

THE HUB OF MIDDLESEX

Was the Annual Fair at Dorchester Yesterday.

Attendance Was Over 2,000, Breaking All Records—Splendid Exhibits and Good Races.

Dorchester village was the hub of Middlesex yesterday. The North Dorchester Agricultural Society's fair was on there. It was the society's 44th annual fair, and in quality, quantity, fun, interest and attendance it surpassed even its own splendid predecessors. "Donnybrook" as it is affectionately called, always draws large crowds from all parts of Middlesex and the adjoining counties. The attendance yesterday was estimated by the directors at from 8,000 to 10,000, a considerable increase over last year's figures, which had held the record. About 200 Londoners were present yesterday.

There are some farms to which one may go and select certain points of excellence, but with "Donnybrook" it is not particularly the agricultural exhibition nor the exhibits in the main building, nor the side shows, nor is it the speed contests that inspire you with the desire to go again, but it is the intermixture of all the warty and wool of the sights and the crowd and the hilarity that make it the magnet that draws people from all parts of the countryside.

There were no bare spaces along the walks of the main building at Dorchester yesterday. Every inch of space was utilized to hold some ladies' work, some dairy produce, or the thousand and one articles that make the sum total of a successful agricultural fair.

SPEEDING IN THE RING.
The horse racing on the track lately built by the association was, to many, the most interesting event of the day. The races were speedy considering the purses offered, and owing to the energy of the judge, Ald. Root, Carrothers and Starter Ald. Draney, there were none of the tedious delays so often experienced in the starts. Summary of the events:

Open race or trot—
Donny Belle, R. E. M. 1 1 1
Yarmouth, 2 2 2
Donovan, R. Skinner, 4 4
Ingersoll, 2 2 1 1
Tommy H. Tracey, London, 1 2 3 2
Jenny Boker, M. Brooks, 1 2 3 2
London, 1 2 3 2
Blue Cap, Geo. Neely, 1 2 3 2
Dorchester, 1 2 3 2
Chicago, 1 2 3 2
Meyer, Yarmouth, 3 3 2 3
Donovan won first money, Tommy N. second, and Chicago Belle third. Township, Belmont, 1 2 4
Nellie R. W. G. Banks, 1 1 1
Jessie, L. Kilborn, Dorchester, 1 1 1
Pat, T. Webster, Dorchester, 1 2 2
Gypsy, R. Banks, Dorchester, 3 3 3

In the second heat of this race Nellie R. ran away, completely destroying the sulky, and cleared the stump fence surrounding the grounds, and upon being caught finished in the race.

Open running race.
The starters in the open running race were Ed. Dandridge (H. M. Culloch, London), Waubuno (W. A. Sage, Niles town), Belmont (W. A. Sage, Niles town), Nellie D. (F. Elliott, Pond Mills), Waubuno took first money, Belmont second, and Ed. Dandridge third.

The bicycle race was won by Ed. Parker, of Crumlin; J. Cronwell, Derwent, second, and Thos. Pearce, Derwent, third.

The president, Mr. R. Venning, the vice-president, Mr. A. James, and the secretary-treasurer, Mr. G. W. Neely, were busily engaged throughout the day in answering to the congratulations they received upon the success of the fair.

The judging in all departments was highly satisfactory. Those who awarded the prizes were: For horses, W. Chant, John, Thornton, Dorchester; Lambeth; Joseph Alderson, Kintore; Ald. Draney and Carrothers, London; Sheep-J. Laur, Avon; Jas. Murray, Wilton Grove; A. A. Fry, Thorncliffe; Poultry—R. Oke and W. McLeod, London; Swine—Ed. Kendrick, Pond Mills; John Fiehligh, Ingersoll; Roots, grain and fruit—Geo. Lett, London; George Meyer, Thornton; Jam. Warden, Crumlin; Cattle—W. A. Sage, Niles town; R. Sutherland, jun., Dorchester; J. H. McClary, Derwent; John Gilmore, Niles town; Edward Logan, Thorncliffe; Robert McGowan, Byron; Paintings—Mr. Bellamy, Ingersoll; Ladies' work—Mrs. James Wilson and Mrs. A. George, Dorchester; Mrs. York, Harrogate; Games and implements—W. J. Darch and J. H. Saunders, London; Dairy produce—Chas. Doe, Dorchester; John Brodie, Mapleton.

