

FAIR OF 1908 IS THING OF PAST
ATTENDANCE SMASHED RECORDS

President Reid and the Directors Are Immensely Pleased—Good Weather Helped the Show—Almost an Accident in the Afternoon During the Race Programme.

The Western Fair of 1908 is over. The last performance was given last evening before a fair attendance, and this morning most of the live stock and other exhibits had been taken off the grounds.

Yesterday was a typical Friday Fair day, with a good crowd for the close. Secretary Hunt estimated the attendance at 12,000, a considerable increase over other years.

The visitors yesterday were largely city people, who took the quiet day of the week to see the show.

A large number of school children were on hand, and they had a good time as usual.

12,000 on Grounds.

"There were 12,000 on the grounds yesterday," said Secretary Hunt. "This is a very good Friday attendance, an improvement, I think, over other years. Practically all the live stock has gone, and the other exhibits are being removed rapidly. I have heard few complaints, and the exhibitors are all satisfied so far as can be learned. It was a great Fair. We were fortunate in having fine weather the entire week." General satisfaction is expressed at the fine exhibition. It was a success from every standpoint, and the directors are more than pleased with it.

The exhibitors as a rule were treated with courtesy, and are well pleased. The protests against judges' decisions were, practically nil, and were all settled with little or no difficulty.

No Serious Mishaps.

There were no accidents of a serious nature to mar the pleasure of the week, and there was little or no rowdiness or unpleasantness anywhere.

The entire programme was given yesterday afternoon, and, as usual, proved attractive.

The live stock parade was also given, and the fine winners of the show created a great deal of interest.

Almost an Accident.

What might have proven a very serious accident occurred yesterday in one of the two speed events at the Fair grounds, and as a result, Lucky Jim, a horse owned by Mr. J. Beggs, of St. Thomas, and driven by Mr. Arthur Leaky, fell, and broke a small bone in the left front fetlock.

The mishap occurred in the second heat of the gentlemen's team race, as the horses were scoring.

Mr. Leaky had the pole, and was scoring his field at a terrific pace, when Lucky Jim was seen to wobble and suddenly fall down. A scream arose from the stand, for it appeared almost certain that serious results would follow. But despite the fact, that the driver was thrown forward out of the rig almost in the path of Lucky Jim's mate, Madison G., and that the rig was thrown over on top of him, Mr. Leaky (Continued on Page Ten.)

WILL TALK NORTH
END BELT AGAIN

Mayor Stevely Says He Will Arrange Meeting With Street Railway Magnates.

There was no quorum at the meeting of the finance committee yesterday afternoon, only Ald. Beattie, the chairman, Ald. Parsons and Mayor Stevely being present.

There was little done, other than passing the accounts. The question of the north end extension was brought up, but Mayor Stevely reported that it had been impossible to arrange a meeting with Mr. Everett, president of the London Street Railway Company, relative to the extension, but he would do so at once. He would interview Mr. T. H. Smallman, the vice-president, and arrange for a meeting with Mr. Moore.

Those present were Ald. Beattie (chairman), Ald. Parsons, Mayor Stevely and Secretary Bell.

IS IT BEATTIE?
PERHAPS GRAY

Struggle for Conservative Nominations Is Still On, With Odds Favoring the Major.

The struggle for the Conservative nomination still continues, and it begins to look as if Mayor Beattie will again be the candidate. The delegates have all been appointed so far as can be learned, with the exception of Ward One, and they will be chosen this evening.

The supporters of Mayor Beattie declare that they will not be a really dangerous competitor.

Gray Confident. Billy Gray will not admit of defeat, however. He is extremely confident that he will come through all right, and he is also confident that he will win the election contest.

"Billy" Gray has a great number of friends in the city, especially among the workers," said a prominent member of the party last night. "However, Billy's friends have not been appointed as delegates, and while I believe Gray has more friends in the party than Mayor Beattie, nevertheless, Billy's friends are not delegates, and it is the votes of the delegates that count."

There is also an interesting rumor to the effect that Billy Gray will run as the Labor candidate in case he is beaten for the nomination.

