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OPENING OF THE GREAT FAIR A STIRRING SUCCESS

In Interest and Extent the Exhibition Far Exceeds Those of Former Years—Many New Features—The Opening Ceremonies Marked by the Attorney General's Announcement of Government Aid to Cold Storage Facilities—\$60,000 Pledged.

What is going to be in every sense the most successful exhibition ever held in New Brunswick was formally opened on Saturday evening by His Honor Lieutenant Governor Snowball.

The amusement hall, in which the addresses were delivered, was not large enough to hold the immense crowd, and hundreds remained standing throughout the ceremonies.

Interest in the opening proceedings was enhanced materially by the announcement of Attorney General Pugsley that the federal government would contribute liberally toward the establishment of a system of cold storage warehouses, the principal one to be erected in St. John. Hon. Mr. Pugsley's plain words about St. John's right to traffic developed by the transcontinental railroad was equally interesting, and like the first announcement, was received with enthusiasm.

More than 5,000 entered the grounds Saturday evening, and all were most agreeably surprised to find that the show was complete, the exhibits in place, and the fair all ready for eight days.

An examination of the exhibition as it was on the opening night convinced those who attended that the efforts of all previous years have been directed, and that this year's exhibition will establish a new record and one of which St. John and the province at large may justly be proud.

In scope as well as in the merit of individual exhibits, there is noticeable a distinct advance in every department. With the addition of the amusement features which begin today the attractions will be complete. The fair even boasts a "Pike," and while this "midway" is neither so extensive nor so lively as that at St. Louis, it is fair to add considerably to the lighter side of the exhibition.

The weather was perfect, and though the amusement hall was crowded, the grounds and main building were well filled throughout the evening, and on all sides were heard expressions of approval and satisfaction at the extent and beauty of the exhibits and the distinct advance as compared with previous fairs.

The Opening Ceremonies.

In the amusement hall the 62nd Fusiliers Band and a quartette had been added to the programme, perhaps to vary the monotony of speech-making. The quartette sang well, and the band music was excellent, but the speeches were not monotonous. They were most entertaining and an added spice of interest was found in President Emerson's reference to politics as a prohibited subject, and the next rejoinder of the Attorney General that the "progress of the province and the government, which he represented were inseparable in discussion.

Many ladies were on the platform with the speakers. Among the men seated about President Emerson and Lieutenant Governor Snowball were: Attorney General Pugsley, Hon. A. T. D. Senator Domville, Hon. L. P. Farris, Senator Jordan, Mayor White, Judge Bisset, Richard O'Brien, H. H. McLean, James Barnes, M. P. P., Dr. S. S. Skinner, Major F. W. Wedderburn, Dr. J. M. Smith and Ald. Tilley. Although many chairs had been carried in to supplement the seating capacity of the hall the aisles were filled with persons standing, and even on the platform many men and women stood throughout the speeches. President Emerson, of the Exhibition Association, expressed assurance at the large attendance and welcomed the Lieutenant Governor and the public. This year the association offered the public for cooperation in making the exhibition a success, and spoke most warmly of the interest in it among all classes. He sketched briefly the work done by the association since showing the permanent good effected by the money from all sources which the association had expended.

Working with the dominion and provincial departments of agriculture, the association had provided useful competitions in dairy work and butter making and had secured the most competent instructors and judges. He dwelt upon the importance of nature study and said 217 entries for the weed competition had been received. Referring to the fair generally he said many of the exhibits were on a scale not hitherto attempted here. The exhibition reflected well the resources and progress of the province. He gave praise to Manager Hubbard, and Assistant Manager Schandens for their ability and industry, and closed with an appeal to the public to show their interest in and appreciation of the fair by keeping the turnstiles busy.

The Governor.

Lieutenant Governor Snowball, who wore his famous Windsor uniform, received a hearty welcome from the audience. He said it had been his desire while holding office to meet the views of the people in every respect possible. He was afraid the audience before him was not exactly an agricultural one. It was, however, always a pleasure to meet a St. John audience. He heartily congratulated them upon the success of the Champlain demonstration, which marked an epoch in the history of the province. He referred to the fact that 75 per cent of New Brunswick's population was rural, the percentage for the whole dominion being but sixty-six. The exhibition of two years ago was a

five or six lesser ones at other points in the province.

