

An Immense Success

Many Thousands of Visitors at the Western Fair To-Day.

Patrons of Industry and the Germania Societies Have Their Day.

A Splendid Procession to the Queen's Park.

Further References to the Notable Exhibits.

The Curiousities and Contents in the Recreation Ring.

Third Day—Monday.

Immediately on the arrival of the societies' procession at the park yesterday the special attractions in the horse ring began. Everything was favorable, the track being in faultless condition, the weather perfect, the crowd large and the sport excellent. The open grand stands were jammed full and the covered ones were partially occupied. Besides this big crowd viewed the sport from behind the fence. About 5,000 persons passed through the turnstiles. Everybody enjoyed the attractions, and the day passed off merrily.

Two-year-old trotters.

In the race for two-year-old trotters there were three starters, Sweet Violet, Lulu G., and Ruler Wilks. In the first heat Sweet Violet took the lead from the first, but broke during the first quarter. She, however, held her place and finished first with the other some distance behind. Ruler Wilks was second and Lulu G. third. The second heat was uninteresting, the horses finishing in the same order, with Sweet Violet an easy winner. For a two-year-old she is an admirable trotter. The mare took the third heat as easily as the other two. The other horses broke several times during the heat, but finished close together. First money was won by Sweet Violet, second to Ruler Wilks and third to Lulu G. Summary:

Two-year-old trotters: half-mile heats, best 3 in 5, purse \$200.
Sweet Violet, h. f., Cameron & Mather, 1 1 1
Ruler Wilks, h. f., Uriah Price, Glen 2 2 2
Lulu G., h. f., W. J. Hay, Liatow, 3 3 3
Time—1:27, 1:24, 1:24.

Free-for-all.

In the race open to trotters and pacers, mile heats, best three in five, for a purse of \$150, there were two starters—Joe Bowers, owned by P. Paisley, of Elderton, and Rosa B., owned by T. Hetherington, of Cedar Springs. Rosa B. had no trouble in winning the first heat and could easily have distanced Joe Bowers, but her driver pulled her in and she walked under the wire.

In the second heat the judges valued distance and Rosa B. gave an exhibition mile as she was altogether too fast for the other horse. She had a previous record of 2:24. Rosa B. trotted beautifully until after she had passed the three-quarter pole when she broke and lost a little. She regained her feet, however, and finished the mile in 2:26. The quarters were made in 58, 1:15, 1:49 and 2:26.

The third heat was the same as the previous two—no race at all. Rosa B. came in a long distance ahead and won the heat and first money. Time 2:34. Summary:

For Trotters and Pacers—Open to all mile heats, best 3 in 5, purse \$150.
Rosa B., T. Hetherington, Cedar 1 1 1
Joe Bowers, P. Paisley, Elderton, 2 2 2
Time—2:34, 2:34, 2:34.

Horse race.

In the mile and a quarter trial, stakes for all ages, for \$150, there were four starters—Colonel, Long Bend, Twilight and Curtis. Colonel took and kept the lead from the start, Twilight and Long Bend were well up, Long Bend came in a good second and Twilight a good third. Curtis dropped out when the race was half over. He was seen in it at all. Summary:

Trial Stakes, \$150—For all ages; mile and a quarter.
Colonel, Northbraves & McWilliams, Dray 1 1 1
Long Bend, N. S. Lee, London, 2 2 2
Twilight, Brooks & McWilliams, Sarnia, 3 3 3
Curtis, W. H. Aitken, London, 4 4 4

Madame Marquette.

was unable to be at the fair yesterday, but arrived last night. She was detained on account of a railway accident. Her first performance will be given this afternoon.

