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PRINCE OPENS THE HORSE SHOW

Arthur Heads Brilliant Social
Affair at the Provincial
Capital.

Toronto, April 25. — With Prince Arthur as chief guest, the twelfth Canadian Horse Show was formally opened this afternoon at the armories. Undoubtedly the horse show is one of Toronto's foremost social events. Not alone was the city well represented, but from outside cities and towns there came many of the foremost society people, lovers of the horse, desirous of witnessing a magnificent display. That the throng was amply repaid goes without saying, for the twelfth Canadian Horse Show is the best on record. Besides the horses, the feature of the afternoon was the arrival of Prince Arthur with his staff. An address was presented to him by the Horse Show Association.

Those most directly interested in the horse show are greatly pleased with the number and quality of the exhibits. In both this year there is superiority. The competition for the coveted ribbons is most keen and frequently the judges have no doubt as to the merits of the horses. This morning all arrangements passed off smoothly, a good crowd of spectators being present. The programme started at 10 o'clock and finished about 12. This afternoon, with weather much favorable, the attendance exceeded anticipations.

After luncheon at the Toronto Club by the horse show directors, Prince Arthur, dressed in colonial morning dress, left for the Government House, when the remainder of the horse show party was picked up. The escort was provided by the Royal Canadian Dragoons, under Sergeant Major Brooker. The route was up Snowdon street to Queen and then to University avenue. The escort accompanied the prince as far as the armories.

The royal party arrived almost exactly on time and was composed of His Royal Highness, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Capt. Wyndham, A. D. C., Capt. Trotter, A. D. C., Hon. Joseph Pope, under secretary of state, Capt. J. Fraser MacDonald, A. D. C., Mrs. Mortimer Clark and the Misses Clark.

They were met at the south entrance by M. F. H. George W. Beadmore, chairman of the horse show, Mr. Stewart Houston, manager, and Mr. Henry Wade, secretary. Proceeding through the entrance the party made their appearance in the ring just as the Queen's Own Band played the national anthem. The party walked across the tankard inclosure to the judges' stand, where Mr. Beadmore requested Mr. Houston to read the address, the scroll of which was incased in a silver hunting horn, designed by Mrs. Agar Adamson.

After the prince's reply a few minutes were spent in the center of the ring in watching an exhibit of green harness horses. Returning to the royal box, the ladies of the party there found waiting them bouquets of daffodils, lilies of the valley and sweet peas. An immense ovation from the brilliant assembly greeted His highness immediately after he had formally opened the show.

THE TOWER INQUIRY

Workmen Tell of Narrow Escape
When Edifice Collapsed.

Ottawa, April 25. — Mr. Henry Blundell gave evidence this morning before the commission appointed to investigate the collapse of the Laurier tower. He stated that he was in the tower and looked out when he heard a noise. He saw a large stone on the ground and knew something was wrong, so he skipped. The tower fell just after he got out of it.

Two men had been working on the roof, but left a few minutes before the accident. The reason for their leaving was because it was near noon and the boss had left them at the moment without any material to work on. He and other men had seen cracks in the tower a week before it fell.

Mr. Ewart testified that several public buildings at Newcastle, N. B., St. Hyacinthe, Galt and other places have fallen during construction. The reason in each case was defective binding in the stone work, the same reason as is claimed to have caused the present accident.

The rest of the morning was taken by Mr. Taylor, who gave figures as to the weight of masonry and other elements that entered into the construction of the tower.

HOW TO ATTAIN SUCCESS

The Boy Who Does His Level Best
Gets Along In Business.

"You can't expect much from a boy at \$2 a week," said the \$2,000 manager to the president, when the latter complained of the lad's carelessness.

"I expect as much from the \$3 boy as I do from the \$2,000 manager—I want him to do his level best!" exclaimed the president.

The level best of the Semi-ready is in their \$15 suits just as it is in their \$20 and \$25 suits—the same staff of workmen and the same careful inspection. Success comes to the boy who does his level best always, just as success has come to the Semi-ready tailoring because of its inherent superiority in all that goes to make clothes which mark the cultured gentlemen.

You may see the correct form of Semi-ready materials in new spring styles now being shown by the Semi-ready Wardrobe in this district.

