

THOUSANDS WITNESSED
ATTACKS OF THE
BIG SHOW YESTERDAY

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ground, for practically all of the southeastern section of the city people were treated to a sight of the red ship as it winged through the air. It was St. John's first airplane in action, and it is doubtful if any feature at the exhibition in recent years has given such general satisfaction. The morning flight, which was earlier than scheduled, was for distance, and that in the evening for height. Possibly the best idea of the aviator's great control of his machine was gleaned in the morning as the red plane came out of the east from the Courtyard. The aviator, circled gracefully over the grounds at a height low enough to enable the operator's movements to be plainly visible and then returned to his resting place.
The evening flight was made about six o'clock, and this time the aviator seemed to be higher in the air. He approached the grounds from the same direction and in descending and ever widening circles gradually increased his height until he was at an immense altitude. The aviator's coming was heralded by the throbbing of the engine which resembled nothing so much as the sharp put put made by a small motor boat at high speed.
Prof. Bonnette also entertained the large crowd in the afternoon with his balloon ascension and parachute drop. This event took place just about 4:30, and was most successful. The weather was ideal for such a performance, and temped, no doubt, by this the professor attempted in his drop to light on the fair grounds, thus making a double event of it. As he ascended he was plainly visible to the large crowds and at that it looked as if he would succeed, but when just way down a current of wind caught the parachute and he landed on the roof of the Wilson Opera house. The balloon liberated from his weight soared up a little, and then gradually settled down until it found lodgment on the roof of the Wilson Opera house. Both the aerial feat were carried out well and added much to the excellence of the entertainment of the day. One slight drawback which referred to, not in any spirit of criticism, but which was responsible for some disappointment in the morning was that the morning flight by Prof. Baldwin was made earlier than advertised, and in this way some people missed it.
The Grand Stand.
While the aviation features were very strong the grand stand show provided for this year's show, is certainly a "corker," to use the term applied by an enthusiast last evening who remarked that it laid over any exhibition he had seen at any previous time. The original enterpriser engaged included the Takazawa Troupe of Japanese acrobats, and the Ernst Trio in slap stick comedy and tumbling. At the last minute, however, the Ernst Trio failed to put in an appearance and the Three Shorties were substituted, while Professor Gallimette was seen in an excellent trapeze act. It is doubtful if the original enterpriser had arrived if they could have given as good a show let alone a better one. The Japs were on deck and amused and thrilled all with an act of a large Japanese acrobat. The nature, but an exceptionally clever one and which was greatly enjoyed and heartily applauded.
The troupe is composed of five of the little brown men, and the way they perform the most difficult feat in balancing both head, foot and hand is a revelation even to St. John exhibition crowds, who are accustomed to the best in this line of entertainment. The exhibition concludes with a clever light wire performance in which one of the members of the troupe walks a tight wire from the stage on which they perform to the roof of the grand stand. As if this were not a sufficiently thrilling finale to their act, he settles himself when he reaches the roof and keeping a pose with the aid of a large Japanese umbrella he slides back down the wire incline to the stage. The whole act is one of the best ever seen here, and is exactly the same as the Japs have performed in many of the largest exhibitions and theatres in the country and Europe.
The Three Shorties give a very clever

er performance on the flying rings and trapeze, while they are assisted by a fourth member of the troupe, who, in a grotesque makeup brings shouts of laughter and applause by his wiggles on the tight wire.
The finale of the grandstand performance is Prof. Bonnette's slide for life. Not content with risking his life in his parachute drop, every afternoon, the professor "doubles in brass" to use an old minstrel term, and does an equally thrilling slide stunt. A tight wire is stretched from a pole 100 feet in height, to the ground, running the full length of the grand stand. Grasping a pulley attachment in his teeth, the professor is hauled to the dizzy height, and then while the audience holds its breath he slides back down the wire still clutching the pulley block. It is all over in an instant, but it is a breathless nerve-racking instant as the spectator comfortably inflated in the grandstand, speculates on the many things which might happen—but don't, for if they did the professor would do no more sliding. Taken together the grandstand show is the best seen at a St. John exhibition for many years, and that is saying a good deal, for we have had some excellent attractions of the kind in the past.
The Amusement Hall.
Not only is the grandstand show up to all the promises made for it, but a great big 25 cents' worth of amusement is furnished in the amusement hall, and at that alone a better show than most others in the past. The feature of the amusement hall is a musical feature in which three musicians play like clown music and melody on several peculiar looking instruments, the tones of which are of all degrees of sweetness. The finale of the act is modelled after the English hand bell ringers, and although they were handicapped yesterday afternoon by the accompanist evidently not having rehearsed with them, they gave a very creditable exhibition.
The feature of the amusement hall show, however, and an act which would be very near to a headliner in any vaudeville theatre, is a trick bicycle rider. The gentleman's name is not announced, but that seems to be the only trick of his trade which he has forgotten, for he can do more things with a safety bicycle than the inventor of the aforsaid safety ever dreamed of. A slack wire act is also well put on, while a lady and gentleman in acrobatic comedy win many laughs and much applause for their portion of the show. The performances in the amusement hall are timed so