The society's committee of management were as follows: Horses, N. N. McCallum and P. H. Rickard. Attractions—E. Smith and C. Choate. Cattle—James Wilson and John Swartout. Sheep and dogs—T. McFarlan and J. H. Rows. Poultry—W. C. Drake. Grain and roots—D. McLachlan and W. Strathee. Ladies' work—C. Beattie and W. H. Shaw. Fruit—H. Rath and E. Marsh. Music—President and secretary. Gate—President, vice-president and G. Wade. Overseer of grounds—G. Wade.

The prize list is unavoidably crowded out of this issue.

THE KICKER.

Kicking in the morning.
Kicking all the day.
Kicking if he's busy.
Kicking at delay.
Thus the chronic kicker
Fills his life with woes,
Frowning, grumbling, wrangling,
Everywhere he goes.
Kicking in the morning.
Kicking all the day.
Kicking in the evening.
Kicking should he pray.
Kicking when he's thinking
Kicking when he's bed.
Wonder if he'll keep on
Kicking when he's dead.

Apollinaris

("THE QUEEN OF TABLE WATERS")

BEWARE OF SUBSTITUTIONS.

INITIATION OF THE FRESHMEN

Hazing at the London Medical School—A Keen, but Brief Struggle.

The freshmen class at the London Medical School were duly initiated this morning with all the pomp and ceremony characteristic of such events. The first part of the proceedings, the subjection of the freshmen by the second year men, or sophomores, was never more interesting. The opposing forces each had eighteen or twenty men, with the advantage numerically in favor of the freshmen. But the advantage of numbers was overcome by good generalship. The fray began about 9 a.m., when the sophomores rushed into the lecture room, where the freshmen were. The latter struggled hard, but in seven minutes every man of them had been introduced to the black hole in the dissecting-room, where the subjects are kept. A growl and a yell, and the ceremony, the administration of the oath, followed. Mr. P. H. Tom was administrator. The departed brother, numerous giant fire-crackers, two thundering clappers and a basket of fresh eggs figured in the ceremony. The best of feeling prevailed after the combat. An impromptu concert in the lecture-room, with Dr. N. P. Alexander as chairman, followed. Mr. C. H. Abbott, a sophomore, photographed the conquered and conquerors. A supper is announced for this evening.

AMUSEMENTS

A HUMOROUS COMEDY.

One of the most pronounced features of this season's dramatic and musical visits will be the initial presentation, at the Grand Opera House on Tuesday evening next, of the deliciously melodious and brilliantly humorous operatic comedy, "A Runaway Girl," which scored such an unprecedented success at Foley's and the Avenue Theaters, New York city, where it attracted immense throngs of theater-goers for several months. The comedy, which is a masterpiece of the pen of the Augustin Daly Musical Company, precisely as in New York, as all of its magnificent stage and screen successes, including a series of gorgeous scenic-pictures, brilliant costumes and dresses, superb draperies, and other expensive necessities will be employed. The local management state that a superb cast and grand chorus of 60 will be in evidence. The engagement in this city is positively limited to one night only. The sale of seats opens on Saturday morning.

WILLIAM H. WEST'S IDEA OF MODERN MINSTRELSY.

At the time of the formation of William H. West's Big Minstrel Jubilee, which is to be seen here at the Grand Saturday night, there was considerable talk of how different it was to be from all that had gone before. The public, not unreasonably, perhaps, inquired somewhat doubtfully how, after all, one minstrel show could differ from another. Mr. West has positive opinions on this subject. His idea of modern minstrelsy is that it must, in a musical way, have all the value of opera; that it must exceed in novelty anything known in vaudeville; that it must retain only a tinge of the picturesqueness of the plantation, if it must please the ear by vocal and orchestral excellence; must surprise and delight the eye by the beauty of its costumes and stage settings; must astonish the mind by the absolute novelty of its special features and the spectacular character of its finale. The greatest, latest jests, a touching ballad, a screamingly funny song, a refrain of the old-time ditty, a daring feat of a stage athlete, the lightning marvellousness of a clever juggler, the monologue of quaint humor, the twinkling of dancing feet; grace, skill, melody, fun—all these following on one another's heels with electric swiftness, and with color, light, beauty, brilliancy everywhere—that is what minstrelsy according to "Billy" West's ideas. That, too, is what he promises for his "Big Minstrel Jubilee."

