

WESTERN FAIR NOT CRIPPLED BY FIRE THE REBUILDING HAS ALREADY STARTED WITH CITY CO-OPERATING IN THE WORK

City Engineer Ashplant and Staff Will See That Operations Are Rushed at Top Speed—Shipments of Lumber Already on Way for Work.

THE BUILDINGS ARE WELL INSURED ADJUSTMENT WILL BE HURRIED

At noon today the grounds and buildings committee of the Western Fair Association went over the site of the buildings destroyed on Thursday night, in company with representatives of the city council, and unanimously decided to proceed at once with the erection of new buildings, which will be completed before the exhibition.

A temporary shelter will be built over the cement floor of the machinery hall, which remains in good condition, and new horse, cattle, sheep and swine sheds will be erected. City laborers will commence work clearing away the debris this afternoon and building operations will be commenced at once.

Not Crippled.

"We don't want the public to think that we will be crippled by the fire. We will be ready for the fair, which will be held as usual, and we will not allow the fire to detract in any way from the success of the exhibition," said President W. J. Reid, when the board of directors met this morning.

Undaunted by Loss.

It was a very brief meeting. All the directors were optimistic and undaunted by the serious losses. Promptly after Secretary Hunt had explained on the plans of the exhibition grounds just how many buildings were destroyed, the members of the city council present had assured the directors of the association that the council was ready to give every aid in repairing the havoc wrought by the fire, and Lieut.-Col. Gartshore had moved a resolution, which was carried, asking the council to proceed in conjunction with the grounds and buildings committee with erecting new buildings, the meeting adjourned, and the members of the grounds and buildings committee hastened at once to the exhibition grounds to see just what steps were necessary to be in readiness for the fair on its scheduled dates.

Will Start Work At Once.

Mayor Graham stated that he already had had a conference with the underwriters and representatives of the insurance companies regarding the speedy adjustment of the fire losses to allow the clearing of the debris from the site of the burned buildings and the erection of new ones at once. There was nothing to prevent the work being proceeded with at once, and Mayor Graham stated that the corporation laborers would be at work by noon on clearing the grounds.

City Engineer Ashplant was present, and with his staff, will see that the work is rushed forward with all possible speed. Mr. Ashplant and Building Inspector Piper will consider the requirements for the new buildings as decided upon by the horsemen and the grounds and buildings committee, and will prepare plans immediately for new buildings.

The city engineer has already got into touch with the local lumber dealers and stated that large shipments of lumber would be on their way to London immediately. There would be no delay occasioned in securing the necessary building material.

Well Insured.

It was stated at the directors' meeting that the buildings, which are owned by the city, are insured for 90 per cent of their valuation. The valuation will be less than real value, because of improvements made since this valuation was fixed, but still the insurance carried will to a large extent cover the losses.

The contents of the buildings which were owned by the Fair Association, were also covered by insurance. Among the chief losses of the association was the Brush machine recently purchased for reducing the voltage of the hydro-electric power to accommodate the lighting system used on the grounds.

Night and Day Shifts.

The grounds and buildings committee was given full power by the association to go ahead with the work necessary. Night and day shifts will be kept at work by the city and new buildings will be in readiness for the exhibition.

A 12-foot fence will be erected at once and box stalls will be built along the inside, which will provide accommodation for a large section of the horses.

Lieut.-Col. Gartshore was of the opinion that only a temporary building should be built for the machinery

and stove exhibits this year. It was pointed out by Secretary Hunt that the cement floor of the machinery hall is still in good condition, and as all the space has already been allotted it is probable that a temporary roof will be built over this and the space roughly sided in.

LOSS WITHIN \$50,000 MARK

Insurance Carried on the Fair Buildings Totals Thirty Thousand Dollars.

THE FIGURES IN DETAIL

The insurance carried on the buildings, either destroyed or damaged in the early morning fire at the fair grounds totals \$30,300. On the morning of the fire the insurance will be \$27,000, with the total fire loss well within the \$50,000 mark.

The insurance on the burned buildings is:

Buildings	Amount
Machinery and agricultural implements	\$9,500
Transportation	5,000
Swine sheds	800
Boiler house	500
Double horse stable	6,000
Single horse stable	6,000
Dining hall	1,000
Cement exhibits	1,500
Total	\$30,300

The single horse stable (\$6,000) has been damaged less than \$1,000, according to estimates prepared this morning, while the swine sheds are also only slightly damaged. The other buildings will be complete insurance losses, however.