"It is just like this," said a prominent Conservative. "There is no doubt that no man in the party has been so badly used as Billy Gray. He has been getting the worst of it for some time. He took up the cudgels when the fight seemed hopeless, and made as good a fight as any of them. Since then he has been getting hard knocks and no mistake. I would not be a bit surprised if he did run as a Labor candidate or as an independent. I would not blame him in the least."

The Labor men would not discuss the situation at all. They intended running a candidate they say, but who that candidate will be is not known at present.

JACOB FOX FINED FOR STREET FIGHTING. Wm. McKenna Found Cider Too Strong for Him—and He Fell.

In the police court this morning Jacob Fox was fined \$4 for acting in a disorderly manner on the street and fighting with an unknown man.

William McKenna told the court that he was working in the country and got drunk on cider. McKenna is on the Indian list and was fined \$10 and \$2 costs. Not having the money he will spend 21 days with Governor Carter.

A number of first-time drunks were allowed to go.

THE WEATHER. TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOL. FORECASTS. Moderate easterly wind, a few local showers, but mostly fair.

Sunday—Fair and cool. TEMPERATURES. Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary 48 40 Fair. Winnipeg 58 44 Fair. Parry Sound 58 46 Cloudy. Toronto 62 60 Cloudy. Ottawa 48 46 Fair. Montreal 52 48 Clear. Quebec 48 46 Clear. Father Point 46 42 Clear. Port Arthur 54 52 Cloudy.

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES. Heavy showers have occurred in Northern Ontario and light showers in Quebec and Saskatchewan, while in Southern and Western Ontario the weather continues fair and dry.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures yesterday were 53 and 47.

ATTENDANCE OVER 100,000
SURPLUS MORE THAN \$10,000

Western Fair of 1908 Proves the Greatest That Has Been—No Trouble From Any Quarter, Says President Reid—Many Exhibitors Are Writing in for Space Next Year.

"The Western Fair of 1908 is easily the most successful exhibition from every standpoint that has ever been held in London," President W. J. Reid told the Advertiser today.

"It has been one of the most easily managed fairs that I have had anything to do with. I believe the Fair board had less trouble this year than ever before. Of course, there are always a number of things that have to be arranged, but this year things seemed to come our way at every turn. The weather was ideal for holding a fair, and we are fortunate indeed in getting through without having a single wet day."

Big Attendance. "I believed the total attendance when computed will surpass any of the former figures. We have had people

from all over the country here this year, not only as visitors, but as exhibitors. The various committees this year planned to get the very best exhibits it was possible to have, and I think they succeeded. No agricultural fair in Canada can compare with London's exhibition. At no other exhibition in this country can be seen such a splendid variety of truly splendid farm products."

New Platform Needed. "The directors are unanimously of the opinion that a newer and larger platform is needed in front of the grandstand, and the present one will not be used again. It will be replaced next year by a larger structure that will in every way meet the requirements of a fair such as the Western Fair of 1908."

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Daring Burglar Girl Loots Safe
Carries Off Spoil in Her Apron

Young Servant Gets Away With \$5,000 Worth of Jewellery

Philadelphia, Sept. 19.—Under the very eyes of her mistress, who suspected nothing, a clever servant girl thief walked out of the house of John E. Marsden, in West Philadelphia, yesterday, with an apron full of jewelry, valued at \$5,000.

The girl came to Mrs. Marsden on Thursday and applied for a position as a domestic. She gave her name as Mary Kelly. Mrs. Marsden engaged her, and she began work. As Mrs. Marsden stood on the porch yesterday seeing her son off to school, the girl dressed in street attire passed out of the house. Mrs. Marsden noticed the apron tied in a bundle under her arm, and asked her where she was going. She said she was going to post a letter.

As time passed, and the girl did not appear, Mrs. Marsden went upstairs and examined the safe, finding that the jewelry was gone. There is no clue as to the whereabouts of the girl.

Monster Crowd To Greet Premier
Sir Wilfrid Passes Through City

Many Thousands Gathered at Strathroy for the Great Demonstration.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his party passed through the city shortly before noon today for Strathroy, where he will address a large gathering this afternoon. He came in the private car of the minister of railways, and was accompanied by Hon. Rudolph Lemieux and Hon. George P. Graham.

