

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 albatross as it winged through the air. It was St. John's first flight in the air, 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 visitor's great control of his machine was gleaned in the morning as the red plane came out of the east from the Courtyard. The plane, circled gracefully over the grounds at a height low enough to enable the operator's movements to be plainly visible and then returned to its 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 a sweeping and ever widening circles gradually increased his height until he was at an immense altitude. The albatross'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 tempted, 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 descended he was plainly visible to the large crowds and at first it looked as if he would succeed, but when part way down a current of wind caught the parachute and he landed on the roof of a house on Pitt street. The balloon liberated from his weight soared up a little, and then gradually settled down until it found lodgement on the roof of the Western Optician.

Both the aerial feats were carried out well and added much to the excellence of the entertainment of the day. One slight drawback, which is 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, is certainly a "corner," to use the term applied by an enthusiast last evening who remarked that it laid over anything he had seen at any previous exhibition even in St. John. The original enterprisers 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 Gilmotte was seen in an excellent trapeze act. It is doubtful if the original enterprisers 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 the conventional Japanese acrobatic 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 in 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 woe, on the sack 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 105 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 altogether 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 both performances yesterday it was well filled with an appreciative audience. The show, different from others in the past, is as much as it contains a musical feature in which three musicians gabble like clowns mingle mirth 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 rain, they played with 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 kind 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 black 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. Headliners in the way of entertainment are The Mechanical City, a marvelous invention which surprised and delighted all who saw it yesterday. In the mechanical city automaton move like human beings and a miniature picture of a busy city is presented, all operated by mechanical device.

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 Air-rose, are on deck again under the guise of the Giggle Show, and they furnished as much diversion as of yore. This tent was 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 paddles 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 phonologist, who tells you the same line of bunk collecting his inspirations for the same by the Cecilia Stanton orchestra. There are several glib tongued artists who sell the usual line of things which are every bit as good as the Fredettes or the Ladies orchestra which was at the Dominion fair. Every lady is an accomplished musician on her chosen instrument, and they play together with a spirit which tells of long association.

The Fireworks.

Probably the one feature which most completely outshines previous efforts in its line, and a feature which experience has shown to be one of the most popular in the whole exhibition, is the fireworks display. There have been as good, if not better techniques here than the Fall of Tripoli last year, and the general make up of the pyrotechnic programme is beyond criticism. The usual features in the way of bombs and shells which explode and shower myriads of fairy-like stars in the surrounding atmosphere are present in profusion and there are some very pretty set pieces. The Niagara Falls piece which this year is called the Silver Screen, but is in reality a

cascade of silver fire is one of the prettiest of these, and another is a device wrought in the natural colors and representing the Rose of Old England flanked on either side by the Scottish Thistle and the Shamrock of Ireland. An amusing set piece is the performing bear, in which the outline of the bear is picked out in points of fire and he is made to perform clumsy evolutions on a horizontal bar.

The Bombardment of Tripoli is a battle piece which is up to the average. The sea walls and the forts of the city are shown in tiny points of light while four business-like Italian battleships ride fearlessly on opalescent waves. Bang comes a shot from the fort—according to the depiction as presented on the fair grounds it was the Turks who went looking for trouble. That one shot starts the doings for the ships get busy and pound the daylight of the electric light out of that ancient relic dignified by the name of a fortress in less time than it takes to tell about it.

The weather last night was favorable for the fireworks display and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all who witnessed it. Arrangements have been made whereby there will be a complete fireworks display every night during the continuance of the show.

The Ladies' Orchestra.

Events of special interest to the music lovers at the fair yesterday, and judging by the large attendance they were legion, were the concerts by the Cecilia Stanton orchestra. Space does not permit of an extended notice of their concerts, but it is sufficient to say that they played with a skill and a grace which gave rare pleasure. Music lovers who heard them are inclined to the opinion that they are every bit as good as the Fredettes or the Ladies orchestra which was at the Dominion fair. Every lady is an accomplished musician on her chosen instrument, and they play together with a spirit which tells of long association.

The Buildings.

Now that the show has gotten well under way it may be said that never was there a cleaner or brighter display in the industrial building. While the usual features of the exhibition are missing most of them are to be found represented, and the arrangement of the exhibits has been changed in a manner which is very pleasing. Machinery here with its process exhibits is a most interesting place, while another attraction is the new exhibit of the Made in St. John and Made in Moncton exhibits, which are really good. The Made in St. John exhibit is a large one, and if anything more attractively arranged.

Notes.

This is Mr. Porter's first experience as manager of the exhibition. He was secretary of the Dominion fair, and much of the credit on that occasion was due to his zeal and effort. This year, when he is the chief executive officer, he has shown that he is the right man in the right place.

One of the side shows which was regarded as somewhat of a color wheel yesterday night, was the one which was shown on Saturday night, and was topped down yesterday.

Visiting newspaper men are already using the press room, which is in charge of Charles Olive. Among them at the fair yesterday was G. M. McDade, publicity agent of the City of Fredericton.

One of the concessionaires who has had much experience with exhibitions yesterday, that he has never previously seen a fair in St. John where there was such evidence of uniform prosperity among the people. Every one had money to spend yesterday, and the concessionaires reaped a harvest.