St. John and the Railway.

There was another subject—the harbor and the great future in store for it if we received fair play from the west of this Dominion. He would not trench upon politics when he mentioned this subject, for all were united in their determination that the interests of the port should not be neglected and that St. John should become the Winter Port. There was a project before the country for the construction of a transcontinental railway. It was not for him to say how it should be built. Both parties favored another line. Left Senator Cloran tell his colleagues in Ontario that an article of faith with the people of St. John and the province was that the new transcontinental should do its part in bringing the traffic of the west to St. John. This was an article of faith with us, comparable to our belief in the Bible, and it must be heeded. It was for all to work unitedly for the progress of the province, and great prosperity would come to our people.

The Attorney General was heartily applauded during and at the conclusion of his remarks, and great interest was manifested in his announcement of government aid to cold storage facilities, and his words concerning the port and the transcontinental railroad.

A quartette, Messrs Munro and Cochran and Messrs Kelly and Babin, sang most enjoyably, and Mr. Emerson introduced Mayor White, who was applauded both before and after he had related a funny story involving a mule, a corpse and the industry of Milwaukee. When the mule laughter which followed the story had subsided, Mayor White spoke of the great educational value of exhibitions. It was good for people occupied in the same pursuit to meet and exchange ideas. The Exhibition Association were to be congratulated on the agricultural features which they had made a feature of the show. By this means the farmer learned something of the science of his calling and was able to make a better living. Not only so but the standard of the whole country was raised. All the wealth of the world is derived from the soil and the farmer and the miner are the real creators of wealth. Then play as much an element of life as work and the association is doing a good thing in encouraging the social side of the exhibition. He fully endorsed all the attorney-general had said about the transcontinental railroad. The time must come when the city of St. John will take its place among the largest cities on the Atlantic coast, when it will be to Canada what New York is now to the United States.

When the transportation committee makes its report which it will soon do he hoped the government would see that the ports of the coast had been brought to be equipped at the expense of the people and be made free ports for their benefit. He congratulated the local government on their agricultural policy and resumed his speech on the exhibition every success.

Sensor Cloran, of Montreal, followed in an eloquent and powerful speech in which he stated it was the first time he had ever been in St. John and it was a source of very great pleasure to him. It was also a source of information. In St. John he recognized a part of the country but to the entire confederation. He echoed the mayor's statement that we are all equal partners in this confederation and have an equal interest in the development of every part of the Dominion. He promised that St. John and New Brunswick would advance materially in the last ten or fifteen years. He said he had seen the great growth of the province and the progress of the province without reference to the government which had done so much for it was impossible. "That's something a good government can't help," he added, amid laughter and applause. The rate of progress in New Brunswick, he continued, is a source of pride here and to the Dominion generally. No country in the world had shown such progress as Canada during the last decade. Within that period the whole world had begun to realize that we have in Canada the finest land and the finest men and women to be found anywhere. No wonder the great paucity of the west were filling up with an immense and happy population. The four of the west were always non-political, had to some extent called attention to the progress of this province.

Dr. Pugsley referred in terms of praise to Senator Cloran and expressed pleasure at seeing Mayor White present and recovered in health.

An Important Announcement.

There was one subject—perhaps two—one which Dr. Pugsley said he desired to speak particularly. As a member of the provincial government he felt that the matters of which he was about to speak were of great importance to both city and province. Some years ago the government had had a bill passed permitting it to assist in establishing and maintaining cold storage warehouses in the province, in which fruits, butter and meats could be stored and preserved to be shipped in refrigerated steamers to the old country. This had not yet been done. He was proud to say, however, that in his own native town of Sussex there was now a well-equipped storage plant which was of great benefit to the town and the surrounding country. He hoped the government would be able to aid it. He asked Mr. Emerson and the mayor why they did not take up this question in St. John. It would mean hundreds of thousands of dollars in increased trade.