In this city and district the exclusive franchise for the sale of Semi-ready is held at 146 Dundas street, London.

Only about one pineapple in every twenty thousand has seeds in it, and it is from these seeds that new varieties are produced.

NEW CITY RISING FROM THE EMBERS

The Work of Restoring San
Francisco Now in Full Swing
—Housing Homeless.

San Francisco, April 25. — It is a week today since this city was visited by an earthquake, which laid low the metropolis of the Pacific coast, and started a conflagration unequalled in the history of this country. Although the ruddy glow of the dying embers of the fire which devastated San Francisco made homeless 300,000 people, caused the loss of many lives, and left a black trail of utter desolation and ruin in its wake, still slightly illuminates the sky, the work of restoration is already under way.

Plans of the construction of the new buildings to replace those destroyed by earthquake and flames are rapidly being drawn and work on some of them will begin as soon as the ruins of the old sites are cold. Many of the new buildings planned are on a larger scale than those burned, giving promise that from ashes will rise a new San Francisco, greater and more beautiful than the old.

In addition to the large force of men and teams already at work, about 30 teams of Government mules were put to work yesterday hauling away debris. Several more streets were cleared for traffic, numerous street car lines are ready for operation, while the repairing of the water mains and the work of restoration of the gas and electric systems is making rapid headway.

The exodus from the city continues. All day a constant stream of men, women and children, afoot and on every conceivable vehicle, wended their way down Market and Mission streets toward the ferries.

NEW RAILWAY TAXATION BILL

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bringing in a revenue of between \$180,000 and \$190,000 a year from the railways.

In expending this amount, it was proposed to make the municipalities partners to a certain extent with the Province in supporting poor patients in the asylums. The Government would first take \$30,000 from the total to cover the expenses of collecting and distributing the tax and to meet the charges of the proposed railway commission.

Half of the remaining amount, organized by the municipalities, would be credited to the towns and villages, organized in proportion to population, on the basis of the Dominion census preceding the collection. On the last census, this would give each municipality a credit of about 8 cents per head. A town of 5,000 people would thus get \$400. Out of the amount put to the credit of a municipality, but not from any other source, the Government asked a contribution of 10 cents per day, or \$35 50 per year, toward the maintenance of each poor patient sent to an asylum.

The Dominion census was taken as the basis for distribution for three reasons: There would be no temptation to municipal assessors to pad the lists, in order to get a larger proportion; there would be no necessity to wait for municipal statistics in apportioning the tax; and the Dominion census was the only available way of ascertaining the population in unorganized territories. In concluding, Mr. Matheson said the Government had tried to be fair to both the railways and the municipalities.

NON-UNION MINERS

Are Being Used to Operate the
Hazelton Colliery.

Hazelton, Pa., April 25. — The Hazelton colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, one of the largest of the district, was put in partial operation yesterday by a force of non-union miners recruited from this city and other places. The men are housed and fed within the inclosure surrounding.

TRAIN CREW QUIT

Claim Could Not Live on the Wages
Being Received.

Ingersoll, April 25. — Three employees of the C. P. R., Conductor Hayes and brakemen Brown and Miners, running on the T. L. E. and P. division, did not return to their work this morning, and their freight train, which is due to leave here every morning at 7 o'clock, did not pull out of the yard.

They quit work, claiming that they have been underpaid, compared with the wages received by employees on other lines of the C. P. R. They have been dissatisfied for some time, and recently made application for an increase, and, according to their story, received word that no change would be made in the salaries paid by the T. L. E. and P.

Government Shirked Duty.

Hon. Mr. Ross thought the bill a confession that the Government did not want to support the asylums. The motive of the bill was to square the Government for its promise that the greater portion of the tax should go to the municipalities, while at the same time taking it back. It was absurd to give with one hand, and take back with the other. The expenditure of \$20,000 on collecting and commissions was only another way for providing patronage. The expenditure was unequalled for and would serve no good purpose.

Mr. Whitney referred to Mr. Graham's remark that the provincial taxes went directly back to the people. He agreed that it was true under the present Government, but had not been so in the past. He also accepted Mr. Ross's statement that the Government was trying to square itself, and was proud that it was succeeding. If the expansion of the country and the railways, and the needs of the Province warranted more taxation, it would be imposed.