The insurance risks at the exhibition grounds are covered by a rather high insurance rate, but in view of the blaze last night, the directors are congratulating themselves that the reduction in insurance, carried by the board, had not gone into effect.

The loss on the buildings will be borne pro rata by the score of companies that have insurance on the buildings, the risks being placed in bulk.

GRAND TRUNK SHOPS WERE IN GRAVE PERIL

Wind Carried Shower of Sparks From the Fire at Fair Grounds.

The fire at Queen's Park early this morning for a time threatened the Grand Trunk car shops, which are directly opposite on Campbell street. The wind was from the northwest, and the sparks flew thick and fast. The heat from the fire was intense, blistering and peeling off the paint on the doors, window-casings and cornice. In several places the wood was charred. The telegraph poles before the building ignited, and a flat car standing within the yard and at a considerable distance from the conflagration, was blistered and scorched.

The hose crews of the carshops quickly responded to the alarm, and were the first on the scene. They kept continuous streams of water playing on the buildings, thus preventing the flames spreading. As is was, the fence caught fire and burnt, while a shed containing gasoline and inflammable oils was in serious danger. The hose crews fought stubbornly, and eventually extinguished the blaze.

Mr. T. Treleven, master carman at the shops, warmly praised the crews for their splendid work, saying that they had saved the buildings.

Was It Work of Firebugs?

Mr. William Wakeling, 24 Campbell street, who telephoned in the alarm about 2 o'clock, is strongly of the opinion that the fire was of incendiary origin. About 9 o'clock Thursday night, Mr. Wakeling observed two unknown men about the exhibition buildings, and shortly afterwards a car of straw was observed to be blazing. This was put out without spreading to any of the buildings, but Mr. Wakeling's suspicions having been aroused by this minor blaze, he believes that the two men may have returned at a later hour with the same incendiary intentions.

BIG RECEPTION FOR HALDANE IN NEW YORK

Lord High Chancellor Will Only Spend Short Time in States.

Will Give an Address in Montreal and Then Leave for England.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Aug. 29.—Viscount Haldane, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, arrived in New York this afternoon on the Cunarder Lusitania.

The reception committee, representing the United States Government and the American Bar Association, of which committee Francis Rawle, of Philadelphia, is chairman, did not go down the way to meet Lord Haldane, but greeted him when the Lusitania reached her pier.

Herman Winter, of the Cunard Line, met the committee at the pier and escorted the members aboard the Lusitania.

Some Big Men.

On this committee with Mr. Rawle are Joseph H. Choate, ex-ambassador to the court of St. James; J. C. McReynolds, attorney-general of the United States; ex-Secretary of War Jacob M. Dickinson; Francis Lynde Steierson, Charles Henry Butler and C. A. Saverance.

Lord Haldane and his party, which includes Sir Kenneth Muir-MacKenzie, the clerk of the crown, and the Lord High Chancellor's sister, Miss Elizabeth Haldane, will go from the pier to the Plaza Hotel, where Lord Haldane will receive the newspapermen and submit to the first interview he has given since he became the highest legal dignitary in the British Empire. A luncheon in his honor by the Pilgrims of New York had to be abandoned, owing to the short time the Lord High Chancellor will be in New York.

Goes Sight-Seeing.

After this interview, Viscount Haldane and party will be taken by the reception committee on a sight-seeing tour of New York, which will last most of the afternoon. This evening the visitors will be the guests of Mr. Severance at the Metropolitan Club.

At 10 o'clock Saturday morning Viscount Haldane, with Dr. and Mrs. Nicholas Murray Butler, will go on board the P. & O. ship, the *Corinthian*, and steam up the Hudson to where the Lord High Chancellor, who was formerly the British secretary of war will be received with military honors by Col. Towler, the superintendent of the West Point Military Academy, and the tactical and academic staffs of the institution. At West Point the party will be joined by Charles J. Doherty, the Canadian minister of justice.

Will Visit Albany.

After a reception at the home of Col. Towler, followed by a review of the corps of Cadets, Lord Haldane and party will leave for Albany, over the West Shore Railroad, travelling in the private car of President Loree, of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad. The party will remain in Albany three hours and will leave that city for Montreal at 11 p.m.

Tuesday morning Lord Haldane leaves Montreal for New York, arriving here at 10 o'clock that night. At 1 o'clock next Wednesday morning he will sail for home on the Lusitania. Fellow passengers of Viscount Haldane on the Lusitania coming over now are Associate Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, of the supreme court of the United States, and Lord Strathcona, the Canadian high commissioner in London.