Continuing, Hon. Mr. Pugsley said he was authorized by the premier, indeed he was present as acting premier, to announce that if the city of St. John would take hold of the enterprise the government would guarantee bonds at four per cent up to the amount of \$60,000 to establish cold storage facilities. (Applause). He hoped the city would take hold of the project and that St. John would no longer be without such an important aid to business and progress. There should be a large cold storage warehouses in St. John and

in the annex not only gives more room for exhibits on the main floor, but is an improvement in every way, as there is better provision made than formerly for the seating of visitors inside the rail of the gallery above the band stand. There are all the available space in the industrial buildings is taken up. While it is true that the general class of exhibits does not vary a great deal from year to year, yet the display this year presents some new and exceptionally interesting features, well worthy of careful inspection and study.

The general effort, no matter from what position the visitor looks out upon, the brilliant scene in these buildings, is extremely pleasing. It is everywhere a scene gay with life and color, and to this is added the hum of merry conversation and the charm of music.

Passing out upon the grounds, it is at once observed that the "Pike" features are more numerous than ever before. There are more than a dozen booths or tents, where the eager sightseer may test his strength or skill, learn his fate, enjoy a laugh, gaze upon the wild man or gorilla boy or the same mimes, or in some other way get rid of the numbing idea. Of course there is a merry-go-round, and it did a rushing business on Saturday night. The Matascope, of which there are 25 in a row, and each one of which when a cent is put in will reveal interesting pictures, was another great attraction. The "barkens" are also a very attractive one.

In the agricultural and poultry building the work of installing exhibits was still in progress, and it is clear that the departments will be of more than ordinary interest and merit. The carriage exhibit is also a very attractive one.

With regard to live stock, Supt. Frost is experiencing the utmost difficulty to find accommodation for all that is to be displayed. It will be the best live stock exhibit ever seen in St. John. The cattle include a draft from the noted herd of Senator Edwards, of Ottawa. Two carloads of live stock from Leonard and Pearson, of Montreal, are there, and Dr. J. A. Xess with fourteen horses from Sanborn's farm, Lewiston, Maine, arrived about midnight on Saturday.

The amusement hall features surpass those of any former show, and the horse show will be the best ever seen in the lower provinces. By noon today the great fair will be in full swing, and the exhibition is fine the record for St. John exhibitions should be broken this week.

THE EXHIBITS

What a Stroll Through the Buildings Will Reveal.

Directly in front of the main entrance will be a display of jewelry and optical goods, and right behind it is George Bryar's exhibit of his patent plumbing apparatus. To the left of the entrance is a branch of the Bank of New Brunswick, and to the right is the general exhibition offices. At the corner, next to the offices, J. J. McLaughlin, Ltd., have a very pretty tea booth. A glass engraving booth is also located just to the left of the entrance.

On the east side of the main floor, main building, beginning at the north, those of Galvina has a cabinet for Collier's Weekly and Collier's other publications. H. Horton & Sons have a splendid display of harness and horse furnishings. Keenan & Hatchford show stoves, ranges and tinware. William Kelley shows an electric coal saver. H. Belyea, of Charlottetown, has a dulse booth, and next to it is an ice cream parlor.

Taking a course from the main doorway and going to the right you see the press room, where the newspaper writers do their work; next the post office and C. P. R. telegraph station; then in order come the Halifax optical parlor, Cowan's cocoa booth, Mr. Christie in charge, where a tempting cup is dispensed. The Marks Optical Company is next.

On the main floor, the east side, are handsome glass enclosed booth of Dunlop, Cooke & Co., jewelry, etc.; the Hawson Wooden Mills exhibit of Acadian Pride Homespun, a stack of cloths resting to the roof being the central figure; Malta via booth, Havellack Mineral Springs stand, where drinks are sold; Law & Akers, fruit and confectionery booth; James Strirling's exhibit of harness and kindred articles; J. E. Gibson & Co.'s space showing coal and wood; T. J. Phillips' refreshment booth and Toller & Co.'s booth where chocolate from Bernese Switzerland, is shown. Across the north end of the main floor is a very fine exhibit of saws by Shurly & Dietrich, of Galt (Ont.)

