

EXHIBITION ASSOCIATION.

A Resolution Endorsing Annual Shows Unanimously Adopted.

Report of the Operations of the Society for the Past Year Submitted.

Warmest Thanks of the Association Extended to W. C. Pitfield for His Services During the Past Four Years— Election of Directors.

The annual meeting of the Exhibition Association was held Tuesday afternoon at the association rooms, Canterbury street, the president, W. C. Pitfield, in the chair. Among the members present were: Geo. Egan, A. H. Peters, T. L. Hays, S. L. Evers, R. L. Thorne, F. S. Hoffman, W. B. Burdett, F. A. Dykeman, Lt. Colonel Markham, Wm. Raymond, G. U. Hays, J. F. Estay, S. D. Scott, A. L. Law, D. W. McKenzia, Harris Allen, R. B. Emerson, W. M. Jarvis, Col. Cunard, A. H. Hanington, W. E. Dole, R. R. Patchell, A. Macaulay, Dr. Hetherington, W. J. Parks, H. A. Drury, J. Ferguson, T. H. Hall, W. F. Hatheway and C. A. Everett.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

Acting under your instructions, a bill was prepared, amending our act of incorporation, and presented to the legislature at its last sitting. With slight alterations the bill was passed, and is now in force. Authorized by the amended act, 528 shares of the new capital stock were awarded to seventy paid up guarantors of the year 1897. A portion of the capital stock, which has been increased from five thousand to twenty thousand dollars, has been taken up by new subscribers.

The accompanying statements show that the Exhibition receipts were \$15,322.10 and the expenditure \$17,819.48. The movable property owned by the association is estimated to have a present value of about \$300,000. Grounds purchased and the buildings erected by the association since the spring of 1896 cost a little in excess of \$13,500. They are in excellent condition. The buildings are insured for \$8,250.

Although the secretary has made several demands upon delinquents there are still \$190 due on 142 shares of the original stock from 52 subscribers. Many of the subscribers are deceased, or have left the province. Several of the subscribers to stock in January, 1897, have failed to meet their obligations. Sixteen subscribers to the 1897 guarantee fund have not honored their subscriptions. The amount of their obligations is \$292.50. During the year subscriptions were received for 124 shares of stock. Payments to the extent of \$220 were received and credited to the 1897 accounts. The greater portion of these subscriptions were recently made.

At a meeting of the St. John Board of Trade held in November last the following resolution was adopted: "Whereas, the exhibition held in St. John in September last was very successful, as shown by the gate receipts, quality of exhibits, and general results; and whereas, an influx of such a large number of persons from the surrounding districts and neighboring provinces was a great benefit to our merchants, hotel keepers and citizens generally, and tends to make our advantages as a trading centre and place of tourist resort more widely known; therefore resolved, That the board express its appreciation of the efforts of the Exhibition Association and urge upon it the advisability of holding the exhibition annually."

The desire thus expressed for continued annual exhibitions is in accord with the views of your board of directors, as well as the growing public sentiment of the city and province. From year to year we have erected buildings and otherwise equipped ourselves, and are now in a position to carry on our work more easily than in the past. Funds, however, are necessary. We should have immediate subscriptions and payments for at least two hundred shares of capital stock. A provincial grant of five thousand dollars and a city grant of three thousand dollars would make our position secure. If, in addition, we could have the active assistance of our members and of others in this community, we could continue our exhibitions with certainty of success.

We herewith present the accounts of the manager and secretary, the superintendent of gates and tickets, and the treasurer, with the report of the auditor. We also present a list of the paid-up stockholders and members of the association entitled to take part at this meeting. Respectfully submitted, CHAS. A. EVERETT, President.

After the presentation of the report, Mr. Pitfield announced his intention of retiring from the presidency, and expressed his gratitude to his associates for the confidence they had reposed in him in the past. He spoke of the cordial relations which had existed be-

tween him and his fellow directors, and between himself and his secretary and manager, Mr. Everett.