as to permit visitors to the big show to take them in without missing any of the other entertainment features.
The Pike.
The Pike this year is much the same as previously, only there is probably more of it. Headlines in the way of entertainment are The Mechanical City, a marvellous invention which surprised and delighted all who saw it yesterday. In the mechanical city automata move like human beings and a miniature picture of a busy city is presented, all operated by mechanical devices.
Lovers of grace and proficiency in the art of swimming will find the diving girls attractive. This show is every bit as good as the best in that line which has been here previously and drew big patronage all day.
Our old friends, the Laughing Mirrors, are on deck again under the dome of the Diggle Show, and they furnished as much diversion as any of the other shows. The centre of hilarity all day, as said men and attractive women found themselves presented to their own gaze and to those who were in the tent with them in most grotesque postures.
There are the usual games of chance on the Pike. Aunt Sally may be soaked for the usual fee or one may buy padlocks and if one's luck holds, win a canary bird. There is also a fortune teller who monkeys with the future along the lines of palmistry and a phrenologist, who tells you the same line of bunk collecting his inspirations for the same from the warts on the subject's head. There are several glib tongued artists who sell the usual line of Pike specialties and whose patter at they attempt to lure the dime from the pockets of exhibition visitors is well worth listening to. The Pike has come to hold a place all its own in the St. John exhibitions and the Pike this year is well up to the mark.
The Fireworks.
Probably the one feature which most completely outshines previous efforts in its line, and a feature which experience has shown to be the most popular in the whole exhibition, is the fireworks display. There have been as good, if not better set pieces here than the Fall of Tripoli and the general make up of the pyrotechnic programme is beyond criticism. The usual features in the way of bombs and rockets which explode and shower myriads of fairy-like stars in the surrounding atmosphere are present in profusion and there are very few who do not enjoy the display. The Silver Screen, which is in reality a

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MONCTON PEOPLE
VISIT EXHIBITION

Many Take Advantage of Holiday to Visit St. John—Customs Receipts at Port Larger.
Moncton, Sept. 2.—The holiday was very quietly spent in Moncton, there being no special events of importance. A great many took advantage of the day to visit the St. John exhibition.
Imports at the port of Moncton in August amounted to the value of \$86,436, an increase of \$12,463 while the duty collected was \$10,377, an increase of \$4,188.
A local insurance agent says the claims for damage by lightning are the most numerous this year that he has ever been called upon to meet. L'Archeveue church in Cocagne, Kent county, \$200, Father Deneer, damage to residence, Notre Dame, Kent county, \$15, Fred Thibodeau, Memramcook, damage to carriage house, \$18, Louis Collet, damage to residence, Adamsville, \$75. There is also a claim of Father D. F. LeGard, of St. Paul, Kent county, to be adjusted, while in many cases of loss in the country there was no insurance.
There were 20 deaths in Moncton during August as compared with 19 in August last year.
August established a new record for wet and cold. The rainfall was 6.6 inches and on seventeen days the thermometer dropped to the forties. Only on three days did the mercury climb up to the eighties, and in one of these, the 14th, it was 86. The July rainfall was 8.3 inches, making a total for two months of nearly 15 1/2 inches which is more than double the usual average precipitation.

HOPEWELL NEWS

Sept. 2.—Mrs. J. M. Tingley left on Saturday for Lynn, Mass., where she will spend a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Bennett.
Mrs. James Meynell, of Sullivan, Me., with her two children, is visiting her sister Miss Carrie Blahod, of O. H. Adair of Sussex, spent Sunday in the village with his wife, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. Adair left today for Sussex.
Harry S. Blahod, formerly of this village, but who has been residing in the States for several years, is visiting relatives and friends here.
Percy H. Russell, who bought the property owned by Mrs. Joseph Robinson, moved in last week.
Miss Ethel Stevens returned on Friday from a four weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. Nelson, at Leamington, N. S.
Glen Fales, who has been visiting at the home of his uncle, Benjamin Fales, at Hopewell Hill, has returned to his home in Amherst.
Miss Edith Peck gave an enjoyable garden party for her young friends on Saturday afternoon.

LANCASTER TENNIS CLUB

Play was resumed yesterday morning and afternoon by the Lancaster Tennis Club members, on the W. O. Dunham and S. M. Wetmore courts. The matches proved very interesting, and will be resumed today. A large number of spectators were present, both morning and afternoon.

THIRD FARM LABORERS' ESCURSION

There is still work in the west for 20,000 harvesters. Another excursion will leave the Maritime provinces September 4th.

CAUSED MUCH MERRIMENT

A laugh manufactory labelled "Diggie Shop" was the source of barrels of fun for men, women and children on the Exhibition Pike yesterday and did a rushing business. It is certainly one of the Big Show's liveliest features.

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