Railwaymen Are Taking Strike Vote

[Canadian Press.]
Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 29.—Balloting in connection with the contemplated strike of employees of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company is taking place just now, but the result will not be known until Saturday. The men's leaders state that they believe a way will be found out of the difficulty and that a strike will be averted.

A strict censorship is being maintained and no statements will be published by the men. The statement is made, however, by some of the men, that a strike will commence at ten o'clock Saturday morning and that the company have 250 men ready to run the cars at a moment's notice.

WANTS GOVT. TO MAKE GOOD ITS FARMERS' BANK PLEDGES

W. C. Nickle Will Urge Finance Minister To Take Speedy Action to Reimburse Depositors Who Lost—Conference Will Likely Be Held Shortly.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Aug. 29.—Finance Minister White will have the Farmers' Bank depositors and shareholders to deal with as soon as he returns to his desk in the finance department.

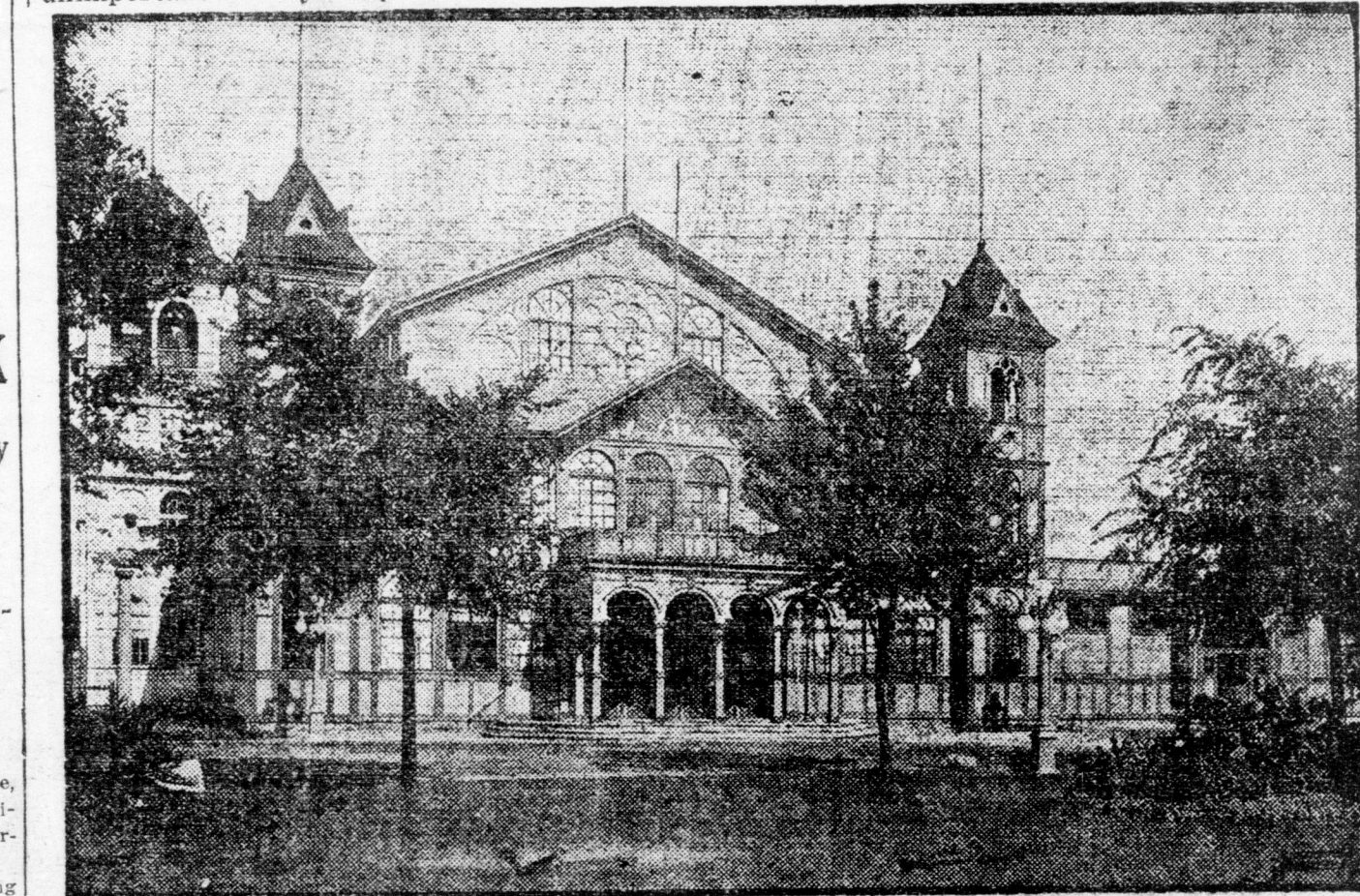
W. C. Nickle, K. C., of Belleville, who represents the department, is in Ottawa waiting for Hon. Mr. White. He will urge that speedy action be taken by the Government to make good the promise Premier Borden gave at the close of last session that the depositors will be reimbursed for their losses.