The Jones Southern Quadrone Company gave matinee and afternoon performance at the Grand Opera House last evening. Songs, musical, acrobatic and dancing specialties, including a cakewalk made a somewhat lengthy programme.

Obituary.

GEORGE SCOTT, SEN.

The death occurred this morning of George Scott, at the family residence, 68 King Street. Deceased was 55 years of age, and had been ailing for several months with cancer of the liver. Deceased at one time traveled for W. S. B. Barkwell, druggist, city, and was well known throughout Western Ontario. Mrs. Scott and two married sons, George and Frederick, survive. The funeral will take place tomorrow to Mount Pleasant cemetery.

MR. DANIEL O'SHEA.

Mr. Daniel O'Shea, the well-known dog fancier, passed away at his late residence at the corner of Talbot and Regent streets this morning, from general debility. Deceased was 53 years of age. Some time ago he was committed to the asylum for being judged insane, but two weeks ago was removed home, the doctors knowing that his life was fast drawing to a close. His widow survives. The funeral will take place Saturday morning from St. Peter's Cathedral.

THE ORIGIN OF RUBBERNECK.

[New York Sun.]
To the Editor of the Sun.—Sir: I first heard the term "rubbernecks" in Arizona, about four years ago, applied, as it seemed very appropriate, to the throngs of onlookers in the gambling houses, who strive to get a better view of the games in progress by stretching or bending their necks, as well as shifting their position.
Rochester, Sept. 30. J. W.

A New York lawyer charged a counsel fee of \$250 and a bondman fee of \$50 to defend a boy who was charged for the larceny of 50 cents' worth of groceries.

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ESTIMATE OF BRITAIN'S BILL

Cost of Campaign in Transvaal to Insure Victory.

High Estimate of the South African Forces.

ESTIMATE OF BRITAIN'S BILL.
London, Oct. 5.—In the event of war between Great Britain and the Boers the cost to England will be decidedly heavy. It is thought that England will adopt the method successfully used in the late Egyptian campaign and send an overwhelming force to the Transvaal, says the London Leader. Taking a force of 60,000 men as about the number of troops to be sent, the cost is estimated on the basis of other wars.

In the Abyssinian war of 1895 England had a fighting force of 12,000 men. The cost of this force was £1,000,000. The country was 14,000 Europeans and "natives," together with the enormous number of 21,000 followers of all kinds. This war, fought by 12,000 men, cost Great Britain £3,800,000 (£38,000,000). War nowadays would be at least 50 per cent more expensive, and at this rate a Boer war engaging 60,000 men would cost £55,000,000 (£550,000,000). The Egyptian campaign of 1882 cost Great Britain a total of £13,500,000 (£135,000,000). Increase this by 50 per cent, and multiply it by three, and you have the probable cost of a Boer war fought by 60,000 men. It works out a little more than £51,000,000 (£510,000,000), and thus confirms the approximate correctness of the previous estimate.

The gross cost of the Afghan war was £24,500,000 (£245,000,000), but the military operations alone (exclusive of railway construction) cost less than £20,000,000 (£200,000,000). Calculating from this campaign as in the other cases, the result shows a total cost for the Transvaal war of £71,000,000 (£710,000,000).

Then there would be the value of the men killed. An average workingman 25 years old is worth about £300 (£3,000) to the community. England should probably lose 2,000 men; value £600,000 (£6,000,000). In a Boer war many more would come home disabled. Children would be left fatherless and wives husbandless. And the total cost by loss of life would not fall short of £1,000,000 (£10,000,000).

