Duke of Devonshire Under Ideal Auspices Opens Canadian National Fair Which Promises To Beat All Records.

Yesterdays' attendance at the Exhibition totaled 36,000, as against 32,500 for the same day last year. This constitutes a record, being the biggest opening day in the history of the fair.

Exemplifying to the fullest extent as development of Canada since conderation, enlarging upon its sphere usefulness and emphasizing seroes and sacrifice as qualities of patotic value, the 39th annual Canadian ational Exhibition has started out its mission to beat all records, ander auspicious circumstances and and a blaze of splendor it was officially opened by His Excellency the take of Devonshire, governor-gental, yesterday afternoon. The duke as deeply impressed with the fair d paid a warm tribute to the resurcefulness of the directors at the acheon which preceded the opening remony.

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The great event of the afternoon was the review of the Great War veterans and veterans of other wars, by the duke, before the grand stand. It was a sight that instilled pride in the hearts of Canadians when more than 2000 battle-scarred men who had bravely upheld Canada's reputation in France marched past the representative of the King. A crowd estimated at 12,000, a record for the grand stand and fitting welcome. A feature of the review was the postnumous presentation of the much coveted Victoria Cross to J. J. Sifton of Wallaceburg. His on, Lance-Sergeant Ellis Wellwood Sifton, was killed after he had performed the heroic act which won the decoration. After the presentation the proud father was the recipient of was killed after he had performed the heroic act which won the decoration. After the presentation the proud father was the recipient of wastless from the veterans.

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inconvenience to himself. Ottawa was a very busy place at present and possibly not as pleasant as it might be. The Exhibition, he told the duke, had been founded to encourage agriculture and to bring it into closer touch with the business man. It had developed by leaps and bounds until today there was not sufficient accommodation for the exhibits. It was the intention of the directors to add considerably to the acreage and buildings, the amphitheatre of the intention of the directors to add considerably to the acreage and buildings, but no step in this direction would be taken until after the war. His excellency-did not take the welcome in a personal manner, but rather accredited it to his position as representative of the King in Canada. He hoped during his tenure of office in the Dominion to identify himself closely with the Exhibition and its work. He had heard much about it and he was certain that when, he made an inspection his appetite would be keenly whetted.

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## SCHOOL CHILDREN GUESTS OF THE DIRECTORS TODAY

Arrangements Carried Out to Make Visit to Canadian National Exhibition Memorable in Lives of Little Folk.

This is Children's Day at the Exhibition, and it is a foregone conclusion that it will be one of the greatest of the two weeks of great days which the National of 1917 promises to score up to its credit.

Today the boys and girls, from the tot in the arms of its mother to those of high school growth, will flood the grounds and take possession of the buildings; and there will be none to say them nay, for the exhibitors and their exhibits are all looking forward to having the children as their guests during the next ten or twelve hours.

There are no more critical critics anywhere than the schoolboy and schoolgirl, and none more alert to avail themselves of opportunities offered. So it is to be expected that they will enjoy the entire day's program. The model camp will find many admirers among the embryo soldiers of the empire, and the trap shooting tournament will also have its devoted contingent. The various demonstrations and the wonderful spectacle of Canada's jubilee year before the grand stand are all waiting to give them pleasure.

Every child in Toronto is wanted—the gates are open to receive them. Let the record be a full roll call—not one absent.

and the directors of the fair. A guard of honor composed of 100 men from the physical and bayonet training detachment from Camp Borden, in charge of Major G. N. Bramfitt from the Provision School of Instruction; Capt. G. C. Willis, 3rd Battalion, and Lieut. P. Blackey, also of the 3rd Battalion, was drawn up on the south side of the administration building and came to the salute as the duke arrived.

At the Luncheon.

At the Luncheon which immediately followed. President Marshall expressed his pleasure in welcoming the governor-general, who had attended the opening of the fair at considerable inconvenience to himself. Ottawa was a very busy place at present and possibly not as pleasant as it might be. The Exhibition, he told the duke.

Desping Geremony.

