

HIGH CLASS LIVE STOCK SHOW AT THE EXHIBITION

Present indications go to show that there will be an exceptionally good show of live stock at the St. John Exhibition which will open on Sept. 2.

From the entries which have so far been received, it is certain that there will be keen competition in all classes although the entry list will not come up to the record set up last year. On account of the heavy crops and the bad weather some of the stock raisers have neglected to submit their entries before the closing date, but the entries of those who have signified their intention of placing stock in the show will be accepted within a reasonable time.

Special provision is to be made this year for accredited herds; that is, those which have passed the tests of the Dominion Department of Agriculture and been found to be free from tuberculosis. They will be segregated from the other cattle and placed in separate barns which will be disinfected to the satisfaction of the superintendent of the health of animals branch of the federal department of agriculture.

In regard to swine, H. A. Porter, secretary of the exhibition, said yesterday that he expected that the entry lists in the various breeds would be larger this year than they were for last year's show.

A special feature of this year's live stock will be the auction of cattle on the last two days of the fair, which will give stock raisers an opportunity to obtain some high grade stock to add to their herds.

The poultry section in particular promises well, as is only to be expected when the new features which have been added to this branch are considered. There will be a demonstration in poultry farming which will show the various stages of poultry raising from the incubation of the egg until the little chick grows into the mature hen which is shown in egg-laying contests.

William E. Hopper, manager of an important press service bureau with Canadian headquarters in Montreal, is in the city visiting relatives and his old associates in this home town. He was formerly a member of the Times staff. Mrs. Hopper and children are accompanying him. At present they are staying with Mr. Hopper's sister, Mrs. (Rev.) George Baker, Fairville. Since going to Montreal several years ago, the former St. John newspaper man has climbed steadily in the journalistic field and is very comfortably housed in the big city.

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Teaching Nations to Confer

Already the League's Assembly Has Developed Machinery for Discussing Instead of Declaring War.

(By Raymond B. Fosdick. From the Atlantic Monthly.)

It is not size alone which gives the League of Nations significance or which has brought it increasing vitality. With no precedents to follow, with no tradition to bind it, the league has struck out boldly in a new direction. On the theory that if the nations of the world can get together for discussion and a common table, many of the conflicts of interest and misunderstandings of purpose can be reconciled and smoothed down, and many of the outstanding problems which confront all nations alike can be overcome, the league has built up machinery for international conference such as no previous generation has possessed. And the machinery is working.

However the enemies of the league may scoff at its inception, the fact remains that through the machinery which the league has brought into being the nations are today sitting in conference on their common problems to a degree undreamed of a decade ago. Whatever mistakes may have been made in the formation of the league—and they were not a few—within two years of its birth it has proved itself successful as an instrument for drawing the world together in common counsel.

The bare list of some of the conferences which the league has promoted is evidence of this success. The assembly, which is the keystone of the whole organization, because it represents all the nations sitting around a table, is holding its third annual meeting in Geneva in

September. The league's council, representing eight states, has held nineteen sessions.

In addition to these more formal gatherings, the league has promoted a steady succession of international conferences and committee meetings to deal with a great variety of problems, such as the standardization of international statistics, the suppression of the international traffic in opium, the unification of standards of anti-toxic sera, the feeding of Russian refugees, the return of prisoners of war, the reduction of armaments, the private manufacture of arms, the deportation of women and children in Asia Minor, and a score of other topics which represent the legitimate concern of one nation but of the family of nations.

Value of Taking Council.

In brief, for two years the world has been slowly developing the tradition of conference; it has been learning, in some measure at least, the value of common counsel. No one could claim that the lesson is perfectly learned; only the beginning has been made. But at least it is a beginning. It marks a new train of thought, a new method of approach, a new way of life.

There is apparently some opinion in America that a succession of special conferences like the one held in Washington could adequately take the place of the league. To such belief it would seem as if memory of the plight of Sir Edward Grey, in 1914, would be a crushing answer. For over two weeks he fought for a conference as the only hope of avoiding the impending catastrophe. In that limited period, with the flames mounting higher every day, he tried to create the necessary machinery that would bring nations concerned around a common table. But it was too late. Time was lacking. In those few frantic days, the machinery could not be devised and assembled. The catastrophe began without a single conference. A handful of hasty, misunderstood telegrams plunged the world into the greatest tragedy ever visited upon the human race.