Then there would be considerable dislocation of industry. The men sent to Africa would have to be replaced at home. And a draft of 50,000 men from the various industries would be a serious matter.

The shipping trade, too, would suffer. The total cost to England would figure up to £75,000,000 (£750,000,000), about £9 10s (about \$47) per family of five.

STRENGTH OF THE BOERS.

Most of the English estimates concur in placing the combined forces of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State at about 50,000 men, exclusive of the contingents that may be obtained from Natal and the Cape Colony. The Morning Post's Johannesburg correspondent says that the Boer official estimates are greatly in excess of this number, namely, 125,000 from the Transvaal and Orange Free State, 8,000 from Natal and 30,000 from the Cape Colony.

The correspondent adds that the plan of campaign formulated at Pretoria proposes the sending of 2,000 men into Rhodesia to overcome the slender force there, after which the territory will be handed over to the natives. Ten thousand men will rush the Natal border, capture the forts and prevent the landing of British reinforcements. The Boers rely on having sufficient supplies for a year. They expect that Russia will meanwhile intervene indirectly by creating a diversion somewhere in the British dominions.

Fall Exhibitions.

Mersea and Leamington, Leamington, Oct. 4-6.

Howard, Ridgetown, Oct. 4-6.

East York, Oct. 5.

Bossanquet, Thorold, Oct. 6.

Thibury, W. N. and Comber, Oct. 6-7.

South Norwich, Otterville, Oct. 6-7.

Euphemia and Dawn, Florence, Oct. 6-7.

Muncey, Oct. 9-11.

West Nissouri, Agricultural Society—

Colchester, Harrow, Oct. 10-11.

Harwich, Blenheim, Oct. 10-11.

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Delaware, Oct. 11.

Rochester and Madstone, Belle River, Oct. 12-13.

Onsida, Oct. 12-14.

Norfolk Union, Simcoe, Oct. 17-19.

Moraviantown, Oct. 17-20.

Moravian Agricultural Society, Mor-

avin, Erin, Oct. 19-20.

Fat Stock Show, Guelph, Dec. 5-8.

And it is water of such purity and softness that the householders of Glasgow can pay their water rate out of what they save on soap.

Loch Katrine water is not only soft. It is remarkably bright, clear and free from vegetable matter, because of the bare and precipitous character of the hills which drain into the loch. It is uniform in color, temperature and quality, is absolutely free from pollution, and must remain so, because the corporation have now bought up the building rights of the whole drainage area. It needs no filtration, and is practically unaffected by the change of seasons.—Benjamin Taylor, in the Engineering Magazine for September.

NOTINGS FROM NEAR-BY PLACES

The death is announced of Mr. Jas. Cox, late of Muncey, who died at Delaware on Friday last.

STRATHROY.

Advertiser Agent, J. D. Meekison.

Strathroy, Oct. 4.—Mr. J. W. Cook is attending the Medical College, Toronto.

Lieut. Dan Godfrey's British Guards Band appeared in the Lyceum yesterday to give a well-filled house.

The Athletic Association of the Collegiate Institute have nearly completed all arrangements for their annual sports on next Friday afternoon. It is expected that the contests in all the school events will be keen. In the open bicycle race good cash prizes will be hung up and an exciting race is expected to take place in the quarter-mile race.

Open to the model school, substantial prizes are offered. The programmes will be distributed in a day or two.

Mr. R. P. Smith received word on Tuesday of the death of Mrs. Charles Napper, of Dawn township. Deceased was a sister of the late Mrs. R. P. Smith.

Rev. Mr. Fothergill, of the Baptist Church, will preach anniversary sermons next Sunday in Oil Springs. Rev. Mr. Weaver will take charge of both services here.

L. O. L. No. 310, Adelaide, announce a grand Orange tea meeting to be held on Friday evening, Oct. 20. A splendid and varied musical and literary programme will be presented.

The death occurred in Carleton Place, Oct. 4, of Edward Carman, aged 64 years.

Mrs. J. H. Kinder, of Appin, is visiting relatives in town.

Mr. George Moore has opened up a pork shop in Collins' block, Front street.

ARKONA.