There was a large number of prominent Liberals at the depot to meet him, and he spent some time in chatting to them. Among those who met the party this afternoon were Mayor Stevely, Geo. C. Gibbons, E. C. T. H. Purdon, K. C. J. M. McEvoy, K. C. were also crowded.

Appointment of Fire Chief
New Phase of the Situation

Moye to Secure Position for Assistant—Ald. Armstrong's Objections.

Although it was decided at the meeting of No. 3 committee last night to defer the appointment of a fire chief until after the next meeting of the committee, it was stated on good authority this afternoon that the friends of Assistant Chief Aitken would spring the matter at the council meeting on Monday night, and would appoint him to the position.

There is no doubt that such a course will be attempted. It would have been done at the last meeting of the council had the position of one or two members of the board been known. Now the fact is known, and there will be no hesitation in making the move.

Ald. Armstrong is opposed to the appointment of Assistant Chief Aitken, and will not support him.

"He is not a good disciplinarian, and he cannot control the men at all," said Ald. Armstrong. "There are two reasons why I cannot conscientiously support him for the position. I have heard other things, but owing to the fact that I cannot lay my hands on the reasons for such reports, I will urge them against him until I find out definitely."

The charge of Chief Inspector Howe of the Underwriters' Association that the assistant chief kept no record of the Western fire, and had to Telephone Company, is a serious one. Mr. Aitken endeavored to explain the circumstances to me, and his explanation was exceedingly lame. He said that the usual records were kept, but I cannot understand why he did not know the particulars of that fire.

"His explanation of the fact that he took the brigade all through the east end the other evening, because he got an alarm wrong was far from convincing. He said the operator of the telephone company called the alarm from Ontario and Lyle streets. As a matter of fact these are important streets, well known to everybody, and it is also well known that they run parallel. The alarm should have read from Ontario and Lyle streets. I should think that Mr. Aitken knew that Ontario and Lyle streets did not cross, without looking up a directory."

"It was told that the only reason John Aitken was appointed was because he is a chicken man."

A Perilous Situation at Tabriz

Tabriz, Sept. 18.—The situation in this, the second city of Persia, is again perilous. The Nationalists have possession and are defying the Shah's troops, who are in considerable force without, and are on the point of bombarding the place. The foreign residents made an attempt to leave the city today, but were forbidden to do so by the Nationalists, who believe the presence of foreigners will serve to protect them against the imperial army.

TAX DODGERS' ESTATES. Ontario Government Looking up New Source of Succession Dues.

Windsor, Ont., Sept. 19.—The question whether the estates of Michigan tax dodgers who died in Ontario can be made to pay succession duties is involved in proceedings about to be started against the estate of John Patten, who died here three years ago.

Most of Mr. Patten's property passed to a son, who is now living here. His Windsor property is worth about \$2,000, but it is said the Michigan estate is worth \$60,000.

If successful in this suit the Ontario Government will take toll from the estates of others who escape taxation in Michigan by living in Ontario.

From one estate alone which will be involved the dues will be over \$7,000.

TWO MAIDS AND A LIVE WIRE
CIRCUS ACT THAT WENT WRONG

Female Employees of a Local Hotel Have a Thrilling Adventure and Miraculous Escape While Walking a Narrow Ledge High Above the Street.

Eighty feet in the air at 10 o'clock at night on a metallic ledge, a scant twelve inches in width, struggling with 600 volts of electricity from a live wire, which one of them had accidentally grasped, was the perilous position of Margaret Cameron and Mrs. Woods, employees of the City Hotel, Thursday night.

As a result Mrs. Woods was frightfully burned about the hands and feet, while Miss Cameron sustained numerous burns and a severe shock.

Both of the victims of the accident are under the care of Dr. Hogg, and Mrs. Woods is suffering great pain.

A Miraculous Escape. The escape of the two women seems miraculous, for the ledge upon which they were standing it but a trifle over eleven inches in width, and is located a few inches above the top floor of the hotel.