T. H. Hall moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by R. B. Emerson. Both expressed regret that Mr. Pitfield had determined to retire. Mr. Emerson said that he never saw any man work harder than Mr. Pitfield had done in his capacity as president. His retirement would be a great loss to the association. He hoped that some influence would be brought to bear to make Mr. Pitfield see how warmly his efforts were appreciated, and if possible, to induce him to reconsider his determination.

The report was adopted. The auditors' report was received and read, after which there was some discussion about the means of raising the necessary funds to continue the exhibition, and how it was to be carried on. Mr. Everett briefly stated the financial position, and the president observed that \$1,000 or \$1,200 would be enough to meet the current liabilities and to prepare for the work of another year.

W. M. Jarvis moved that in the fall of 1898 the annual exhibition should be continued, and that it be referred to the directors to make the necessary provisions for securing additional subscribers to the capital stock. He said that there was a strong feeling in favor of continuing the exhibition, and he was of the opinion that ninety-nine people out of one hundred would be opposed to having it stopped. He pointed out that in the first year of the association's history, cattle sheds at Moospath park were erected at a cost of about \$4,000. This investment was no longer payable, and he was of the opinion that he had taken the whole of the first government grant. All the public grants given by the government and the city had been guarded with great care, as they ought to be, and the bodies who gave them saw to it that the money was not misapplied.

The Canadian Pacific railway carried exhibits on the same terms as in the two previous years—practically free. Large exhibits were received from along the line of that railway, and the influx of many visitors followed from the same direction. Efforts were made to secure similar terms from the Intercolonial railway, but without success. The Intercolonial railway and other lines of travel brought exhibition freight on payment of one fare, returning them free. Favorable terms were given on all lines of travel. Special low rates were given by the C. P. R. and the I. C. R. The cost of travel and time limit from Prince Edward Island were all that could be sought for. The time limit on the lowest prices offered by the I. C. R. was insufficient to enable many persons along their line to visit the exhibition.

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MILITARY COLUMN.

(Canadian Military Gazette.) THE HEADQUARTERS STAFF.

Year abolished the office of deputy assistant adjutant general. A month later an assistant adjutant general was appointed. Major General Gascoigne vacated the command of the militia on June 30, after some two years and nine months' service. The utter worthlessness of this officer's administration may be judged from the fact that he was removed from the command for the same reason in which he says: "The permanent force has given entire satisfaction during the year." If he had remained in command for any further length of time he would have wrecked the militia, which, under him, was becoming more and more inefficient every day. Breaches of discipline on the part of certain officers were aggravated by greater breaches of discipline on the part of Major General Gascoigne. Happily for the militia, the imperial authorities called upon the late chief officer's report of 1897, rather suddenly terminated his command. Canada has had a number of general officers, but we have never had one so weak, vacillating, and unsatisfactory as Major General Gascoigne. He was succeeded by Major General Hutton, who had been in command of the local forces for many years, and who had had considerable staff experience, as well as being a staff college man. Major General Hutton, shortly after his arrival, made a tour of the provinces east of Manitoba, and personally met the D. G. Hays, and other officers, and was manding and other officers. He had church parades at the chief cities, and saw with his own eyes the troops he was placed in command over. He inspected the permanent schools, which were the first real inspections made since Major General Gascoigne's time, and ordered many changes. He had all the officers commanding districts east of Winnipeg meet him at Ottawa and discuss plans with him for improving the militia and increasing its efficiency. He has taken the first step in reorganizing the staff at headquarters in modern lines. In fact, it may be said that he is now thoroughly conversant with the militia, its wants and requirements, and is in a position to make intelligent recommendations.