Early next week there will probably be a conference between Premier Borden, Finance Minister White and Mr. Nickle to determine what plan shall be adopted and in what form the relief legislation will be presented to Parliament next session.

RAISED THE MONEY.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Aug. 29.—Finance Minister White and Sir William Mackenzie, who have been in England on a financial mission, are expected to return to Ottawa on Saturday. It is understood that their mission to England was a successful one.

CRYSTAL PALACE at Western Fair, showing new section on southern side for pianos. The new features at the exhibition this year will more than compensate for the comparatively unimportant loss by fire.



LETTER-CARRIERS WILL DEMAND AN EIGHT-HOUR DAY

Effort To Be Made To Secure Sick Pay and Longer Holidays.

Want Standard Set For Amount of Mail Each Shall Carry.

[Canadian Press.]

Winnipeg, Aug. 29.—Almost all of the 100 delegates expected to be in attendance at the biennial convention of the Dominion letter-carriers have arrived in Winnipeg, eastern delegates coming in a special car from Toronto.

The convention opened its two-day session in the Industrial bureau at 9 o'clock this morning, with President Robert Gray, of Hamilton, in the chair. Many important resolutions are to come before the body for discussion.

Among them being the question of the exclusion of Sundays from annual leave of absence, and the proposal that carriers be granted not less than 21 days' holidays inclusive of 10 days' bonus.

Efforts to secure sick pay will be discussed and the convention will probably be instructed to endeavor to obtain pensions for carriers in place of the present superannuation scheme.

Definite arrangements for an eight-hour day schedule will be taken up and a resolution providing that the executive be instructed to press the Postmaster-General for different regulations, whereby the weight and load that any man is expected to carry is fixed, will be gone into.

Reduction of bonus furnished by letter-carriers will be discussed and also some very important amendments made. A banquet will be given the delegates this evening, and on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock the election of officers will take place, after which the delegates will be paid their expenses for the trip to Winnipeg.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE AND COOL.
The temperature by the Advertiser thermometer at noon today was 72.
Forecasts.
Toronto, Aug. 29—8 a.m.
Today—Strong breezes to moderate local gales, westerly to northwesterly; some scattered showers, but mostly fair and comparatively cool.
Saturday—Fresh northwest to west winds; fine and cool.
Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Situations High Low Weather
Calgary 82 54 Cloudy
Port Arthur 68 48 Clear
Winnipeg 70 52 Cloudy
Saskatoon 68 48 Clear
Pelly Sound 68 54 Cloudy
Toronto 66 60 Cloudy
Ottawa 66 60 Cloudy
Montreal 64 56 Cloudy
Quebec 66 48 Cloudy
Father Point 66 40 Cloudy
Weather Notes.
The depression mentioned yesterday is now centred near the Straits of Mackinac, with its energy still slowly increasing.
Showers or thunderstorms have been almost general in Ontario and Quebec, but the rainfall has been nearly everywhere light.
In the West the weather is fine.

MR. DARCH NAMED SUPREME SECRETARY OF THE FORESTERS

Selected at Annual Session of the High Court at Toronto.

Position Is of Great Importance and Carries With It Salary of \$5,000

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Aug. 29.—Mr. Fred J. Darch, of London, was elected this afternoon as supreme secretary of the Independent Order of Foresters, at the supreme court, which is now in session here. Other officers elected were: Dr. E. G. Stevenson, supreme chief ranger, re-elected; Victor Morin, past supreme chief ranger; J. D. Clarke, Dayton, O., vice-supreme chief ranger; W. H. Hunter, Toronto, supreme councillor; Dr. Norman, Toronto, supreme physician; R. Matheson, Toronto, supreme treasurer; Geo. E. Bailey, Antwerp, N. Y., and Alex. Stewart, of Toronto, supreme auditors.