Today's aerial programme will include the Baldwin flights at 11:30 a. m. and 6 p. m., and the balloon ascension with parachute drop at 3:30. With fine weather there is no question that the Greater St. John Exhibition for 1919 will even break the record of the Dominion fair. Yesterday, 19,922 is some crowd, even for a holiday, and past experience has shown that the crowds get larger as the week progresses.

There was a slight fire yesterday morning which, but for the vigilance of those who luckily saw it almost as soon as it broke out might have been serious. Some one threw a cigar stub into the booth occupied by the Bohemian glass blowers, and in a very short time the draperies of the booth were afire. They were speedily torn down and the flames extinguished. Fortunately it happened about 3:30 yesterday morning, and the comparatively few people in the buildings at that hour were not aware that anything out of the ordinary had happened.

Through whose co-operation the Humphrey Co. have been enabled to install so ambitious an exhibit, certainly could be no more convincing method of instilling public confidence in the product of home factories and the example of Humphrey and Co., deserves emulation in other local industries. It is certainly an exhibit that every visitor to the exhibition should make it a point to see.

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Third Farm Laborers' Excursion.

There is still work in the west for 30,000 harvesters. Another excursion will leave the Maritime Provinces September 4th.

Caused Much Merriment.

A laugh manufactory labelled "Giggle 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.

LATE SHIPPING.

New York, Sept. 2.—Ard: Str C. Sundt, Amherst, N. S.; Sels Harold B. Cousins, St. John, N. B.; Nerva, Bear River, N. S.; John H. Fell, St. John, N. B.

Portland, Me., Sept. 2.—Sch Galle Ludian, St. John, N. B.

Cardiff, Sept. 2.—Ard: Star Rathwaite, Farnborough, N. S.

Quebec—Arrived—Star Westwood, Sydney; Montague, London.

THE SACKVILLE NEWS LETTER

Sackville, Aug. 31.—Rev. J. K. Curtis left on Thursday for Toronto on business connected with his office as Sunday school secretary.

Mrs. David Allison has returned from a visit to friends in Fredericton. The vacancy on the staff of Mount Allison Conservatory of Music has been filled by the appointment of Miss A. H. Brunton, sister to Professor J. Noel Brunton, Director of the Royal Conservatorium, Stuttgart, Germany, and has had twelve years experience in teaching.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Watters, of Chatham, were the guests of friends here last week.

Mrs. S. Howard leaves on Saturday for P. E. Island to visit friends.

Friends of Dr. W. W. Andrews, of Regina, formerly of Mount Allison regret to hear of the death of his brother which occurred at a Chicago hospital recently after an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Belyea, of St. John, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cahill.

Frank A. Harrison, of the Immigration Department, Philadelphia, is spending a few days at his old home here.

Miss Alice Thistle, of Hillsboro, is visiting friends in Port Elgin.

The Misses Isabel Freeman and Dixon of Oakland, California, are spending some weeks with friends in this part of the country.

T. G. Rainie, for several years in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company here and in Sydney, has resigned and taken a position with the Nova Scotia Trust Company.

Beulah Wry, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wry, has resigned and taken a position with the Nova Scotia Trust Company.

One of the largest steamers ever seen at Cape Tormentine is now loading lumber for P. G. Mahoney at the wharf there. She will carry about 1,800 standard of deal.

F. J. Wilson has been appointed inspector of marriage licenses for this district.

Miss Martha J. Avar, professional nurse of Boston for some years, and daughter of the late Lewis Avar, of this vicinity, has been appointed assistant superintendent of Addison Gilbert Hospital at Gloucester, Mass.

A pretty wedding took place at the home of Walter Tuttle, Point de la Peste, Tuesday, when his sister Miss Flora was united in marriage to Ernest L. Carson of Melrose, Mass. Rev. W. J. Kirby performed the ceremony in the presence of about sixty relatives and friends of the young couple.

The bride was handsomely decorated with sweet peas and asters. The bride was gowned in white duchess satin with lace and pearl trimmings with veil and orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of lilies, carnations and maidenhair fern. She was attended by her sister Miss Mary Tuttle, while Arthur Tuttle of Moncton supported the groom. Miss Emily Oulton played the wedding march. After congratulations and supper Mr. and Mrs. Carson left for their home where they took steamer for their honeymoon.

Rev. Alfred Hall, of Toronto, in charge of the distribution of the Nelson shields presented by Lord Strathcona through the British and Foreign Sailors' Society of England, has sent five to Dr. Borden to be competed for by Mount Allison students. They are made of copper from Lord Nelson's flagship Victory, mounted on a polished oak panel and surmounted by a full rigged ship.

Shields are the property of the school to which they are given and left there being held from year to year by the winner as vanguard of the shield. They are awarded for proficiency in such subjects as the authorities of the college or school direct.

Miss Eliza Knapp, professional nurse, of Boston, has returned to that city after spending the summer months at her home here.

John Bates, son of Mrs. Bates, Bridge street, has graduated with high honors from Columbia University, New York.

Dr. Major M. Allen of Port Elgin has opened up his new office in the Hickman block and has a drug store in connection.

Mrs. Walsh who has spent some weeks the guest of Mrs. W. M. Spencer, Port Elgin, has returned to her home in Boston.

Robert A. Tremblay of Port Elgin, had his hand badly injured last week by the explosion of a cartridge while handling a revolver.

Treman Spencer has sold his farm at Hotsford and left this week for Albert, Sask. to reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Younger, of St. John, have returned home after being the guests of Rev. W. J. Kirby, Point de la Butte, for two weeks.

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