"THE BROAD ARROW" ON THE MILITIA. The following article recently appeared in the Broad Arrow, a leading service paper published in England. "The state of the Canadian militia generally seems to be most unsatisfactory. While the general orders lay down that 'ceremonial movements do not constitute an inspection, nor are they even a necessary part of it,' it appears that the practice hitherto has been to carry out inspections in the most unsatisfactory manner. The good old motto, 'the best in the world; whilst a six-months' German or Austrian conscript, or any twelve-months' Tommy, knows more about the attack, fire-discipline, outpost duty and fire control, than the whole dominion force. Officers are sent out as generals from horse, but in a force where discipline is loose and all imagine themselves to be so perfect as to render criticism an insult, a good, honest general has to contend with difficulties of an alarming nature. Let us take the Dominion Cavalry as an example. It is in a fool's paradise, and that however smart and well set-up, black polished or pipe-clayed they may look, they can be, so long as they are ignorant of outpost duty and fire discipline and control, no more than a hollow show. Things march upon in military matters, and it will not do to practice the mere mechanical perfection of the parade-ground only, though this is most excellent and necessary as a means to a greater end. Moreover, the Canadian Cavalry is a perfect example of a good general far better than mere soft sawder and universal praise. Our own volunteers have passed through the mill which is now grinding for Canada. So long as they were always patrolled on the back they remained an undisciplined, untrained, and untried force. When they submitted to the crucial tests applied to the regulars they vastly improved, and are now a most valuable body of partly trained infantry."

The cable despatches of this article to the Canadian press were very strong in their commendation. Broad Arrow had asserted that the inspection carried out by Major General Hutton was a mere show. Broad Arrow said nothing of the kind. A perusal of the article that appeared in Broad Arrow will show that his statements are substantially true, and that the inspections referred to were Major General Gascoigne's inspections.

CAVALRY—1898-99. Officers' Questions—Value, 4 Each.

- 1. When the regiment is in line of squadron columns (right in front), which is the squadron of direction?
2. What means should be adopted to enable a soldier to march in a perfectly straight line and to show a leader to be particular to do when leading his troop?
3. What are the following rate of paces, viz.: Walk, trot, gallop, and charge?
4. We will suppose that you have one squadron to form an advance guard, how will you 'set it off'? And what difference is there between an advance and rear guard?
5. When could you employ cavalry best in dismounted service, and what should be done with the led horses in dismounted service?
6. State the advantages and disadvantages of the single rank formation, as adopted by the militia cavalry of Canada, over the double rank system of European armies?

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GERMANY

Has No Need for American Beef and Pork.

BERLIN, Jan. 10.—The Reichstag reassembled today. Count Von Posadowsky-Wenzner, the secretary of the interior and representative of the chancery, answering an interpellation, asserted that the alleged scarcity of meat in Germany was unfounded. He added that the price of beef was about the same as usual, though the cost of piglets and pork has risen in some places to a notable extent. Nevertheless the secretary pointed out the supplies of most kept pigs with the increasing demand and had so increased that importation was unnecessary. The supply of cattle was adequate and therefore prohibitive measures against importation must be maintained in order to prevent the introduction of disease.

HARDWOOD BOX INDUSTRY. It is Being Developed in New Brunswick and in Ontario. (Toronto Globe.) As the pine tree was "planned" no industry turned up of great magnitude to create a value for the standing hard woods remaining on the stump. The pine was the only wood-looking crop of hard woods introduced by the lumberman's axe, and despised of much of its commercial value by King Coal. It also too often fell a prey to the destructive bush fire. A new industry is now being opened up to bring it into prominence and value. It has been found that especially beech, birch and maple, cut into thin veneers and cemented together, three-ply, the thickness of the whole about five-eighths of an inch, make very superior packing cases of light merchandise. To show that this is a very large field, it is stated that about 40 per cent. of the pine now cut finds its way into packing cases. This veneer box is a waterproof for all practical purposes. It is less bulky, more durable and much lighter than the one-inch pine packing case now in use. By this reduction of weight the saving in freight and express charges over long distances is claimed to render the shipping per his packing case free of cost, which is a consideration in the expense account not to be overlooked. A veneer factory solely for this purpose, worked by an English company, under the management of I. E. Hays, who is a pioneer in the industry, has already made its appearance in Toronto. Another mill, by a different English company, is being built in the eastern section of New Brunswick, where hard woods abound close to the seaboard, from whence they can be economically made by water the year round. Here the veneer is cut together and distributed. G. D. Prescott of New Brunswick owns the standing woods, and the English contractor was made for it by G. W. Terker of Toronto.