From what can be learned it appears that the female employees of the City Hotel had been in the habit for some time of taking shortcuts along the ledge in front of their bedroom windows to go to another's rooms.

On Thursday night about 10 o'clock, Mrs. Woods suggested that Miss Cameron accompany her to the room of another employee via the ledge, and take her by surprise.

The rooms of the employees in question are all on Dundas street on the top floor.

A Terrific Shock. Carefully the two women walked along the narrow ledge until they had almost reached the window of the

room they intended to visit. Suddenly Mrs. Woods gave a shriek, and fell groaning to the ledge on her face. Not knowing what caused her companion to fall, but realizing the awful danger Mrs. Woods was in, Miss Cameron made haste to grasp Mrs. Woods with one hand and prevent her from falling to the street below. Immediately Miss Cameron was shocked almost into insensibility by electricity, and she realized at once that Mrs. Woods had grasped a live wire hanging along the side of the building.

Screams Brought Help. The screams of Miss Cameron brought other employees of the hotel to the rescue, and after some difficulty the two women were removed from their precarious position on the ledge. In the meantime an immense crowd had gathered in the street, but, of course, did not know what the trouble was.

Dr. Hogg was at once summoned, and he found that Mrs. Woods' hand had been burned almost to the bone, while one arm and her feet were also horribly burned.

Miss Cameron was not so badly injured, but was suffering severely from shock.

The wire which Mrs. Woods grasped was one used to feed the numerous colored lights which were strung around the roof and the pole of the hotel during Old Boys' week and during the Fair, and investigation showed that the insulation on the wires had in some manner worn off for a distance of several inches.

Since the accident, the female employees of the hotel have decided that the hall is the safest route to use when paying evening calls to fellow employees.

Charged With Stealing \$750
Arrested on Complaint of Partner

With Whom He Had Been in Business in Ripley, Ont., Some Time Ago.

Percy B. Patten, a neatly-dressed young man from Toronto, was arrested on Dundas street yesterday afternoon by Detective Egelton on a charge of stealing the sum of \$750 from Geo. Head, of Toronto.

According to the information given the police, Patten and Head some time ago bought a bankrupt stock at Ripley, Ont.

The men had equal shares in the enterprise, and after the stock was sold at a profit of \$1,600, Patten, it is alleged, skipped out with all the money. Patten was bailed out by London friends this morning, and will appear later to elect trial.

The story told by Mr. Patten to The Advertiser is vastly different. He says that he and the complainant were in business, and that a disagreement arose as to the division of the profits. But instead of these amounting to \$1,500, as has been alleged, they were only about \$200.

"I am very sorry the matter has reached the courts," said Mr. Patten, in conclusion. "I made several attempts to get together with my partner, but I was unsuccessful. However, I think it will be straightened out within the next few days."

the heat of passion, and not for the motive of getting any money. He said he took the money as an after-thought.

Paul was calm up to the end, and walked up to the steps leading to the scaffold with unflinching footsteps. Death was instantaneous. Owing to illness, Radcliffe, the official hangman, was not able to be present, his place being taken by J. Thompson, of Toronto.

Heavy Rain Saves Grand Marais

Duluth, Sept. 18.—Heavy rain fell at Grand Marais last night, extending westward from there fifteen or twenty miles. While not extinguished, the forest fires are held in check as a result of the storm, and Grand Marais, Chicago Bay and other north shore settlements that have thus far escaped the flames, are considered safe.

The steamer America arrived from north shore points this morning, bringing this intelligence, and the further news that Mr. Monker and the seven Indians who went with him to the assistance of the settlers north of Grand Marais are home again safe.

Newfoundland Elections Nov. 2nd

St. Johns, Nfld., Sept. 19.—The Newfoundland Legislature was dissolved yesterday, and Monday, Nov. 2, was named as the date of the general elections.

Premier Robert Bond will be the Government leader during the campaign, and the Opposition will be headed by Sir Edward Morris, who until last year was attorney-general in the Bond cabinet.

The elections occur just one week after the general elections in Canada.