S. P. Biggs, Lieut.-Col. Cowan, Col. Boyd Magee, J. J. Sifton, Wallacetown; Father Carr, St. Michael's College; Sir James Grant, James Somers, Dr. Charles Col. Sir Henry Pellatt, Commodore W. C. Brent, R.C.Y.C.; E. C. Fox, Canadian Club; Major Lord laid the foundation of a great country and had marked an important epoch in the history of the British Empire. Never had the British Empire more reason to be, proud and grateful for the work of fifty years ago than at the present time. But it was not all devolved upon the present time. But it was not enough to contemplate what the men of half a century ago had done, but it devolved upon the present generation to hand down to posterity that which they had built. That was the task before them. The fair, he said, had taken a great part in the development of the country, and he was certain it would meet with continued success under the guidance of those or half a century ago had done, but it devolved upon the present generation to hand down to posterity that which they had built. That was the task before them. The fair, he said, had taken a great part in the development of the country, and he was certain it would meet with continued success under the guidance of those who were responsible. He them development development but the success under the guidance of those who were responsible.

#### EFFORTS TO IMPROVE **DUKE PERFORMS** HEALTH OF CHILDREN Provincial Health Department

Putting up Bigger Campaign Than Ever. The provincial health department

t their exhibition in the governmen uilding are putting up a bigger cam paign than ever before to safeguard the health of the child. Miniature side shows which change automatically, demonstrate the evils of airless sleeping quarters, the fly menace, right and wrong clothing. The heavy infant mortality, \$838 deaths in 1915. \$600 of which, it is claimed, were preventable, is vividly brought home by numbers of tiny figures grouped over a field, which represents the cemetery of children's diseases. An army of dolls, dressed to represent various stages of babyhood, each hold banners by which they demand their rights. Some of the pleas which are supposed to represent the needs of the children of Ontario are; "Give us sensible mothers," "Give us fathers who think." "Give us plenty of sleep," "Give us parents free from disease," "Give us plenty of fresh water, clean homes, and sensible clothes." "Nature-fed babies" is to be the slogan of the baby department this year, and emphasis is placed upon the fact that all babies need to drink water if they are to be kept in health. Dr. Smith of the Hospital for Sick Children is in attendance at this clinic daily to give free advice to mothers, and practical demonstrations of right and wrong methods of clothing and infart care will be given by trained health nurses. monstrate the evils of airles care will be given by trained health

#### LACE-MAKING EVEN INTERESTS MEN FOLK

Many Are Attracted by the Demonstrators in Lace Section.

All day yesterday interested little groups of visitors in the women's building hovered around the handmade lace section, where two energetic workers were demonstrating the making of pillow lace, and they were not all ladies who hovered, one or two men stopped to ask questions, and one said reminiscently that he remembered the same lace being made in the country when he was a boy in England. Mrs. E. Shorley, one of the pillow-workers, entered yesterday upon her twelfth year of work at the Canadian National Exhibition. Some years ago she learned the trade when a girl in Bedfordshire, and since coming to this country has found a more ready market for her work, as 14 years ago in England, the trade in this hand-made lace which has been revived during the past five years, was in danger of dying out.

#### APPLIED ART EXHIBIT HAS MANY FEATURES

Lovers of the Antique Will Find Much to Interest Them.

Lovers of the antique and curious will find many interesting specimens of beautiful embossing and illuminating in the applied art building Thank are fragments of Chinese literary art of the eleventh and twelfth century.

In the same building are examples iment of the "Mania Lag" and the

Among modern pictures are many by local artists. Eugene Beaupre has several pencil studies of child life, and Estelle Kerr is showing a poster designed for the Serbian Relief Fund.

### Program for Today

8.00 a.m Gates open.
8.30 a.m Buildings open. Thrift and process demonstrations under way.
9.00 a.m.—Trap shooting tourna-

ment opens.

10.00 a.m.—Model Camp opens to the public.

10.00 a.m.—Art Gallery opens.

10.30 a.m.—Midway opens.