The crowd was delighted—at least one half judge so from the way they applauded—with Prof. Lyon's performing circus. This was the first time he had ever exhibited before a Canadian public. He has two beautiful large brown steers with immense horns. In 1888 Prof. Lyon commenced the training of these two "lion yearlings" and by dint of patience, perseverance and that peculiar gift of man to men and control the brute creation, he has trained them to perform marvelous tricks and feats with precision and almost human intelligence, and spectators realize what the accomplished with the brute creation by exercising kindness and perseverance. A visitor to the fair should not miss this exhibition in front of the grand stands. "Tim" and "Jim" are obedient and thoroughly trained. By motions the professor's whip or hand they will walk around each other, walk backward and forward, jump over each other, walk on a hollow cylinder along the track with their heads or walk with their front feet up in it, roll a small ball less than four inches in diameter along the track with their noses, stand with all four legs on a box not wider, balance each other on a board of thin wire, rest on a wire, and perform numerous other tricks equally entertaining and novel.

A Gypsy Exhibition.

A distinguished company of specially trained gypsies gave a gypsy exhibition of gymnastics of a high description in good view of the grand stands. "Jondo," who is a yied prince of equilibriste, gave a wonderful performance on a trapeze, the color of a was a sword with a hand on a balanced in various positions on the wire, and in performing numerous other a thrilling but enter- taining. Richard Lute is possessed of

wonderful flexibility of body. Several times he stood on his hands, his feet together, his body bent backward. He also balanced himself in various positions, sometimes on one hand and again on two hands. He is a wonder in himself. John Wood, in flying trapeze act, and White and Wood, on the double trapeze, gave an interesting entertainment. Du Bau, the Japanese expert and aerialist, succeeded in taking off all his outer garments while balancing himself on one foot on a wire stretched between two poles. First he threw aside his hat and wig, then his coat, vest, necktie, collar, shirt and trousers. He then walked forward and backward on the wire, set and laid down on it, knelt on it, and balanced himself in various positions without getting off the wire once. He is somewhat of a clown and afforded a good deal of amusement. Other members of the company are equally entertaining.

A Trotting Dog. A sight that delighted the juveniles and surprised the older spectators was the trotting of Major, a famous trotting dog owned by Tommy Turner, of Bradford. Hitched to a cart and driven by Tommy, he trotted a half mile in 2:37, but has a record of a half mile in two minutes. He would have made faster time yesterday had he not been stopped by some racehorses when half way round the ring. Major is not a large dog by any means, but he is a good one to go.

A FINE BALLOON ASCENSION. Mrs. Mandell, the daring lady aeronaut, made the first of her five balloon ascensions and parachute drops with the greatest success. The big balloon was placed over the improvised fireplace shortly before 3 o'clock, and as the hot air poured in it soon began to inflate. When all was ready the word was given, and the crowd who had been holding the huge air vessel down let go. It shot up like an arrow and Mrs. Mandell, who stood waiting on the ground, was given a terrific jerk that must have pulled her off had she not been firmly strapped to the trapeze bar. Dangling beneath her seat was her dog Aerio, attached to a little parachute of her own. The balloon rose to a great height, drifting a little to the southwest. When she had reached a sufficient altitude Madame jumped off; her parachute swelled out and she floated downward serenely dangling to the hand. The descent, and the thousands who watched her drew a breath of relief as they saw her come down in safety. She alighted across the river, south of the hospital. Owing to some tangle she was unable to release the dog, and the animal remained attached to the trapeze. The balloon was turned upside down by the ballast bag and was afterwards secured and brought back.

NOTES.

The refreshment booths do a rushing business.

The police succeeded in keeping the horse ring clear.

What a splendid exhibit! is heard from admirers of Mr. E. Beltz's fine display of furs in the main building.

Sergeant Crawford is in charge of the posse of police at the fair.

The Cavalry Band played on horseback during the afternoon.

Some good horses are entered in the races, and capital sport in that line is provided.

Visitors to the Western Fair should not fail to inspect the magnificent display of furs of Mr. E. Beltz.

Good crowds went to London Fair today.

The M. C. R. had six carloads this morning.—[St. Thomas Journal, Monday.]

Sig. Papio, one of the attractions at Smith's tent show, is well known throughout Western Ontario, and has many friends in this city.

The excellent band of No. 1 Company, C. K. L., occupied the ring hand stand and they refrained from sandwiching in the old "chestnuts." Other bands should follow their example.