NEWTON. Death of the Relict of the Late John King. NEWTOWN, Kings Co., Jan. 4.—We regret to announce the death of Mrs. King, widow of the late John King of Smith's Creek, Kings Co. Mrs. King was the eldest daughter of the late John Hayes of Norton, and was 79 years of age at the time of her death. She leaves six children, viz.: Mrs. Andrew Pease of Newtown, Mrs. John Sheehan of Buxton, John and William King of Smith's Creek, Edwin King of St. Paul, N. S. B., and Elmer King of Loggieville, Northumberland Co. Mrs. King resided in her own home in Norton for over sixty years, and during this time lived a consistent Christian life. Those who knew her testify to her goodness and benevolence in all the various relationships of life. The funeral service was held at the residence of her son, John King, on Saturday, December 31st. A large gathering of relatives and friends were present. The Rev. J. S. Sutherland (Presbyterian) conducted the service, and was assisted in the exercises by the Rev. Charles W. Hamilton (Methodist), A. H. Hilly (Baptist Episcopal), and Arthur B. Bruce (Methodist).

UNDER THE AMERICAN FLAG. HAVANA, Jan. 10.—A boy twelve years of age was found dead of starvation on Delmonte street this morning. A soldier found the body on the stones with some candles at its head, placed there by strangers' hands.

A SUCCESSFUL NURSE. The friends of Margaret E. Daniels, formerly of Nauyasauk, Kings Co., N. B., may be interested to know that she has finished her training in the Somerville Hospital Training School for Nurses, taking honors in nearly all branches. Besides her special training in Somerville, Miss Daniels was engaged in nursing the insane at Dr. Stedman's private home for the insane, in Brookline, for eighteen months, from which place she holds a certificate to take certain cases. She will engage in private nursing in Somerville and vicinity until next fall, when she will enter on a post graduate course in the New Jersey College for Nurses, at Camden.

INFORMATION FOR POSTERITY. At the foundation stone laying of the new children's hospital at Norwich, the other day, there was placed a prepared cavity in the stone, beside the usual copy of the newspaper of the day, a brass plate with the date and this inscription engraved upon it: "Norwich population 113,000. Fastest train to London, 2hr. 37min. Electric tramways commenced. Price of large sheep sixty-three shillings. Bricklayers' wages 71-2d. per hour." A very nice little find for the antiquarian society of the thirtieth century when it starts rummaging among the ruins of English civilization.—Newcastle Chronicle.

RESIGNATION OF DR. CAREY. The Baptist ministers met Monday morning after the vacation. The ministers reported the Sunday services in the different churches well attended and the interest good. The conference elected Rev. J. A. Gordon president and Rev. M. C. Higgins secretary. The new president presented a philological study of the original terms preach, teach and evangelize, which was followed by a full discussion. Rev. Dr. Carey announced that he has tendered his resignation of the Brussels street church, to take effect April 1. The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Mr. Keller.

ONTARIO LUMBERMEN OBJECT. (Special to the Sun.) TORONTO, Jan. 11.—Ontario lumbermen object to any compromise being made with United States lumbermen, and want the Ontario log cut export duty maintained. They are satisfied to have the United States duty on sawn lumber remain as it is.

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CUPID'S HARVEST.

A High Society Wedding at St. Luke's Cathedral, Halifax. Marriage of Miss Wickwire and Captain Elliot of the Royal Artillery.