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2.00 p.m.—Grand stand performance starts. Cat Show opens.
2.30 p.m.—Review of Boy Scouts by Duke of Devonshire, west of government building.

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3.00 p.m.—Live stock parade for the Duke of Devonshire, small breeders ring.
4.00 to 6.00 p.m.—innes Band.
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7.00 p.m.—Grand stand vaude-ville. 8.00 to 10.00 p.m.—Innes' Band. 9.00 p.m.—Jubilee spectacle. 9.45 p.m.—Semi-Centennial, year

# **UNIQUE CEREMONY**

Father of Man Who Fell Carrying Out Heroic Deed Receives V.C.

#### **REVIEWS VETERANS**

Remarkable and Inspiring Spectacle as Battle-Scarred Men Parade.

Spectacular and unique beyond those of any other year were features in connection with the opening of Canada's great national Exhibition. Brilliant opening witnessed as great a crowd on the grand stand as that which welcomed the more than two thousand veterans and saw the conferring of the Victoria Cross by His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire.

The program was scheduled to begin at two o'clock, but it was fully an hour before the vital things of the afternoon finishing touches and arranging ma-terial and paraphernalia for the many events to follow, and the coming of the band of the 109th was the signal

iment of the "Maple Leaf" and the declaration that "Britons, never, never iment of the "Maple Leaf" and the declaration that "Britons, never, never should be aleves."

Battle Scarred Heroes.

As the children left the field their place was taken by the veterans, whose coming called up memories mellowed by the passage of years and others polgmant with the pride and pain of passing events. Preceded by their standard bearer came the veterans of South Africa, men most of them still in their prime. Next the men of 1866, some with the halting step and frosty beard of age, medals worn conspleurously and proudly on the breast of many a black coat. The veterans of the Northwest Rebellion followed, and then the parade of the Great War Veterans, a long procession of heroes who brought history up to date and bore unmistakeable witness to the patriotism and valour of Canada's gallant soms. Closing the procession came a line of motor cars in which the men of the surprise mand valour of the new form the surpresented. The reviewing of the veterans was of a simple character, his excellency harrely walking between the ranks, and at the close of his inspection and a phreciation. He expressed himself as proud of the part the veterans and at the close of the inspection and the invalid was not unrepresented.

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#### Innes' Band Program Today

Guard Sullivan

—PART II.—

5. Jewels of the Madonna—
Fantasy Wolf-Ferrari

6. (a) Love's Confession. Thome
(b) The Wedding March.

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7. Solo for Piccolo—Shower of Pearls. ... De Carlo Faricy.
8. Overture—Masaniello ... Auber Tuesday Night, Aug. 28.
An Evening With the Russian Composers.
8 to 10 o clock.
Soloist:

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Mr. E. F. Pechin.
—PART I.—

1. Slav March.....Tschaikowsk
(b) Creole Band. Tschaikowsk
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3. Kammenoi Ostrow—Descriptive Idvi

Canada, but for the empire. If it were possible ne would like to thank them individually, but as this could not be he would thank them one and

events to follow, and the coming of the band of the 199th was the signal for the first cheer that went up from the whiting crowds.

Cadets Appear.

First to appear before the graind stand were the Cadets, who made a brave showing in their uniforms of khaki and red as they marched along the away that the campus in double file. They came the campus in double file. They came admiring thousand the campus in double file. They came admiring thousand the campus in double file. They came admiring thousand the campus in double file. They came admiring thousand the campus in double file. They came admiring thousand the campus in double file. They came admiring thousand the campus in double file. They came admiring thousand the campus in double file. They came admiring thousand the campus in double file. They came admiring the same and making a striking back-spround for the grist of the schools, some five hundred in number, who later marched to the scene, making in the background of the filed and nearly admiring springing step, one of the most attractive pictures of girlhood to be found on the American continent.