In the main building is one of the finest displays of furs ever shown in this city. It belongs to Mr. E. Beltz.

Fourth Day—Tuesday.

Glorious weather and immense crowds marked this, the second great day of the Western Fair.

Tuesday was set apart as Patrons' and Germania day, and the occasion was honored by thousands of the sturdy Patrons of Industry, and by hundreds of German citizens from Wellington, Waterloo and other counties.

The rush from the country started in earnest. From early morning incoming trains, regular and special, poured forth their human freight, and the streets are thronged in a manner seen only once a year, the London, Huron and Bruce, and the Sarnia trains brought immense crowds, and the G. T. R. station was so blocked that the exit and entrance had to be made separate. They came from north, south, east and west, from every direction, on every railroad and every train. There was a constant flutter of white, red and yellow badges, denoting that those on whose breasts they were pinned, were Patrons.

THE PATRONS' PROCESSION.

It was shortly after 11 o'clock when the Patrons began to congregate on the Market Square. Mounted marshals got the line in order promptly, and headed by "D" Company Band the members marched to the park via King to Richmond, thence north to Dundas and thence east to the fair grounds. There were fully 2,000 persons in the parade, but that does not represent the total number in attendance today. Hundreds were prevented from taking part in the procession, while the delegation from Waterloo county and many from other points did not arrive in the city until afternoon.

The contingent from each county was identified by placards carried along the route. Bruce, Huron, Kent, Lambton, Middlesex, Norfolk, Oxford and Perth. In the line was a wagon beautifully decorated with fruits, vegetables and other products of the soil, and also a busload of ladies. Middlesex made a grand showing, as might be expected. Lodge 122, the Carleton Place, headed by the chief in traditional Indian dress, preceded the Norfolk Patrons.

AT THE GROUNDS.

Upon passing through the turnstiles the Patrons immediately stood in order to listen to the addresses from the grand officers. The chairman was Mr. George Wrigley, managing editor of the Canada Farmers' Sun. Before calling upon

the officers he asked Mayor Spencer to step forward. Mayor Spencer was received with cheers and welcomed the Patrons to the city of London, after which the addresses of the day were proceeded with.

Fireworks To-Night.

To-night the grounds will be illuminated with 100 arc lights, and there will be a magnificent display of fireworks by Professor Hand & Co.

WEDNESDAY'S PROGRAMME.

This is the farmers' gala day—generally the biggest of the week.

The carriage and roadster horses will be on the track from 9 to 12 a.m. Grand parade of all live stock in the ring at 1 p.m.

Every farmer should attend. Special exhibits of cereals, roots, etc., by the Manitoba Government. The Indians of Ontario have a very interesting and instructive exhibit. The cheese and dairy exhibit is the largest yet. Band concerts afternoon and evening.

2 p.m.—Programme of special attractions:

Three-minute Trotting Class—Mile heats; best 3 in 5, purse \$200.

Farmers' Trotting Race—For horses which have never won public money or started in a public race; owned and ridden by farmers' sons, residing on their farms; mile heats; best 2 in 3, \$50.

Farmer's Race—For horses which have never won public money or started in a public race; owned and ridden by farmers' sons, residing on their farms; mile heats; best 2 in 3, \$50.

Open Steeplechase—About 2 miles—over 3 open steeplechase courses; 4 to enter, 3 to start; \$150.

Third appearance of Madam Marquette and her stable of magnificent horses.

Trick Oxen and Palace of Illusions, daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Third Balloon ascension and Parachute leap by lady and dog.

Cross-country race match, second day of competition.

Honour's Juggler and Gymnast.

Illumination of the grounds with 100 arc lights. Grand display of fireworks, ending with a realistic representation of a Naval Engagement between the Monmouth and Foureyrant, in the Mediterranean Sea, 18th February.

Ladies' Work Prize List.

The following is the continuation and completion of the prize list in this department:

Embroidery with linen floss—Mrs. E. H. Maguire, Creighton, St. Mary's.

Do with cotton floss—Miss L. Muir, 1.