Main Floor, Annex.

Between the main building and the annex on the first floor is the Dunlop Tire Company's exhibit to the left. On the right are the fish exhibit and a talking machine.

On the band stand which is elevated this year, is the Daily Telegraph space. Here is kept a registry for visitors, samples of the work done in the Telegraph job office, no show and subscription for the Telegraph newspaper—with a watch as premium—are taken.

Continuing our walk in the annex, another Havellack mineral water booth is at the east end. On the south side are A. James & Son's cigar booth, the Royal Household food kitchen, where baking is going on, Emerson & Fisher's exhibit of Enterprise Flouring Mills, Philip Grant's, John White, sanitary mattresses, the I. O. F. booth where visitors are welcomed, E. L. Oulpitts & Co., Petticoat, honey exhibit, a showing of ball bearing writings, a P. Campbell & Co. plumbing and heating.

At the north end are lunch counters and a fine display of stuffed animals by J. H. Clarity, taxidermist.

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and mounted specimens, by the Natural History Society; samples of bricks and tiles by John Lee & Co.; an exhibit of vegetables from the Broadway School Garden, Woodstock, and the display of plants by school children; the competition invited by the association.

The centre of this floor of the annex is occupied by Lever Bros., showing Sunlight and Life Buoy soaps, the Ogilvie Flour Mills Company who have a handsome reception room under the band stand; C. Robinson, dustless floor brush and carpet sweeper; the McCleary Manufacturing Company, stoves and furnaces; J. B. Wilson, stoves, copper and iron work; Carleton Foundry Company, Ltd., of St. John, west; the Amherst Decorative Marble and Flooring Company, M. E. Hatt, manager, in charge, and Comfort soap booth, where music is given away and you have a chance for a prize in guessing the weight of a huge cake of soap.

Dearborn & Co. have a fine exhibit in their old space, the North End Wood-working Company show a portable house; A. C. Williams has a pop-corn booth; the St. John Railway Company show gas stoves and heaters, hot water and steam radiators, etc., and Vassie & Co. have a very effective display of their Fleet Sengs, showing the result of each process of manufacture from the wood to the finished goods. A handsome grill work sign with Fleet Sengs in golden red, the work of H. H. Tonge, is admired.

Machinery Hall.

In the machinery hall, below stairs, B. C. Waring is in charge of the engine and dynamo which provide light and power. The M. Campbell Panning Mill Company, of Chatham, Ontario, show fanning mills, incubators and brooders, with real live chicks in a pen. The New Brunswick Wire Rope Company, of Moncton, have an exhibit, and Geo. Raymond, of Bloomfield, shows the L. C. Smith Little Carrier. D. K. McLaren shows leather belt. They have a fine display of machinery, and Leonard & Sons engines, the Sussex Manufacturing Company's splendid exhibit of farm machinery and a shiruberry where will be a pleasant place to sit and rest.

The Annex Gallery.

In the annex gallery at the head of the stairway at the east end, Charles L. Boush shows a pretty variety of toys and dolls. Geo. A. Prince, in a pretty booth, shows Northmen pianos. On the left side T. J. Phillips' confectionery booth is very attractive place, and then come the displays of plants along the whole south side of the gallery. At the west end of the gallery C. Flood & Sons have a very attractive display of plants, which will be played here by John Francis Galt, the well known pianist and composer of New York.

On the north side you find Sharpen's Tubular cream separators shown by J. P. Tilley, maritime manager; then come T. J. Phillips' soda fountain and other refreshments; Orange Mead exhibit made by the Government of the general exhibition offices. At the corner, next to the offices, J. J. McLaughlin, Ltd., have a very pretty tea booth. A glass engraving booth is also located just to the left of the entrance.

