

OPENING DAY FAIR CROWDS MORE THAN DOUBLE LAST YEAR

Fully 7,500 Filled The Exhibition Grounds On Monday--The Attendance On First Day Last Year Was 3,313--Alberta's Provincial Fair Greater Than Ever--Showing Of Horses And Cattle Maintains High Standard Some Cattle Owners Not Showing This Year Fearing To Send Stock Owing To Unsatisfactory Transportation Facilities Afforded By Railway Last Year

Seven thousand five hundred people passed the turnstiles into the Exhibition grounds on Monday, a record crowd for the opening day of the Provincial Industrial Exhibition. The total attendance last year was four thousand smaller. The gate receipts on Monday totaled \$15,000. In addition to this were the receipts from the grand stand, which totalled fully half that amount. The new addition to the grand stand provided accommodation for several hundred more people, and likewise for an increased revenue. With weather as gloriously bright and propitious as Monday during the remaining three days, the Exhibition Association will finish well ahead financially of any other year.

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drive won by a scant half length. The Doctor was sent to the front in the third heat and was never headed. Going around the back stretch Norton went off her feet and The Doctor named lead of four lengths, which he still held at the half and on the second time round increased it to six lengths. James Paris broke badly in all the heats and was never a competitor after the quarter pole was passed.

2:40 Pace, 2:35 Trot, 3 in 5, Purses \$400
Archie Kirk, b.g., J. Lubbock, Edmonton, 1 1 1
Earlwood, b.h., John Bear, Innisfail, 2 2 2
Miss Rae, b.m., J. B. Millar, Strathcona, 3 4 3
Payroll, b.m., Hugh Conn, Medicine Hat, 4 3 4
Ollie M. b.m., Eggleston, Wetaskiwin, 5 2 5
Dist. Time--2:25, 2:30, 2:35, 2:40.

On the fourth attempt the field got away on a perfect start, with Archie Kirk in front, Earlwood second, Miss Rae third, Payroll fourth and Ollie M. bringing up the rear. They were strung out this way at the quarter with Ollie M. away back as he broke badly making the turn in the back stretch. They went under the wire at the half in this order and the balance of the journey was a game contest between Kirk and Earlwood. At the three-quarter pole the latter was away at the finish and more than a sprint to the three-quarter mark, but was too far back to make it interesting for the leaders.

The Edmonton Amateur Driving Club's first fair matinee attracted an interested crowd to the grounds Monday evening. The classes were fairly well filled and the sport was keen. The results were as follows:
CLASS A.
First heat--4, Silver Tip, R. P. Ingles; 2, Black Bess, G. A. Graham; 1, Dalton McCarthy, R. J. Fields; 3, Red Greenlander, Dr. Pickering. Time 1:13 1/4.
Second heat--4, Silver Tip, R. P. Ingles; 3, Black Bess, G. A. Graham; 1, Dalton McCarthy, R. J. Fields; 2, Red Greenlander, Dr. Pickering. Time 1:13.

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CLASS B.
First heat--4, Spot, Robert Tegler; 5, Field Marshall, J. Miller; 2, Red Bird, E. Laidlaw; 3, Sandy, Mr. Darroch; The Pandora, Mr. Taylor. Time 1:20.
Second heat--4, Spot, Robert Tegler; 5, Field Marshall, J. Miller; 2, Red Bird, E. Laidlaw; 3, Sandy, Mr. Darroch; The Pandora, Mr. Taylor. Time 1:18.

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CLASS C.
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CLASS D.
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Second heat--4, Spot, Robert Tegler; 5, Field Marshall, J. Miller; 2, Red Bird, E. Laidlaw; 3, Sandy, Mr. Darroch; The Pandora, Mr. Taylor. Time 1:18.

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What the Opening Day Presented--A Cosmopolitan Gathering Peculiar to the West--Many Attractions to Both Amateurs and Interest Them.

Edmonton, astrir with the life of its annual exhibition, is a magnet this week drawing visitors from every point of the compass and from surprising distances. The North has sent its representatives--breezy, tanned, strong men from Peace River district and many from Athabasca Landing, Manitoba has a fair showing at the hotels and on the Fair grounds, Northern Saskatchewan, having the C. N. R. this year as a means of transport, has turned out a splendid force of sightseers. Lethbridge and Calgary and most of the points between these ambitious cities have sent up large numbers to see how they do things this year at the Capital. Edmonton has not been riding her high under a bushel in 1907. Instead, she has been pluming herself considerably, and this week she is making good the expectations of her visitors. Even on the opening day the Fair has doubled last year's figures of 3,313 entrances.