The Pettypiece Bill.
Mr. Whitney said that when the

Pettypiece bill was before the House a message had been sent over from the then Government asking the Conservatives help defeat it. The Premier denied that the Conservative Opposition had accepted the bill as a whole. They had only approved of its principles of increased taxation and a share for the municipalities, and had voted for it on its second reading.

Hon. Richard Harcourt said that the bill was only an extension of the former Government's measure, which had been framed with that eventually in view. He, too, opposed the paying of money to municipalities, only to take it back. He disapproved of the Premier's statement that the Conservative Opposition had not endorsed the whole Pettypiece bill.

Mr. Preston (Brant) quoted the journals of the House to show that it was not on the second reading of the Pettypiece bill that Mr. Whitney had voted, as the Premier claimed, but in committee of the whole, after the bill had had its second reading.

The bill was read a first time. Two bills introduced by Government supporters were quilled. One was Mr. Carscallen's bill respecting conveyancing. The mover claimed that it gave no undue advantage to the legal profession. On the contrary lawyers reaped rich rewards from the mistakes of inexperienced conveyancers or will drawers. Mr. Mackay thought there should be some simple examination of conveyancers. He knew lay men whom he would trust with the most important conveyancing, and he also knew lawyers whom he would not trust at all.

The Premier said that while the need for the bill was apparent, the subject was too important to be dealt with in the session's dying hours. He therefore asked that it be withdrawn. Mr. Ray made the same request regarding Mr. Lucas' bill annulling the devolution of estates act. It provided for the decentralization of litigation in which infants were involved.

The university bill was given its second reading without discussion. Mr. Mackay's amendment, that prospective must be shown intending subscribers for stock, was incorporated in Mr. Hoyle's bill.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock. In the evening the Speaker tendered a very enjoyable smoker in his chambers to the members of the press gallery.

ACCEPT CARNEGIE'S OFFER

Victoria College, Toronto, Will Raise
\$50,000 Towards Library.

Toronto, April 25.—Andrew Carnegie will be in Toronto Friday. He will be the guest of the Canadian Club. We will be received in the mayor's office at the city hall at 12:30 on Friday. The mayor stated that the board of governors believe the prominent supporters of the college will come promptly forward and subscribe the endowment for the library, so contracts for the building may be let next winter.

At convocation next Tuesday evening, Victoria will confer the honorary degree of doctor of divinity upon Rev. S. J. Shorey, of Oshawa; Rev. R. N. Burns, of Brampton; Rev. Principal Lippell, of Columbia College, New Westminster, and Rev. Principal Riddell, of Alberta College, Edmonton.

No steps will be taken towards erecting the new building till the amount of the endowment is subscribed. The \$300,000 endowment for the college is all subscribed now, except about \$12,000. It is found by conservative beliefs the prominent supporters of the college will come promptly forward and subscribe the endowment for the library, so contracts for the building may be let next winter.

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WOODSTOCK NOTES

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Thrilling Experiences.

Woodstock, April 25.—Negotiations were concluded today whereby Mr. Jas. Hay, head of the furniture manufacturing concern of Hay & Co., and Mr. Charles Warren, until recently superintendent of the Karm Pipe Organ Company, form a company to be known as the Warren Church Organ Company for the manufacture of pipe organs. Another factory will be erected adjacent to the Hay & Co. factory, and operations will be commenced as soon as possible. In the meantime work will be commenced on organs in the Hay & Co. buildings.

The first letter descriptive of the San Francisco catastrophe from Woodstock people at the scene of the disaster was received this afternoon by Miss May Nesbitt. The information is given that Miss Nesbitt was in the city at the time, and escaped from the burning buildings on a lumber boat.

The letter says in part: "We are safe as far as we know, but have lost everything. The sights we have witnessed are beyond description. We have lived a lifetime in two days." The death occurred this morning of Mr. George Robinson, a well-known resident of this city, at the age of 61 years. He had lived practically all his life at Woodstock. He leaves a grown-up family.

On reaching Ingersoll last night the men requested Station Agent Enright to communicate with headquarters and ask that men be sent here at once to relieve them, as they had decided not to return to work. All the men are married and claim that they could not live on the wages they were receiving. They also claim to have other positions.