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Five Thousand People Present—What a Tour of the Exhibition Buildings and Grounds Reveals—The "Pike" is Livelier Than Usual This Year—Good Programme and Everything in Full Swing.

Mfg. Co. The place for the butter making competition is also here.

To the right of the entrance, looking to the south, are the exhibits of Anglo-Saxon stock food by the Nelsbott Co., of Toronto; Melotte cream separators, shown by R. A. Lister & Co., Ltd., Montreal.

F. W. Hodson Here.

F. W. Hodson, dominion live stock commissioner, is at the exhibition. He is making a special tour of the maritime province exhibitions; this year to give what advice and assistance may be acceptable, with a view of making the judging of live stock an educational feature. In Ontario the government has appointed a special superintendent of exhibitions. The county and township fairs are all held under his direction. He furnishes them with expert judges. The dates of the exhibitions are so arranged that a special corps of judges are able to make a circuit without loss of time. Not only are the judges experts, but in most instances they are qualified to speak on live stock topics, and a programme of addresses is in most cases arranged, as has been done in St. John this year.

Early in the season the St. John association accepted Mr. Hodson's nomination of judges, and he is now here to see that the work is carried through to up-to-date lines. Since his arrival on Saturday he has been in conference with the management. With the exception of the judges of light horses, all the live stock judges were selected by Mr. Hodson. The following is the list of judges, with one or two exceptions:

The Judges.

Light horses—Breeding classes in thoroughbreds, standard breeds and roadsters—C. C. Gardiner, Charlottetown (P. E. I.). Swine, all classes—Andrew Elliott, Galt (Ont.). Heavy horses, including Clydesdales, heavy draughts and medium draughts—A. P. Ketchum, B. S. A., Ottawa.

Best breeds of cattle, including Shorthorns, Herefords, Polled Angus and Devons—J. Martin Gardhouse, assisted in beef grades and fat cattle, by R. Robertson, Charlottetown (P. E. I.). Dairy breeds of cattle, including Ayrshire, Jerseys, Guernseys and Holsteins—W. F. Stephens, Trout River (Que.); assisted in Jersey class by Andrew Elliott. Dairy grades—R. Robertson, Napton (N. S.).

Sheep, all classes—W. S. Fraser, Bradford (Ont.); all A. P. Ketchum, Ottawa.

Swine, all classes—Andrew Elliott, Galt (Ont.). Fruit—Geo. H. Vroom, Middletown (N. S.). Grain and Vegetables—W. S. Tompkins, Melville (N. B.).

Butter—W. H. A. Olive-Montreal (Que.).

General Notes.

A stroll through the grounds yesterday afternoon showed a small army of attendants looking after the live stock; and the neighing of horses, lowing of cattle, bleating of sheep and squealing of pigs were heard from the long rows of stalls. A number of the horses were being led or ridden or driven around for exercise.

The hay, straw, feed, etc., for the live stock at the exhibition will be supplied from the feed warehouse on the exhibition grounds by Edward Walsh & Co. These grounds, which were a little wet in places on Saturday night, were dried up by yesterday's sun and wind.

Adgie's lions, whose cage is close to a window of the amusement hall, gazed tranquilly out upon the passing attendants yesterday afternoon. They were visited by Adgie, who swept out the cage, and they made way for her as obligingly as the ordinary kitchen cat, although one of the lionesses is at times disposed to growl when disturbed, and they fought over their chickens.

There are more exhibits, better displayed, at this exhibition than at any former one. A Kings county man who saw the Halifax exhibition says that the display in the St. John industrial buildings is far superior to that in Halifax, both in extent and attractiveness. He adds that the present St. John exhibition promises to be the best he has seen here and he has seen them all for years.

The ladies of Trinity Church, Sussex, are to do the catering in the exhibition restaurant again this year. With Mrs. O. R. Arnold at the head they have made most careful preparations to give their usual excellent service.

There are some very attractive Ontario exhibits in the industrial buildings this year. Sergt. Baxter had a large and unruly family of boys to handle yesterday afternoon. They were climbing on roofs near the fences and amusing themselves by throwing things. The sergeant dispersed them in short order.