All Ready for the Big Anniversary

All arrangements have been completed for the big meeting of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, which will be held in Berlin on Wednesday, Sept. 23. Lodges 240 and 415 of London, and Lodge 47, of St. Thomas, will be largely represented. Delegates will also be present from all parts west of Toronto. The Londoners will be carried to Berlin via the Grand Trunk by a special train, which will leave this city at 8 o'clock.

Messrs. Thomas White and David Gillett, two of the committee, have worked indefatigably to make the big affair a success, and the anniversary celebration will be sure to prove one of the greatest that has been in the history of railway unionism.

Auld—Collins. Toronto Globe: Miss Helen M., daughter of Captain John and Mrs. Collins, Port Dalhousie, and Mr. Malcolm Auld, of London, were married at noon at the home of the bride's parents, the ceremony being of a quiet nature.

Frightened Horse in Freak Runaway

A runaway horse created a great deal of commotion on Dundas street this morning. It was a fine animal belonging to Mr. E. J. MacRobert, and while being hitched up on Wellington street, suddenly bolted out of the barn and turned west on Dundas street. The frightened animal avoided the crowd remarkably well at the corner of Richmond, and Dundas streets, although several pedestrians had to hurry out of the way.

It continued running until the Canadian Packing Company's store was reached when the horse swerved into a rig owned by Mr. R. A. Carrothers, turning it completely over the head of the latter's horse. MacRobert's animal fell with the buggy, but kicked itself loose. Jumping up it turned back on Dundas street, and made a dash for Down Market Lane. Here it fell and was caught, little the worse for its mad race.

The buggy belonging to Mr. Carrothers was smashed to pieces. Fortunately his horse did not become frightened, but stood still during the melee.

While the occupants were at the theatre last evening the residence of Mr. Joseph Brown, of 3 Horn street, was entered by burglars, and a lady's jewelry taken and a number of valuable rings taken.

The police were notified, and, although, no clue has as yet been secured, the thieves are expected to be rounded up shortly. The house was entered by a side window, and the dresser in one of the bedrooms. The watch was engraved "Ethel from Will, Christmas, 1903." It is thought that the engraving will assist in locating the culprits when the goods are being disposed of.

Another room, occupied by some visitors, was not entered, although it contained a large amount of money and jewelry. The theft was committed some time between 8 and 9 o'clock.

A member of the local detective force spoke very warmly about persons who leave their homes unguarded while valuables are being displayed on tables or dressers. In the majority of cases no precautions are taken by the losers until they return home some evening and find that a thief has entered the house and taken everything in sight.

It is frequently the case that a burglar has not time to make a thorough search, and thereby misses valuables put out of reach.

MR. AYLESWORTH BACK CURED OF DEAFNESS. With Lord Milner Arrives at Quebec Aboard the Virginian.

Quebec, Sept. 19.—The steamer Virginian, of the Allan Line, which anchored at Murray Bay last evening, on account of the dense smoke on the river, arrived at 11:30 this morning. Among the passengers on board were Hon. A. B. Aylesworth and Mrs. Aylesworth, and Lord Milner, who was governor of Cape Colony and the Transvaal during the South African war. Hon. Mr. Aylesworth looks much better, and is completely cured of his deafness. Sir Hanbury Williams was at Allan's Wharf to greet Lord Milner. Sir Hanbury was his private secretary when Lord Milner was governor of the Transvaal. Lord Milner intends to visit the most important parts of the Dominion.

CHURCH AT PARIS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING. Paris, Sept. 19.—The Congregational Church here was struck by lightning during a heavy thunderstorm last night. The building immediately burst into flame, but the firemen succeeded in quenching the blaze. Loss, \$1,000.

The High Court. The first weekly sitting of the high court for London since the holidays was held today, one case being heard by Chancellor Boyd, who presided.

Re McShew Dinning estate—Motion for payment out of court on behalf of Henry Dinning and other heirs-at-law. Order made for payment to adult heirs-at-law of their shares, and for payment into court of infant heirs-at-law's share.

The parties concerned reside in Metcalfe Township and the estate is valued at nearly \$500.

H. C. Pope, for motion; F. P. Betts, for official guardian.