Dr. Carroll, of this town, suffered quite a severe loss last night, when the two-story dwelling house on his farm near Beachville was totally destroyed by fire.



Mooney's Perfection Cream Sodas

Mooney's Biscuits are an evenly balanced, wholesome, nourishing food, equally good for young and old. Made from Canada's finest wheat flour, rich cream and pure butter. Baked by the Mooney baker in the Mooney way.

Say "Mooney's" to your grocer.

The house was occupied by a Mr. Halkett and family, who also lost considerable of their household effects. The alarm was given by a passing G. T. R. train, the engineer blowing the whistle incessantly. The roof of the house was then in flames. There was some insurance on both the house and contents.

TOM SAWYER'S KNIFE

It Was a "Sure-ough Barlow," and
Therefore Was All Right.

Mark Twain in his charming story, "Tom Sawyer," tells about the Barlow knife the hero possessed, and adds: "It did not matter that the knife would not cut anything, but it was a sure 'ough Barlow.'" This is an attitude of the buyer which every country has suffered from to some extent. Canada has been no exception. Reliable firm names have been regarded as a sort of fetish, and the goods manufactured have "gone like hot cakes," even though they might not equal to the goods of long ago which gave the firm its reputation. There is no doubt that if Tom Sawyer had possessed a knife of the best possible steel with a mother-of-pearl handle he would not have been satisfied, because the name Barlow did not appear upon the blade. But buyers of these days are beginning to use more intelligence. Now the first thought is concerning the goods themselves, more than about the man or the firm that made them. This is a good sign. An example is afforded in the case of the Gourlay piano. This instrument was first placed on the market about three years ago. It was found by conservative beliefs the prominent supporters of the college will come promptly forward and subscribe the endowment for the library, so contracts for the building may be let next winter.

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SMALLMAN & INGRAM

THE WEATHER TODAY
A few scattered showers.

THE SATISFACTORY STORE

Cream Walking Skirts: Smart New Styles

Our Mantle Section evidently looks to an immense vogue for cream skirts this late spring and coming summer season—judging from the large array of styles they are showing.

Ask you to see them.
Believe the skirts will tell their own value story in such a way you'll need no urging to buy.

Cream Lusters at \$2.75

Two styles to choose from. ONE STYLE has nine gores, two inverted pleats, raised seams and each seam finished with strap of goods. OTHER also has nine gores, is side pleated, free pleat at bottom. Good skirts for\$2.75

Cream Sicilian at \$4.25

Nine-Gore Skirt with two box pleats on front gore. About half-way down skirt are two bias folds of goods, which run around skirt. Finished with straps of goods and buttons. An excellent skirt for\$4.25

Cream Lusters at \$5.00

Good, heavy quality and very serviceable. Three distinctly different styles at this price. See them.....\$5.00

Cream Panamas

Two styles—ONE has NINE GORES and displays several side pleats in alternate gores. Fine value at\$5.50

OTHER is in 15-GORE style. Two narrow box pleats down front gore. Two side pleats on alternate gores, crossed by six narrow straps of cloth. This should please you at\$8.50

Cream Serge at \$8.50

A handsome style, 9 gores. Two inverted pleats at bottom of each seam, finished with buttons.....\$8.50

These New Styles of SILK SHIRTWAIST SUITS

Will Please You

We desire you to focus your attention on our exhibit of charming new Silk Shirtwaist Suits.

There's everything about them that will please you. Your critical eye will sparkle with pleasure at the becoming beauty of the latest styles.

Daintiness and goodness of materials, perfection of workmanship, excellence of values are all in their favor. Quite a diversity of colors in the collection.

Prices start at as low as \$11.50 and climb by easy stages to \$22.50.

Just a suggestion or two. But we prefer you to see the complete exhibit with your own unprejudiced eye. Come.

A handsome suit in rich black taffeta. Waist is tucked at back and front. Sleeves have deep cuffs. Trimmings of braid and buttons. Skirt has a panel front which is tucked. Sides are circular and show pleated frills. Braid and buttons are also used as trimmings. Silk girdle. A pleasing style and equally pleasing price. Just.....\$11.50

Very pretty style in navy or black taffeta.