Do with silk—Mrs. A. G. Dandman, Lambeth, 1; Mrs. J. D. Graham, 2.

Do with chenille—Miss Coutts, 1; Mrs. J. Thompson, 2.

Do with arseene—Mrs. K. Bagwell, 1; Hider & Parkin, Oxford Center, 2.

Do with jewels—Mrs. Colin Campbell, 1; Mrs. K. Bagwell, 2.

Do with crevells, silk—Mrs. Colin Campbell, 1.

Do with wool—Mrs. J. A. Douglas, 1; Miss Potter, London West, 2.

Do with rube silk—Miss A. Rawlings, 1; Miss L. Muir, 2.

Do on jura crapes, with silk or wool—Miss L. Muir, 1; Mrs. Colin Campbell, 2.

Do on plush—Mrs. J. Thompson, 1.

Do on felt or velvet—Mrs. D. K. Huffman, Northfield Center, 1; Maggie Creighton, 2.

Do on satin—Miss Nettie M. Bell, Georgetown, 1; Miss Coutts, 2.

Do, Roman, on white linen—Miss Wanless, city, 1; Miss Walker, Elderton, 2.

Do, Mexican, on drawn threads—Miss Carrie Erratt, city, 1; Edith Sumner, Byron, 2.

Do, etching on outline—Nettie Burgess, city, 1; Nettie M. Bell, Georgetown, 2.

Do, table cloth—Mrs. K. Bagwell, 1; Mrs. J. Thompson, 2.

Do, table cloth, hand made—George Riddell, Wilton Grove, 1; Mrs. J. Moorehouse, 2.

Gentleman's handkerchief case—Mrs. K. Bagwell, 1; Mrs. E. Hanham, 2.

Fancy knitting in wool—Mrs. R. Stevens, Georgetown, 1; Miss E. F. Fenwick, city, 2.

Fancy knitting in cotton—Mrs. J. Thompson, 1; Maggie Creighton, 2.

Knitted stockings, cotton—Mrs. J. H. Bowman, 1; Mrs. Wm. Stewart, Embro, 2.

Knitted stockings, wool—Mrs. D. K. Huffman, 1; Mrs. J. H. Bowman, 2.

Knitted socks, woolen—Mrs. J. H. Bowman, Mrs. D. K. Huffman.

Knitted gloves—Mrs. J. H. Bowman, Maggie Creighton.

Knitted mittens, woolen—Miss M. Skinner, London, 1; Mrs. J. Patton, Wallacestown, 2.

Point lace—Miss Walker, 1; Miss E. F. Fenwick, 2.

Honiton lace—Miss Coutts, 1; Mrs. J. D. Graham, 2.

Honiton and point lace combined—Mrs. T. D. Graham, 1.

Macrae or twine work—Mrs. J. Moorehouse, 1; Mrs. Colin Campbell, 2.

Fancy machine sewing—J. Hutchinson, London, 1; Mrs. E. F. Fenwick, 2.

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Western Fair are from the brush of a lad 16 years of age, Mr. Alex. Fleming, of Chatham, who exhibits as a professional.

BEITZ'S MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY.

Situated in the center of the main building is the large and splendid exhibit of Mr. E. Beltz, the well-known furrier of this city. It is not only one of the finest exhibits of the Fair, but is admittedly one of the best in the Dominion. The collection of skins consists of South Sea seal, marten, Persian lamb, sable, grey lamb, beaver, otter, mink, fisher, grizzly bear and Bengal tiger. In robes are found several kinds, among them being that of the musk ox, with six inches of fur, from the Polar regions, with fine specimens of tiger, moose, bear, and numerous assortments of goat. Profuse are the expressions of admiration for the collection of ladies' fur caps and jackets which are made of sable, mink, Persian and Bokharan lamb, etc. A number of ladies' military capes of the same materials are also shown. In gentlemen's goods there are several coats of Persian and Bokharan lamb, bison, etc. The specialties are new and unique, a pair of small Persian lambs being a decided rarity. They were carried 900 miles to Germany, where they were studied. Specimens of live animals are also shown. A small shield-shaped skin represents a pair of deer grazing, the deer being cut out of hide on seal. There are three or four specimens of the same kind. Mr. Beltz has been in business upwards of 35 years, each season bringing him extending trade, his work finding its way to all parts of the Dominion and the Northwest. He scores all the prizes given, and is deserving of a gold medal.

