of the week. There were several uncontested cases and two contested cases. Of the contested cases, one was remarkable for the gross, blunt details of matrimonial unhappiness which it developed. It was the case of William Phillips, a carpenter, against Catherine B. Phillips, whom he met and married in Halifax, N. S., in 1852. The libel alleged habitual acts of cruelty on the part of the woman. Petitioner told a story of ill-usage which he said had its origin in an insane jealousy, allied to uncontrollable anger. "I've always been a hard-working man," he said, "and I've never given my wife a reason for being angry. Some days my work would keep me out a little later than usual. When I got home there would be a scene. She would accuse me of having been out with women. She would abuse me, and swear and curse and threaten to kill me. She would throw things at me-anything that came handy. She had beaten me with flat-irons and stove lifters and poker, and she would come at me with forks and knives. She had even threatened to poison me and showed me the poison she had in the house."

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Then bending his head Phillips fumbled with his hair a moment or two, and showed the court a scary souvenir of the night he had his head open with a poker, and had to get a doctor to stitch up the wound. Mr. Phillips not only denied it all, but claimed that her husband had abused and ill-treated her. Judge Brayley said: "The burden of proof is upon the husband. I cannot on the evidence find for the libellant, and I therefore dismiss the case."

THE BELATED AMERICAN (LINE IS SAFE). New York, Jan. 10-The belated American line steamer St. Paul, Captain Jamieson, which sailed from Southampton on Jan. 1, arrived at quarantine at 3:30 this morning, after an eventful passage. The steamer was blown off by a heavy W N W gale, shifting to W N W. At noon of this date, the ship's position being lat. 50.17, lon. 22.02. Chief Engineer Hunter, who was making his usual inspection of the ship's engines, discovered a flaw or crack in the main engine. Farrar spoke upon the subject of the accident to the steamer, and a somewhat protracted voyage in consequence, took the matter up for their vigilance and good seamanship in bringing the steamer to port after a perilous and stormy voyage.

The St. Paul, after a brief inspection by the health officers at quarantine, proceeded to her dock about 7 p. m. She brought 81 saloon, 52 second cabin and 67 steerage passengers, a total of 190 passengers. The steamship officers and crew number 332 all told.

BOLD RAID ON BANK. Four Daring Robbers at Phoenix, Rhode Island. PHOENIX, R. I., Jan. 7-A bold attempt was made to rob the Phoenix National Bank in this village, early yesterday morning. The bank is located in a brick building on Main street, nearly opposite the Phoenix house, and so located as to make the operation a particularly daring one. When the midnight train arrived on the New England road from Providence, 13 miles away, four men were seen to leave it. They were strangers. Forty minutes later W. G. Briggs, of the Briggs house, heard an explosion, which sounded as if somebody was blasting rocks. Ten minutes later a second and then a third explosion followed. Mr. Briggs summoned assistance, and in a very short time a squad of townsmen, consisting of men who resided in the vicinity and mill hands, hastened to the bank, in which Mr. Briggs was at the time. The explosion occurred. After a little difficulty the bank office was entered. Most of the cashiers were found in a state of disorder, and there was a strong odor of smoke from some explosive noticeable. Soon after the villagers had gathered

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the robbers were seen standing opposite the bank building. The robbers immediately began firing revolvers, which deterred the villagers from attempting to capture them. The men then leisurely walked toward the railroad station, where a carriage was waiting for them, and they were driven rapidly toward Providence.

On the examination of the bank, it was discovered that the door of the outer vault had been blown off by the first two explosions, and that the third charge had wrecked the door of the inner vault. The cashier, George E. Sheldon, had twice this week sent large sums to Providence, in accordance with his plan not to keep a very large amount of funds on hand, so that had the burglars been successful, they would not have secured more than \$15,000 in cash. There were no bonds or private deposits of any character in the bank. The building is also occupied by the Phoenix Savings Bank, which liquidated about a year ago. The office of the National Bank was entered by means of a rear window, and it is evident the burglars lost no time in beginning work on the vaults.

The explosions wrecked most of the windows in the bank and did some other damage which, it is estimated, will not exceed \$100. Sheriff Amasa Sprague of Kent county, was notified of the affair early this morning, and all the constables in the state have been furnished with the best description of the robbers obtainable. An expert came down from Providence at 9 o'clock, and after some trouble the jammed door of the inner vault was opened. The contents of that vault were all right, from the fact that the cracksmen did not know that the inside vault was a burglar-proof steel chest protected by a time lock which they could not get into.

The men who did the job were professional cracksmen, and of a most audacious and nifty type, and it is possible they have been connected with the breaking of the National Bank at Wrentham last fall. There was absolutely nothing left behind by the men which might be identified. They did not leave a tool, and didn't "borrow" any from local shops.

MARRIED A LAUNDRY GIRL. Young Fiske of Yale, Heir to Millions, Secures Paternal Blessing. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 7-When Mary Lynch's pretty daughter sat in the doorway of the maternal laundry and listened with blushes to the stammering compliments of Louis Agassiz Fiske, a law student at Yale, there was laid the foundation of a romance differing from the Boreas story only in the more speedy subsidence of paternal wrath. Eugene D. Fiske of Chicago, was dreadfully angry, to be sure, when his son proclaimed that he was about to marry the daughter of a widow who earned her bread by taking in washing. He stormed and threatened violently enough to live up to the traditions of the "heavy father," as they designate such a part on the stage. But Fiske's wealth had not made his heart callous to the spectacle of disinterested love, nor blinded him to the charms of a slender waltz and pointing lips, even if unaccompanied by a dowry. It was a graceful capitulation. The old gentleman did not do things by halves. He actually went to the wedding. It was a quiet little affair. Nellie Winn, who worked in the same store with Nellie Lynch, was bridesmaid. Alfred B. Wood, of Hartford, a classmate of Young Fiske, was best man. The Rev. Father Coyne performed the ceremony.

Nor was the attendance the limit of the rich man's graciousness. He saw to it that the young couple were provided with the steins of war for a three month tour in the south. "And when you come back," said this fabulously rich papa, "you must come and stay with us for awhile before you start for Europe. The Neva will be at your disposal, my dear, for the whole summer."

The Neva is Eugene Fiske's steam yacht, and he looks upon it as the apple of his eye. There is not a finer one afloat on the Sound. It is a floating palace. The Chicago man has a summer home at Lester Island, fifteen miles east of New Haven. SEEN BETTER DAYS. Mysterious Tramp Dies in the Whitman Lockup. BOSTON, Jan. 7-A man, who had given his name as Robert Harrison, lies dead at the police station in Whitman, and the police of that town are very desirous of learning something as to the man's antecedents. The stranger applied for and secured lodgings at the lockup last Saturday evening. Sunday morning he was found to be very ill, and Chief of Police Smith procured medical attendance for him. The man was about 50 years of age. He was well educated and his manner was such that led Chief Smith and others to believe that he had been a better day. Papers and letters were found in the pockets of the man which tended to show that he was well connected, and that he had been the victim of unfortunate circumstances. The remains will be placed in the receiving tomb in Colebrook cemetery. WAS CLEARED FOR ACTION. Revenue Cutter Richard Rush Had an Exciting Experience With a Canadian Sealer. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 7-The revenue cutter Richard Rush had an exciting experience. The Canadian sealer Enterprise attempted to leave the harbor in defiance of the law, and, with a customs officer on board, the Rush cleared for action and started in pursuit, overtaking the Enterprise outside the Heads. The Enterprise is liable to seizure and forfeiture for being in American waters with out having made a proper entry. She put in here in distress some time ago and sailed, but later returned to port.