The fair grounds is in itself an attraction with the high-wheeled hills of the river bank rising in green beauty either side, and a warm breeze blowing down the valley of the Saskatchewan. Smart motor cars, busses and phaetons crowded beside truck-wagons that brought in whole families from the country districts, and after midday the steep hill roads were lined with people going to the Fair.

Caravans of Wagons Bring Visitors. A caravan of truck-wagons--five or six of them--with the boxes piled high with hay brought in as many families from the Lake St. Anne district. In the old days their families would come in by canoe or on ponies to a gathering at the old trading post making a more picturesque party probably, but not one filled with more pleasurable anticipation.

In the popular view, outside the gates as well as within, hundreds of horses, released from the wagons making a more picturesque party probably, but not one filled with more pleasurable anticipation.

The crowded grand stand held thousands from Edmonton and outlying cities; the race-track was lined with other hundreds, most of the Indians congregating in a grassy viewpoint to the north end of the grand stand.

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people of Ontario. It is now the recognized and undisputed premier fair of the province, its wonderful popularity has broadened its scope until it is this year in fact what its name implies, the Provincial Industrial Exhibition of Alberta.

Some Things in Passing. Music was furnished during the afternoon by the Canadian Mounted Rifles and the Strathcona Firemen's Band. The former was 37 men strong and under the direction of Walter Clarke. There were twenty-two members in the Strathcona band under the direction of Bandmaster Fred Richards. Both gave excellent music, and the large audience in the grandstand listened with great pleasure to the selections.

A rabbit, just from the woods, that dashed several times up and down the track just before the start of the first running race provoked considerable amusement. A feature of the afternoon just prior to the commencement of the races was the march past in quarter column of a splendidly equipped command of Major Thibaudau. The squadron was 78 strong and the exhibition given in the exhibition of W. E. Ramsay, Lieutenant Governor and party was much admired.

A roulette wheel in operation near the grandstand was a center of attraction during the afternoon. The old Ben Patch wheel was the loquacious manager termed it was a source of loss to many and of gain to a few. Among the two dozen or more side shows the one termed the Great Lotepha which consisted of dancing girls and an entertaining clown drew the largest number of spectators.

To the lover of flowers there was no more interesting portion of the show than the exhibit of W. E. Ramsay. His small hothouse, a short distance from the main entrance, was filled with beautiful flowers from his Eleventh street conservatory which were a source of pleasure to many visitors at the fair, especially the ladies.

Farm Machinery. Tractor engines and threshers are being shown by Reeves & Co. of Columbus, Ind.; the American-Abell Engine and Thresher Co. of Toronto; and the Thresher Co. of Stillwater, Minn. The J. I. Case Machine Co. also had a thresher on exhibit. During the afternoon the Reeves & Co. threshers and their outfit in operation and it was a source of attraction to many spectators.

The Grandstand Specialties. The specialties before the grandstand before the afternoon and evening were for the most part novel and entertaining. They included such performing ponies, a woman hoop and flag manipulator, three performing dogs, an acrobat whose feat of lifting with his teeth, chair before him and a Japanese with his two sons whose acrobatic and contortionist feats were decidedly the best performance of the specialties.

REG BLOMFIELD'S DARING RESCUE

Of Miner From Drowning In River Monday Afternoon A Thrilling Deed

Adrift on a log in midstream, and with an air of workmanlike and thrilling experience of a miner from the north yesterday afternoon. The rescue, which was accomplished by Mr. Reg Blomfield, was no less thrilling. The miner had come down the Saskatchewan river about seventy miles from its mouth, and was clinging to one of the logs on the pier until rescued by Blomfield.

The rescue was a daring piece of work, and in less experienced hands the attempt would have resulted in a double drowning. But Blomfield is a famous canoeist, and holds the championship of Canada, besides many medals. He knows the canoe perfectly, and it mattered not that the stream was running at a rate of ten miles an hour, and his canoe only a 45-pounder. He never hesitated. He paddled along the shore until about two hundred yards above where the miner was clinging for life. The current was swift and the faced Blomfield's strength to the limit. He was even carried beyond, but taking advantage of a back eddy, reached the pier, and with great dexterity, succeeded in effecting the rescue.