Back of waist is neatly tucked. Front has rows of 1/4-inch tucks over shoulders, which, combined with numerous rows of fine tucks, form an attractive vest effect. Deep cuffs on the sleeves. Skirt has nine gores and a smartly pleated front, with tucks forming a pleat on each gore. Touched up with buttons. Attractive value at.....\$13.50

This Louise Silk Suit in Alice Blue is a beauty.

Front of waist is delightfully trimmed with clusters of pin tucks and 1/4-inch tucks. Sleeves with deep cuffs tucked to match. The upper portion of the skirt is cut in circular style with a panel front. Lower portion consists of a deep flounce, which is prettily tucked. A splendid suit for.....\$15.50

Same style in MYRTLE or BLACK TAFFETA at same price.

DAINTY WHITE WASH BELTS

Here we are with just the freshest and neatest styles in Wash Belts you could imagine. Need them right away to go with pretty wash waists. See them in the Notion Department.

SMART STYLES IN STRONG, STURDY WHITE DUCK. Half dozen or so styles to pick from. Plain or scalloped edges. Gilt buckles. 20c to 35c

IRISH HAND-EMBROIDERED LINEN BELTS. Three handsome patterns. Look especially well with attractive linen suits.....35c to 85c

BLACK DRESS GOODS ARE POPULAR

For street, afternoon or evening wear the BLACK DRESS is much in favor. Indeed, our latest information is that black is all the go for street wear in Paris.

You'll be right in style if you wear black. And what makes a richer, more refined dress than one made of a high class black fabric?

You'll find plenty of high-grade black dress materials in our large stock. In fact, we don't believe you'll find an undesirable black in the whole collection. And our assortments are complete once more. New arrivals filling up the recent vacancies caused by heavy Easter selling.

We mention some of the leading weaves:

Light-Weight Black Materials for Summer Wear	Medium-Weight Black Materials for General Wear
Voile	All-Wool
44 inches wide.	Henrietta
85c and \$1.00	44 inches wide.
Creme de Chine	50c, 65c to \$1.25
42 inches wide.	Albatross
50c, 65c and 75c	44 inches wide.
Silk and Wool	65c and 85c
Crepe de Chine	Cardona
44 inches wide.	44 inches wide.
\$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2	65c, 75c and \$1.00
Silk Lusters	Sicilian
48 inches wide.	54 inches wide.
\$1.00 and \$1.25	85c and \$1.00
	All these fabrics were made by Priestly or other celebrated makers.
	Right in every way.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM, 149, 151, 153 and 155 Dundas Street.

THE YORK LOAN CASE

County Crown Attorney Says Phil-
lips Will Go to Trial.

Toronto, April 25. — Joseph Phillips will be brought to trial at the May sessions if the papers can be prepared in time, according to a statement made by County Crown Attorney Drayton this morning.

"There is a great deal of work to be done in connection with the case," said Mr. Drayton. "There is an immense mass of evidence to be gone through to decide what can be used, and what will have to be thrown out because a great deal of the evidence admitted in the police court investigation will not be admissible in a law court."

"Then the matter is going to be proceeded with?" was queried.
"It certainly is as far as I am concerned," was the reply.

MUST HAVE NEW OWNER

P. B. Lewis Cannot Remain Pro-
prietor of Hotel at Clinton.

Auburn, April 25.—The West Huron license commissioners met here today to grant licenses for the coming year. Fred Davis, of the Bedford Hotel, Goderich, gets six months' license, and must build a stable.
The Hotel Normandie, Clinton, now conducted by P. B. Lewis, formerly of London, must get a new proprietor in two months.
George Buxton, of the Waverley House, Clinton, gets a six months' license to dispose of his business.

Your Liver

Will be roused to its natural duties and your biliousness, headache and constipation be cured if you take

Hood's Pills

Sold by all druggists. 25 cents.

The other tavern and shop licenses are the same as last year.

Boggs, of Carleton, was refused a new license.

The reliable J. & T. Ball shoe, which is as substantial as it is stylish, is sold in London by W. B. Lawson, at 198 Dundas street.

When you buy Icings, you want them pure and good
**Cowan's
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