The old ship Robert Reed is shown this year over the booths in the annex. Manager Hubbard has had a special box provided beside the track for the press men.

Two tame moose are a side show in a tent on the grounds.

The sign "Beware of Pickpockets," is in evidence all through the buildings. David Braunscher, representing the Moncton Transcript, was a visitor in the press room Saturday night.

C. O. Thompson, maritime representative of the Hewan Woolen Mills, Amherst, is in the city in charge of the company's exhibit at the fair.

The poultry exhibit will be pretty nearly all in place this morning. Although in point of number there is a decrease from last exhibition, the quality of the entries is very much better, showing that poultry breeders are exercising more care in the selection of their stock. There is a young exhibit of very fine chickens from Calais. A great deal of the live stock was on the grounds on Saturday, and the rest will arrive today. And here again the benefit of greater care in the selection of stock on the part of the breeders is seen in the improved appearance of the animals.

There will be competitions in butter making in the agricultural building on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, which will be under the direction of L. C. Daigle and Dairy Superintendent Tilley. J. H. Ness, of Lewiston, is registered at the Royal. He is here with the famous Sanborn stud of French and half bred French coach horses. It is two years since the stud was seen here, and only one of them, Lochair, was here on that occasion. There are eleven of them, mostly young horses, and they are all entered in the breeders' classes. Signs of the stud will also be seen in the various harness classes every afternoon. Among them is a newly imported French stallion which is destined to replace the old stallion at the head of the stud.

Travels on American Diplomacy.

Sir Frederick Trevelyan, on his return from America to London, was honored with a number of dinners. At each of these dinners he was called on to talk about America and at each he told an American story.

"Your typical American," he said at a press banquet, "has a highly developed gift of diplomacy. If he wants a thing he gets it without asking for it. Now to get a thing without asking for it is difficult, and strange are the expedients to which, in such a difficulty, the American will resort."

"For example, two young men were invited out into the country on a summer day for lunch. The season was dusty and dry. The young men rode 30 miles to their destination in an automobile and on their arrival they were dusty, naturally."

"The luncheon was served in the open air, on a lawn like green velvet, in the shadow of great trees, but though the food was excellent, nothing was served to quench the thirst."

"The two guests had hoped for ice-cream champagne. Claret cup would have pleased them. Even when the food and drink were served at without asking for it. Now to get a thing without asking for it is difficult, and strange are the expedients to which, in such a difficulty, the American will resort."

"In this difficulty the younger of the two, shouting suddenly at an elderly and pompous butler opposite him, and in a loud, angry tone:

"If you want something to drink, sir, can't you ask for it, without kicking me under the table like this?"

The God Samaritan.

Brigadier-General George F. Elliott during an inspection of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, met Captain Smedley D. Butler, who distinguished himself during the Spanish-American War by rescuing a wounded comrade at the risk of his own life.

"You played the good Samaritan," said General Elliott to the young man. "You were luckier than most Samaritans, though for your unselfish heroism brought you a due reward of praise and honor."

"A friend of mine, a colonel," said General Elliott, "played the good Samaritan one night last spring with very grievous results to himself."

"He was riding on a train when a young man entered in a slightly intoxicated condition. He looked like an honest young man, and the colonel was genuinely sorry to see him in such a plight. When he got a little noisier, the colonel tried to quiet him; and, when the passengers objected to his presence, the colonel scolded them, and kept him from being put off the car."

"Altogether," according to his youth, the colonel befriended the young man considerably. His reward came when the inebriate rose to get off. He reeled over to the dignified old soldier, shook him by the hand, and said in a loud, hoarse voice:

"Good-by, sport, and thank you. I see you know yourself what it is to be drunk."

Isabel—"Fred and I have decided to form a life partnership." "Nonsense! Indeed! And, of course, Fred is to be a silent partner and put up the money."

Wife—"I'm sorry to see you come home in such a state as this, Charles." Husband—"I know you'd be sorry, Charlie, and that's why I told you not to get up."