A FINE PORTRAIT.

A splendid life-size portrait of Mr. R. S. Williams, of Toronto, the well-known piano and organ manufacturer, adorns the large exhibit of the firm of Messrs. R. S. Williams & Son in the main building. Mr. Williams is the pioneer of the piano trade of Canada, that gentleman having the honor of making the first instrument in this country. Commencing his career in 1848, when he was only 16 years of age, the organ soon followed, which in turn was surpassed by the more modern instrument—the piano. From the start, however, Mr. Williams turned out winners, the business extending, until to-day the length and breadth of the land. It is also well known in Great Britain and the United States, notwithstanding the high protective tariff of the latter country.

THE K. D. C. REMEDY.

Among the sights in the main building is the throng of happy faces that surround the handsome exhibit of the K. D. C. remedy, now generally admitted to be the King of Dyspepsia Cures. Attractive, reliable, and better than any other, it is a wonderful medicine, all sample packages of this wonderful medicine are handed out to all who apply. K. D. C. has been before the public for the past four years. It is manufactured in New Glasgow, N. S., and owing to the increased demand is now made in the United States. The exhibit is in charge of Mr. C. H. Hicks, who has just returned from the Northwest, where agencies have been successfully established. K. D. C. will improve general health, cure indigestion, purify the blood, strengthen and build up the system, and what it claims to be, the King of Dyspepsia Cures. All should get a sample package.

THE LITTLE WORLD.

Alliaby & Baillie's Little World show is one of the greatest attractions on the grounds. Mr. Alliaby's wonderful cat minstrels and musical band were a mystery and delight to everyone who had the good fortune to see them yesterday, and Alliaby's Rule Flute Musical Band, which is a wonderful thing, is the greatest show on the grounds. It is the best of the main building. Give it a visit and you will not regret it.

R. S. WILLIAMS & SON'S PIANOS.

This well-known firm has a number of magnificent pianos on exhibition in the main building, including a superb rosewood parlor grand—manufactured by Prof. Miers, of this city—and first-class uprights in mahogany, natural wood, Italian walnut, hogany, and others. This firm has the honor of turning out the first Canadian piano. For sweetness of tone, elasticity of touch, beauty and durability, their instruments are unequalled. This firm's business is constantly extending. The Williams piano received the highest honors at the London (England) Colonial Exhibition, where her Majesty Queen Victoria purchased one. This city is the distributing point for the Williams piano. Over twenty years are employed in the year round for the sale of this deservedly popular instrument.

CATARH, ASTHMA, BRONCHITIS AND CONSUMPTION.

What is Medical Inflation? It is simply an old and a method of taking into the lungs, instead of swallowing them into the stomach. By inhalation the proper medicines are applied directly to the seat of the disease in the nose, throat or lungs, and it is clear to every reasonable person how peculiarly applicable inhalation is in the disorders named. The Universal Inhaler, with its sixteen prescriptions, as sold by Mr. D. M. Campbell, constantly extending. This city and East London, general agent, it is claimed stands without a peer in this respect, as evidenced from the large list of testimonials from respectable residents of this city and elsewhere of cures performed by its use. See Mr. Campbell in the Crystal Palace, north side, for this inhaler. It is so simple a child can use it.

COMFORT AND DURABILITY COMBINED.

Instead of exhibiting at the Western Fair, Wm. J. Thompson & Sons are displaying their wares at their manufactory, 175 to 179 King street, south side, between Richmond and Clarence streets. This firm has won an enviable reputation in London, and in fact wherever the carriages they manufacture are known. They turn out carts, buggies, cutters, Gladstones, hacks and every variety of vehicle. They are and give satisfaction. For comfort they are unsurpassed. Visitors to the Fair should remember that Thompson & Sons' exhibit is a show in itself. Don't miss the spot.