Mr. Darch's many friends in London will be glad to hear of his election as supreme secretary. He has been supreme auditor since 1908, and has made a reputation that has led to his selection now for the position of supreme secretary, to which is attached the salary of \$5,000 a year. Mr. Darch's career in the I. O. F. began in London when in 1904 he joined Court Welcome, No. 12. In 1906 he was elected high vice-chief ranger, and a year later high chief ranger for Western Ontario.

Mr. Darch was for a number of years chairman of the water commissioners and was prominent in Masonry, having been worshipful master of St. John's Lodge, No. 20.

Claims Adjusted For Goderich Fire

The claims of the Kensington Furniture Company, of Goderich, whose establishment was destroyed by fire about two weeks ago, have been adjusted at \$69,000. Messrs. D. Campbell & Sons, of this city, handled most of the insurance. The loss is distributed between about twenty companies.

Dr. Chas. Clark Stricken Suddenly

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Buffalo, Aug. 29.—Dr. Charles P. Clark, aged 50, born in and for twenty years a resident of St. Marys, Ont., and a graduate of Toronto Medical College, expired suddenly of heart failure while driving his automobile last night on Niagara street, near Penfield street, here. Burial will be in St. Marys.

RECONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS AND FAIR WEEK WILL SEE BURNED BUILDINGS REPLACED

Big Gangs Started at Noon Clearing Away the Debris and Nine Hours After Fire Discovered Work Is Underway on Temporary Structures—Contractors Co-operate and Go to Rescue of the Fair.

Reconstruction is in progress.

At noon today City Engineer W. N. Ashplant started 50 men at work clearing away the debris of the burned buildings at the fair grounds. Before morning there will be 150 more at work. Already the construction gangs of the city electric department are at work erecting poles and stringing wires to provide illumination for the night gangs that will labor incessantly to replace every building with a temporary structure. By night-fall it is expected that the lights will be in readiness, and the first crew of night laborers can be put at work.

Adjuster Appointed.

Insurance adjusters, Western Fair directors and the city officials mutually selected Contractor John Purdom as appraiser. His findings will be accepted by both city and insurance companies. This meant that the work of reconstruction could start nine hours after the fire was first discovered.

Everybody Helping.

London's faith in its fair could have no greater example than the co-operation that made possible the early start this afternoon, and which will provide temporary buildings at least for the fair next week. Contractors throughout the city have come to the rescue of the fair. They have signified their willingness to assist to the limit of their ability. This afternoon they will meet at the fair grounds and each contractor will be assigned a portion of the work. Every available carpenter and laborer in the city will find employment at the fair grounds, where the buildings to replace the burned ones are to be reared in less than a week. City Engineer W. N. Ashplant, Building Inspector A. M. Piper and every city official, great or small, are already at work. They will see the job through to a finish. This "job" will be the replacement of every building destroyed.

Temporary Structures.

At first it was believed that marquees and tents would be used to replace portions at least of the buildings that are gone, but the accommodation will be there. Progressive, co-operative loyalty will make the accommodation possible, and the London Fair will be bigger, better and more progressive than ever for its 1913 exhibition. The fire has served, in any rate, to increase the enthusiasm and ardor of those behind the big project.

WIRED AHEAD OF ROBBERY

Passenger Robbed of \$230 on Train at Union Depot, Toronto.

DETECTIVES INVESTIGATE

William Bauldry, whose residence is in Toronto, complained to the local detective force by telegram shortly after 11 o'clock this morning that he had been robbed of \$230, either in the Union depot in Toronto or on Grand Trunk express No. 1.

Detectives Nickle and Egelton hurried to the Grand Trunk depot and met the express with Bauldry aboard, bound for Detroit. He told them that while getting on the train at the Union depot he had a grip in each hand. The money was in his hip-pocket. He did not discover that it was missing until the train had gone a considerable distance from Toronto.

The detectives are of the opinion that the thief took the money from Bauldry's pocket as he was climbing aboard the train at Toronto. A search of the train failed to disclose any suspicious-looking persons, and as every "dip" of any repute in the country is known to the detectives, the thief must have either taken the money in Toronto or left the train between there and London. When Bauldry discovered his loss he informed the conductor, who wired from Hamilton asking that the local police be asked to investigate.



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