That is why some kind of permanent machinery is necessary, some international organization ready for emergency. That is why the assembly, the council, and the court of international justice constitute the outstanding features of the league's programme. They represent preparedness. They represent a flexible mechanism that can be quickly adapted to unexpected situations.

Week by week the league is extending its work along general humanitarian lines, using its machinery to meet those human needs which overflow national boundaries. In these uncontroversial matters the nations of the world can develop the technique of common action and acquire the habit of co-operation, surely when the great test comes, and another 1914 throws down its ugly challenge to mankind, there will be a better chance for sanity and self-control and a larger hope of escape from a world wreck of untold proportions.

An Instrument of Concord.

This, then, is the League of Nations—not a superstate, backed by vast armaments, but a simple instrument for bringing nations together in conference around a table. Its warmest friends make no claim of perfection for it. It cannot bring the millennium. It cannot immediately allay the fever of present international discord. Its weaknesses are apparent. It is powerless to solve, or even deal with, some of the most menacing problems that confront us.

But here is a co-operative world movement, the first of its kind in history, constituting a central rallying point around which the forces of law and peace may gather and slowly develop new approaches to common dangers and

new methods of common action. During its first two years, in a period of untried allied difficulty, its positive achievement has been distinctly creditable, far wider in scope, and greater in bulk than its best friends dreamed possible.

In spite of all cynicism, all gibes, all remorseless criticism, it has become a real influence in the world and has won for itself a distinct place in the confidence and hope of many peoples. That confidence will not easily be shaken, and that hope is a grim and determined hope, for if the league proves a blunt and ineffective instrument, there is nothing ahead of us except despair in the face of new wars.

MEMORIAL TO A GREAT PIONEER

Log Building and Stockade at Lake Windermere in Memory of David Thompson.

(Ottawa Journal.)

On the last day of the present month will be added to the memory of the great Canadian explorer, David Thompson, will be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. The memorial consists of a large log building surrounded with a stockade with bastion towers, reproducing as closely as possible one of the trading forts of the time of David Thompson. The central building will be used as a museum for Indian relics and articles connected with the fur trade, and particularly anything related to David Thompson's work as a fur-trader, explorer and pathfinder of the great west. The memorial stands on the shores of beautiful Lake Windermere, not far from the source of the Columbia River, in the heart of the great valley between the Rockies and the Selkirk, and within a short distance of the site of Kootenai House, the trading post which Thompson built in 1807. The cost of the memorial is being borne jointly by the Hudson's Bay Company and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

There is a peculiar appropriateness in the fact that this graceful tribute should be added to the memory of David Thompson, because of all Canadian explorers he has until recently been most conspicuously ignored. He spent a long life, first in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company, and later with its great rival, the North West Company. Although not a fur-trader, his work was to explore and survey the immense region between Lake Superior and the Pacific. During the years he was west he traveled over 50,000 miles in canoes, on horseback and on foot, through an unexplored and to a very large extent unpopulated territory. His surveys, although made under peculiarly adverse conditions, with imperfect instruments, and often among hostile tribes, were so accurate that, according to such an acknowledged authority as J. B. Tyrrell, Dominion government surveyor, they are still used today. His work remained for many years not merely the best, but the only reliable map of the Pacific. During the years he was west he traveled over 50,000 miles in canoes, on horseback and on foot, through an unexplored and to a very large extent unpopulated territory. His surveys, although made under peculiarly adverse conditions, with imperfect instruments, and often among hostile tribes, were so accurate that, according to such an acknowledged authority as J. B. Tyrrell, Dominion government surveyor, they are still used today.

