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Large Number of Excursionists in Town—Successful Horse Races—A River Parade and Promenade Concert.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Sept. 27.—The exhibition opened under most favorable circumstances this afternoon. The weather was all that could be desired. A regular summer day. Governor McClellan, Mrs. McClellan, and R. S. Barker, private secretary, arrived last night and are at the Carlton Hotel.

At noon today Mr. Emmerson, the premier; Messrs. Tweedie, Labliss and Ferris; J. D. Hazen, leader of the opposition, and Judge Stevens, invited guests, all arrived early in the afternoon and were driven to the grounds, where a temporary platform was erected for them to speak from.

C. L. Smith, ex-M. P. P., presided, and introduced his honor the governor, who made a good practical address, dwelling upon the riches of Carleton county in particular, and the province of New Brunswick in general. He was followed by Mr. Emmerson, who was in good form, and made a pleasing speech.

Mr. Hazen followed, and like the other speakers, was given a hearty reception. He was exceedingly happy in his remarks. Messrs. Tweedie and Labliss finished the speech-making. As a guard of honor to the governor were Lt. Cois, Baird, Boyer, Vince and Hartley, Major Good, Capt. Bull, Lt. Bedell, Appleby and Flade.

The Houlton band furnished music, and while their efforts were heartily applauded, surprise is greatly expressed that on such an occasion as this Woodstock cannot furnish a band of its own.

The exhibits are really remarkably fine and mentions the display of live stock being something never before equalled at an exhibition in this county. Tomorrow will be the big day. There will be an excursion from Presque Isle, Caribou and Woodville, and the first day's trot in the park will take place.

At five o'clock the bicycle parade took place. It was a decidedly creditable turn-out. Especially creditable was the get-up of Messrs. Hill and Pickles, who with bicycles and a small boat, motor, sails and all, named the Shamrock. A number of young ladies had very pretty outfits, and there were also some grotesque characters. The Shamrock was given first prize and the second prize was divided between Messrs. Fay, Camper and Ida Hayden, who were butler-fies. Roy Vanwart headed the procession on a pony, as a Wild Indian. He has been on a bicycle he would have won a prize.

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As the second battalion of Grenadiers embarked on a transport at Gibraltar, for London, this afternoon, they received a hurried call ordering them to proceed to the Cape, and they will start tomorrow.

MORE WARLIKE!

Orange Free State Volksraad Sides With the Transvaal.

Two Thousand Burgers Assembled Eight Miles from the Natal Border.

The First Lord of the Treasury Says That It is a Peaceful Solution of the Difficulty is Not Arrived at the Fault Will Not be Great Britain's.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—The secretary of state for the home department, Sir Matthew White Seligson, speaking this evening at Blackpool, indicated that the question of suzerainty would not be raised for an issue in the Transvaal. He said, however, that the British government would insist upon a redress of the grievances of the Uitlanders under the conventions of 1851 and 1854. If these conventions had not been observed, he declared, the quarrel would never have been heard of.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt writes to the Times denying the report that the Transvaal's independence was introduced by the Transvaal government. He says it was originated by Mr. Chamberlain in his despatch of Sept. 16, 1897.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily News says: "The pass of Laings' Neck will be occupied tomorrow (Thursday) with sufficient strength for present needs, under the belief that the Boers will attack Natal immediately, hoping to forestall the landing of the Indian contingent."

The Daily Telegraph publishes the following from its correspondent in Cape Town: "I regret to note a universal opinion that war is very near. Everywhere the Boers are active and bellicose. They are arming, equipping and storing supplies for a prolonged struggle. Boer agents are scouting South Africa to buy campaign provisions."

CAPE TOWN, Sept. 27.—The Volksraad of the Orange Free State has unanimously resolved to instruct its members to use every means possible to ensure peace without violating the honor or independence of the Free State of the Transvaal.

In a further resolution the Volksraad declared its opinion that war would be a calamity, but that, should it come, the Free State would faithfully fulfill its obligations to the Transvaal in virtue of the existing political alliance.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—The Johannesburg correspondent of the Morning Post says: "Twenty trucks filled with armed burghers and fifty horses left Johannesburg for the border yesterday by way of Elmsfontein. The plan of campaign drawn up at Pretoria proposes to employ a command of 4,000 men to defeat