THE PALACE OF ILLUSIONS CONTINUES.

Trick Oxen and Palace of Illusions continues to be one of the great attractions of the Fair, and the building is daily thronged with hundreds of delighted spectators. The palace is just south of the horticultural hall. In order to deliver expenses a small admission fee of 10 cents is charged. It is more than worth the money.

THE RONALD STEAM FIRE ENGINE WORKS.

This firm has broken last year's record in their display of the largest and most complete fire department outfit ever shown in the Dominion. Manager Parsons is being complimented by citizens and firemen for this magnificent show. The different machines are the special comment and admiration of everyone. Our city fathers have something before them to look at. A public down town exhibition will be given on the corner of Dundas and Wellington streets Saturday, Sept. 24, at 2:30 p.m., for the benefit of the aldermen, firemen and others. Most of the machines are sold. The village fire steamer is a daisy, full rigged, ahead of last year. The Aerial "Arrow" ladder is simply immense, and the general opinion is freely expressed that London should have a machine of this kind at once. Colours carried off the small sized city truck. Chief Rowe is in love with it. The firm are sending a large No. 1 steamer to compete against the world in Halifax in October. It is said the betting there is all on the Ronald. Manager Lewis, superior on the Ronald and Capt. Walker, of the tender Bratton and Capt. Walker, of the tender Rapien, are in charge of the "Arrow," and they can handle this machine as easily as a toy. It takes only one man to drive the "Arrow" to a fire, then two men simply use the ladder. The department is well maintained for the cost of any other firm in Canada. The exhibit is a credit to the firm and is admired by all who see it. James Tane & Son are thoroughly reliable, and what they say can be depended upon to the letter. Their manufacturing establishment is on the south side of York street, just west of Richmond, where are manufactured from the very purest materials the very choicest and most delicious temperance drinks. Visitors to the Fair should certainly see their exhibit in the main building. Be sure and don't miss it.

EXHIBIT OF THE BELL PIANO COMPANY.

As for years past the Bell Organ and Piano Company have a large exhibit in the main building. It is on the ground floor near the west end. Several pianos of beautiful design and finish are on exhibition, and obliging attendants are ever ready and happy to explain their wares. The Bell Piano has been before the public for years and has met with the approval of every purchaser. Thousands of them are now in use, and from the first they have held the foremost position. For excellence of tone and superiority of finish they have a world-wide reputation. Experienced pianists demonstrate to the visitors to the main building that the tone of these instruments is in keeping with the finish. Since the Bell Piano Company started the manufacture of pianos from comparatively small beginnings they have built up a trade and establishment that ranks among the marvels of Canadian progress. They are proud of Canadian-made pianos, and they have a good right to be, for excellence of tone and finish they are unequalled. Many medals and diplomas have been presented to the company by the general agents for this district. They are both men of unquestionable business ability and thoroughly reliable. Their London warehouses are on the south side of Dundas street, just west of Clarence street, and they will be pleased to meet you after or during the Fair. Visitors to the Western should certainly not miss their exhibit in the main building.

THE "PERFECT WASHER."

In these days of labor-saving inventions that which is most effectually lessened the work of washing day is desired by the housekeeper. Such invention is found in the "Perfect Washer," manufactured by Mr. Philip Vollmar, of Chatham. It is a new and useful machine, having been in use many years, giving unbounded satisfaction, and is attested by the un- solicited recommendations from those having it in use. The machine is manufactured from thoroughly-seasoned wood, the wringer being supplied with the very best white rubber, which is a recent improvement, and a new style of spring makes it all it could be desired. The Perfect Washer is guaranteed to wash wristbands, collars and every portion of the garment as thoroughly as if done by hand, without comparatively any effort. Agents are wanted in every section of the country, and certificates of agencies will be given for the exclusive sale in counties. References kindly permitted to Messrs. Watford, Jas. W. Wright & Son, Jane Ross, W.