Thompson was the first man to explore the Columbia River, from its source down to its mouth. Lewis and Clark, the American government explorers, were a little ahead of him on the lower part of the river, but to him alone belongs the honor of covering the entire waters of that immense waterway, which he took possession of in the name of the British crown. After he left the service of the North West Company, he was employed for ten years in surveying and defining the boundary between Canada and the United States, as far west as the Lake of the Woods. In his extreme old age he tried unsuccessfully to obtain a position or some slight recognition of his immensely valuable services to Canada and the empire, and finally died near Montreal at the age of eighty-seven, in abject poverty. He was buried in Mount Royal Cemetery, and even today his grave is unmarked and unknown except in the records of the cemetery. This national oversight—one might almost call it a national disgrace—is understood to be remedied through the generosity of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, which has undertaken to place a suitably inscribed stone over the grave.

Throughout his long life Thompson kept elaborate diaries of his surveys and geographical discoveries. These diaries, filling many volumes of manuscript, lay

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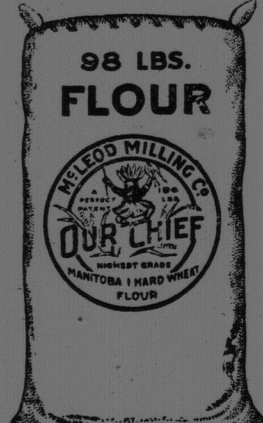
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for many years in one of the provincial departments at Toronto. Finally, through the energy and enthusiasm of J. B. Tyrrell, they were edited and published in a handsome volume by the Champlain Society. Now that this splendid memorial has been erected to his memory on Lake Windermere, the shameful neglect which David Thompson suffered during his lifetime has been to some extent remedied.

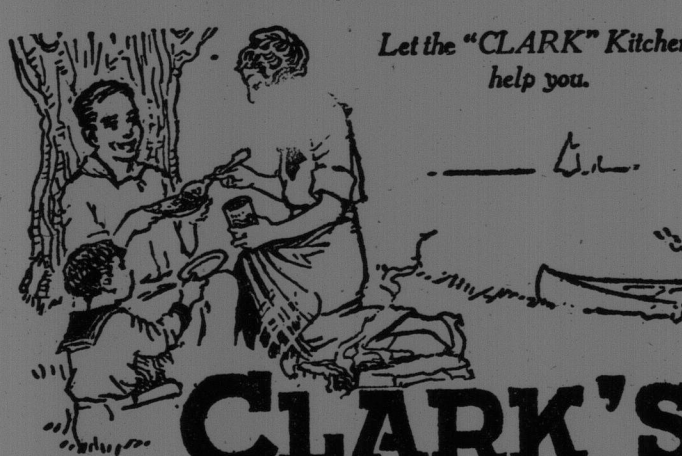
Canada cannot afford to forget the work of the great pioneers who blazed paths through her vast western territory. The Hudson's Bay Company last year placed a memorial over the grave of Simon Fraser, the intrepid explorer who first of white men descended the river that bears his name, from the mountains to the ocean. The Dominion Sites and Monuments Board is doing excellent work in preserving old landmarks of the past and marking historic sites, and in this way they have the warm co-operation of the Historic Landmarks Association, now merged in the Canadian Historical Association, as well as of many provincial and local historical societies. Recently the Quebec government established a special commission with the same object in view, so far as that province is concerned. Canadians are awakening to the debt they owe the men who laid the foundations of this great dominion. More power to their elbows! No patriotic citizen will question the propriety of spending money, intelligently directed, upon such a laudable object.

LUDLOW ST. BAPTISTS GREET NEW PASTOR

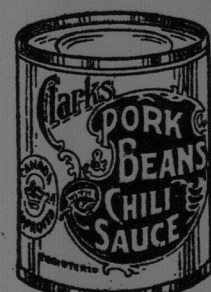
Many members of the Ludlow street Baptist church congregation yesterday took advantage of the opportunity to greet their future pastor, Rev. W. Alvin Robbins, of Yarmouth, who was in the city on a house-jumping expedition and attended the Wednesday night prayer service in the church and gave a short address. After the service his future parishioners had some social intercourse with Mr. Alvin and told of the pleasure with which they were looking forward

to his coming to assume his pastorate on September 10. Mr. Alvin declared he had most pleasurable anticipations in coming to take up his duties in St. John. He arrived here on Tuesday night and spent yesterday in company with the

officials of the church endeavoring to see how he was so far successful that he located a house in Champlain street which he has rented for his pastorage. Mr. Robbins leaves this morning to return to Yarmouth.



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