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forest cers, prefaced the presentation by the the reading an accompanying letter which told of the conspicuous valor of the winner, and stating that he had never charged single-handed the crew of a machine gun, killing the entire crew and doubtless thereby saving many

## W. H. STAIRS FIRST TO ENTER GROUNDS

"Fine Sight," He Observes, He Surveys Green Plazas and Decorated Buildings

#### SCENE TRANSFORMED

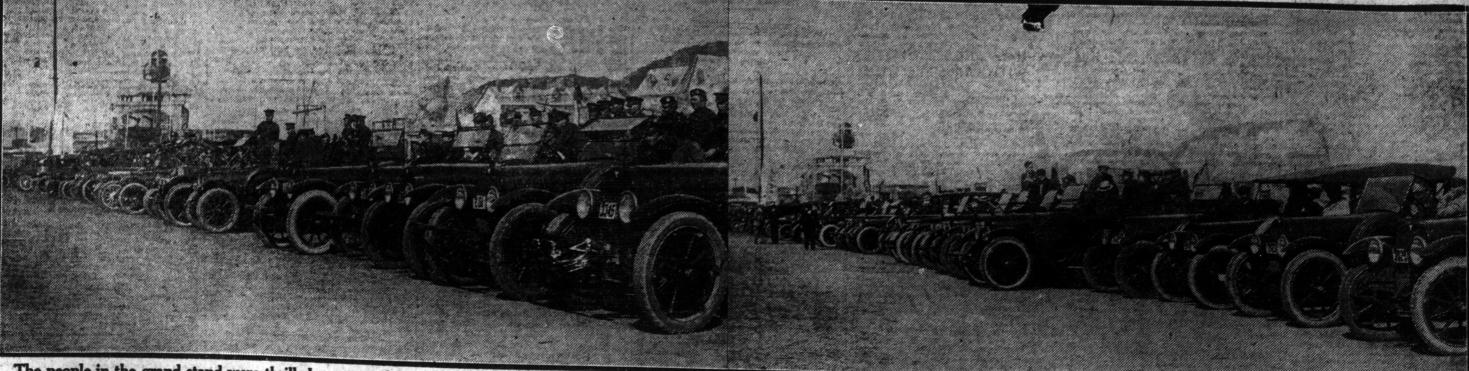
Finishing Touch Given Mechanics and Fair in Fu Swing by Noon.

"A fine sight," observed to Stairs, 276 Crawford street, the to enter, as he strolled thru gate on the west side of the Distrect entrance of the Each grounds at 7.50 yesterday meand surveyed the splendid arm buildings of the C. N. E., the full grounds and the patriotic of the grounds are the patriotic of the grounds and the patriotic of the grounds are the patriotic of the grounds and the patriotic of the grounds are the grounds. ful grounds and the patriotic of flying everywhere in comments of allied arms and Canada's or eration year. Mr. Stairs is an ican engineer, and has travele tensively. He enjoyed the of being the first man in the He was enthuslastic at his glimpse of Canada's national when he met The World after but. "I have seen many exhibit my time in various places it the American continent, and say in all fairness that none can say in all fairness that none c pass this splendid spectacle.' sight of Old Glory ranged a

and courtesy will do the trick, if o the weatherman will co-operate

## CARPET-MAKING MACHINE

The Amputation Cases of the War Veterans Who Were Driven to the Exhibition by Owners of Hudson Super-Sixes and Other Cars. The Event Was Under the Supervision of Mr. A. M. Thompson, Vice-President and General Manager of the Dominion Automobile Co.



The people in the grand stand were thrilled as automobile after automobile whirled by yesterday previous to the opening performance, each containing its load of wounded soldiers known as "amputation cases." At the request of the Exhibition authorities Mr. A. M. Thompson, the well-known manager of the Dominion Automobile Co., called up his many friends, owners of Hudson Super-Sixes and other cars, who

very graciously consented to loan their cars for the occasion. The boys were collected from the College and Davisville Hospitals, conveyed to Queen's Park, and from there were driven to the Exhibition to be reviewed by His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, Sir John Hendrie, Col. Noel Marshall, Hon. T. W. McGarry, Hon. I. B. Lucas, George Gooderham, John G. Kent and others.

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