

capital of the Dominion, where he is best known, having represented it in Parliament continuously for ten consecutive years, he is respected for his broad mindedness, his tolerance, and his generosity. He enjoys the confidence of the English speaking sections of the people to possibly a greater extent than any other man at the capital. He is idolized by his French speaking compatriots, and his fine judgment, tact, and wisdom, is always in evidence in bringing about a friendly feeling between his countrymen and those of Anglo-Saxon origin.

The Hon. Napoleon Antoine Belcourt, K.C., LL.M., LL.D., P.C. (Ottawa), was born in the city of Toronto, Ont., on September 15th, 1860, and is therefore in his forty-sixth year.

He is the eldest son of Ferdinand Napoleon Belcourt and Marie Ann Claire, both French-Canadians, descended from early settlers at Three Rivers, P.Q. He was sent to college at an early age, and graduated in arts at St. Joseph Seminary, Three Rivers, Que. He then entered Laval to study law, graduating from that honored old university with high honors, taking special degree of Master of Laws, "cum dignitate," 1882. He was admitted to the Quebec Bar, July, 1882, and to the Ontario Bar, 1884. He was elected a member of the Law Faculty of Ottawa University in 1891, and still remains a member of that faculty. In 1895 the degree of LL.D. was conferred upon him by Ottawa University.

In June, 1894, he was appointed by Sir Oliver Mowatt, Crown Attorney for Carleton County, which position he resigned in May, 1896, to become a candidate for the House of Commons. He founded the Club Nationale d'Ottawa, became its first president, retaining that office for ten years consecutively. In recognition of his brilliant legal attainments, he was elected a K.C. in Ontario and Quebec provinces, an honor conferred on few young men. For some years he was vice-president of the Ontario Liberal Association. In 1896 he was the unanimous choice of the Liberals of Ottawa assembled in convention to contest the city in the interests of the Liberal party, and was elected by a substantial majority.

He was re-elected at the general election of 1900, and again at the general election of 1904. He was elected Speaker of the House of Commons March 12th, 1904, and sworn as Privy Councillor, January 11th, 1905. Hon. N. A. Belcourt has been married twice. He was first married to Hectorine, eldest daughter of Hon. Joseph Shehyn, on January 29th, 1889 (she died). On January 29th, 1903, he married Miss Mary Margaret Haycock, of Ottawa, daughter of Mr. R. H. Haycock.

Hon. N. A. Belcourt is a fluent, convincing speaker in French or English, a progressive Liberal in politics, a man who has unbounded confidence in the future prosperity and greatness of Canada.

He is a warm personal friend of his leader, the Premier, the Right Hon. Sir Wilfred Laurier, and, if rumor is to be believed, he is slated for a place in the Cabinet at no distant date. That he is most eminently fitted both in temperament and attainments for a Cabinet position, no one who knows him will deny. In religion he is a Roman Catholic.

THE WINNIPEG INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

Western Canada's great industrial fair and exhibition, to be held in Winnipeg July 23-28 next, promises to be the greatest in its history and thoroughly in harmony with the spirit and enterprise that is so distinctively Western. It will give opportunity for an exhibition of the progress and development of Western Canada during the last year, probably the greatest feature in the history of the economic history of the Dominion.

The President and Board of Directors are making every effort to make the Winnipeg Exhibition this year the

most instructive in its history, and with the assistance of Dr. A. W. Bell, so well known throughout Canada for his efficient services with the Board of Management of the Toronto industrial fair for several years, have introduced new energy, resourcefulness and initiative into the preparations for what is one of the greatest events in the Western Canadian year.

The prize lists have been increased, as well as the amounts of the prizes. Several of the great stock associations of Great Britain have presented medals and money prizes for competition in recognition of the importance of Canada in the stock-breeding world.

Arrangements have been made with some of the great musical bands of the Western States and Western Canada to participate, and the famous Kuabenshue airship will be one of the principal attractions in the department of amusements.

The dog show, the first of its kind in connection with the Industrial Exhibition will be a feature which will specially appeal to Western Canada, where are some of the best bred dogs on the continent, and will be displayed to the best advantage that modern skill and equipment can give.

Music will be provided by the best bands of the Canadian and United States West, a massed band concert being held twice every day, afternoon and evening.

A distinct feature of the many amusements and special attractions that will be provided will be the famous Kuabenshue airship, which will daily ascend from the Exhibition Grounds. The Kuabenshue airship is veritably one of the scientific wonders of the world, and provides one of the most sensational features possible. It is the pioneer of aerial navigation.

This huge envelope or balloon, 62 feet long, shaped like a herring, ascends high in the air and at a speed varying with the wind sails at a high elevation and returns to the point of starting.

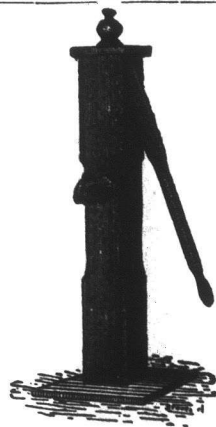
Every effort is being made by the Board of Management and by the manager, Dr. A. W. Bell, to make the exhibition in Winnipeg, July 23-28 next, the most successful in the history of Western Canada.

A copy of "The Magrath Pioneer" has arrived at this office, and we take this opportunity of complimenting its editor and proprietor, Mr. David H. Elton, upon the neat appearance of the sheet and upon the manner in which the news is laid out. The paper will confer much benefit upon the Magrath community and should greatly influence the opinions of Southern Alberta.

SOUTH AFRICAN COUSINS.

Closer Attention to Canada and the Products of this Country.

There can be no doubt that the South African War brought the British colonies closer together than ever before. South Africa is keeping a close eye on Canadian affairs, and the excellent reputation our manufactures are attaining in the world is well known there. Recently Mr. R. C. Lloyd, who has been resident magistrate and civil commissioner of Barkly East, Natal, was transferred to a more lucrative and important post in the Government service. During his stay in Barkly East he has made many friends, despite the fact that for a considerable time he was administering martial law. It was thought only fitting by his friends, both Africans and English, that some testimonial of the regard in which he was held should be presented to him. Accordingly a committee was formed, and it was decided to present him with an eighty guinea piano. The instrument selected was a "Gourlay," made in Toronto by the firm of Gourlay, Winter & Leeming. This is unquestionably a splendid tribute to this high-grade and beautiful instrument, and at the same time a pleasing recognition of Canada's position in the manufacturing world. Mrs. Lloyd is a trained musician and an excellent singer, and, therefore, it is certain she will appreciate to the full the beautiful tone of the Gourlay, an instrument which has excited the enthusiasm of musicians everywhere.



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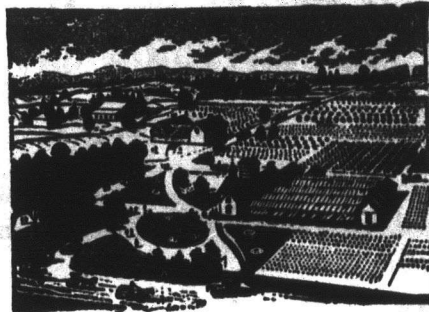
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