HALIFAX, Jan. 10.—A society wedding equal in importance to the Oliver-Crooke nuptials of last week was that of Miss Blanche Wickwire, daughter of Dr. W. N. Wickwire of this city, and Captain H. M. Elliot of the Royal Artillery. The ceremony took place at St. Luke's Cathedral, and long before the hour the building was crowded. Mrs. Wickwire entered the church on the arm of Mr. Huddleston, her brother-in-law, accompanied by Mrs. Huddleston and Miss Keith in beautiful costumes. The bride followed on her father's arm. Simultaneously the groom with his best man entered. The bride wore a magnificent court gown of white satin, a mass of silver jewelry and Brussels lace. Her train was enormous and her veil graceful and becoming. Her ornaments, besides the wreath of orange blossoms and garlands of the same flowers, consisted of diamonds and costly gifts of father, mother and groom. The pearls were most beautiful, one being a special antique design of a shell of pearls, presented by the groom's mother, also a very lovely star of the gift of Mr. Turner, Bank of Montreal. The bridesmaids wore white satin costumes, being the bride's gift to them, and large royal blue hats trimmed with ostrich plumes and three lovely knots of blue chiffon. They carried muffs of blue, trimmed with white feathers, and wore opal and gold girdles and costly jewelry. The bride was attended by two pages, Masters V. and H. McWatters, sons of Colonel McWatters. Their costumes consisted of white satin and velvet trimmings of blue. The groom was attended by A. M. Cayley, R. C. Jones, J. H. Jones, R. P. Jones and O'Devaine, R. A., as groomsmen. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. P. Crawford, rector of St. Luke's, assisted by Rev. W. H. Bullock, chaplain of the forces. The wedding presents were very numerous and costly. Captain and Mrs. Elliot left for New York, en route to England. They had a special car.

DIED ON CHRISTMAS DAY. William Henry Bigelow of Spencer's Island, Parsonage, died on Christmas day. He was a native of Cornwallis, and more than thirty years ago engaged in ship building and mercantile business at Spencer's Island. He was afterwards in partnership with Mr. Payzant of Canning. The firm built for themselves and others a number of fine vessels. After the dissolution of the firm the ship-building business was carried on by the Spencer's Island company with which Mr. Bigelow was connected. For thirty years he was postmaster of the island. He was married twice. His first wife was a daughter of the late Joseph Dugis of Advocate, who had one daughter, Mrs. David Loomer of this city. His second wife was a daughter of the late John Buchanan, also of Advocate, who survives him. She is a sister of Mrs. Knowlton, whose husband was recently lost in the Vamoose.

THE ANGEL OF THE COWGATE. There died in Edinburgh, a few years ago, a cheerful, happy-looking old woman, who sold sweets to the children of the Cowgate, that wretched spot of the Scottish capital. Her whole stock was worth about a couple of shillings, and she once told me that she had never felt in the hollow of their hands a half-penny of even a farthing, and who, on beholding the old woman's basket full of sherry white, pink and rose candies, would throw a glance of envy and pain and and dejected, or stop a few seconds, with their fingers in their mouths. Seldom was a child who writhed and cried, allowed to pass that basket without receiving one for love. One day, coming out of school, the children looked for the old woman in vain. She was dead. At her funeral, hundreds of barefooted little boys and girls in rags followed their departed friend down the Cowgate. When that old woman arrived at the gates of heaven, there were angels to meet her and take her to the throne of the Almighty than there would be for the arrival of all the dukes in Christendom. If there are social sins in heaven, I guess that old woman is a leader of fashion among the four-hundred-cherries-or-my-idea-of-heaven-is-altogether-wrong-From Studies in Character by Max Tall, in North American Review for January.

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CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

Walter Hedler of Caldwell has filed a petition for divorce against his wife, who is a snake-charmer, who has travelled with Barnum and Bailey, under the name of Evelyn Stansfield. Mr. Hedler desires that his marriage be dissolved, on the ground that his wife has constantly had her home filled with venomous reptiles, much to his discomfort. One night he was aroused by a pain in the leg. One of the snakes had bitten him near the thigh. Next day his leg was greatly swollen. He is under the care of Dr. Victor Riley.—New York World.

GERMANY AND ENGLAND.

BERLIN, Jan. 11.—The National Zeitung, referring to the French comments on Emperor William's visit to the British border here, the Marquis De Noailles, says: "The Anglo-German agreement in regard to South Africa, all view for an Anglo-German conflict in that part of the world is removed. Therefore, there can be no questioning of Germany in any way siding with France against Great Britain."



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