Arkona, Oct. 4.—Mrs. (Dr.) Watson is on visit to her parents, Rev. Mr. Wiloughby and wife, of Fergus.

Mr. Hunter, of Cornwall, is here on a visit to his daughter Lulu.

The night school in connection with the public library has been organized.

Lottie, the young daughter of Albert Morningstar, met with quite a painful accident at school the other day. The child, while climbing, and in some way slipped and fell, catching the fleshy part of her leg on a hook and tearing it open about three or four inches.

A great number from town took in the Forest fair.

Do not forget the lecture in Showers' Hall on Tuesday evening next.

Messrs. C. J. Lumby and Will Lumby called on friends here this week.

MOUNT BRIDGES.

Mount Bridges, Oct. 3.—Mrs. Frank Grigg and son leave today on a visit to relatives in Watford.

Miss M. Martin, South London, is visiting Mrs. McLellan.

Mr. Harry McLellan, of Rochester, is spending his holidays at home.

Mrs. Christian and daughter, of Oil City, are visiting Mrs. John Crozier.

The old Methodist Church will be sold by auction on Friday afternoon next.

KOMOKA.

Komoka, Oct. 5.—Miss Conning, of London, is visiting at Mrs. Turnbull's.

Miss Maggie Murray, of Westminster, visited at Mr. Stewart's.

A number of the members of Komoka Council, R. T. of T., attended the social and concert held in Somerset Hall, London, under the auspices of the Royal Templars of London Council.

A pleasant time was spent.

Mr. Chris Waugh, chairman of the board of managers, is calling for tenders for the repainting of the Presbyterian Church here. Tenders to be in by Oct. 1.

Miss Eva Robinson spent Sunday with friends in Strathroy.

The W. P. M. S. in connection with the Presbyterian Church have secured the Rev. Thos. Wilson, of London, to deliver his lecture on "Thirty Years After the Fall of Canaan," being the thrilling story of the work of Rev. J. G. Paton, missionary, illustrated by line-light views, in the Presbyterian Church on Thursday evening, Oct. 12, lecture to begin at 7:30.

DELAWARE.

Delaware, Oct. 5.—The Delaware Agricultural Society's fall fair will be held here on Wednesday, Oct. 11, and judging it by previous years, and the liberal prize list offered this year, it promises to be a great success.

The fair has long been regarded as the banner township fair of the county of Middlesex, and clearly demonstrates the fact that township fairs are not on the decline.

M. M. Bodkin, our able secretary, has issued an prize list, containing many liberal awards, embracing every branch of rural industry.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church are preparing to serve not only the poor and needy, but to patronize them on fair day. This enterprise of the ladies has tended greatly to encourage visitors from a distance to come early and enjoy the full day at the fair. No fairs will be allowed on the grounds, like they were at the London fair.

Mr. A. A. Mahler's fruit evaporating establishment continues to do a rushing business, having been running since Sept. 1 last, and is expected to run for several months with a capacity of 300 bushels of apples daily.

Standing the poor prospects of the apple crop this year, Mr. Mahler has been able to procure a constant supply, for which he is paying liberal prices. He has recently erected a large kiln in which to dry the apples, which are now being used largely in the manufacture of jams and jellies.

Mr. A. A. Mahler recently placed a 22-horse power engine in his fruit mill, owing to the failure of the water supply, which formerly ran his mill.

The enterprising firm of Butcher Bros. has recently purchased a New Hamburg separator, which proves to be a marvel of perfection in the threshing business.

Miss F. Steel has returned to her parents' home in the Hamilton general hospital after a two weeks' vacation at her home here.

Mr. G. Glennie, brother of Mr. J. D. Glennie, is expected to arrive here from Cuba this week.

PREPARING FOR THE STATE.

[Life.]

"I think I will marry somebody," said she.

"That my fame through the country may show forth."

Then I'll get a divorce; still more famous I'll be.

Then I'll marry—and so forth—and so forth."

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NO WORD WASTED

Sir Wilfrid Laurier will speak at Paisley on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 2 p.m.

The Grand Trunk Railway half-yearly report shows a net improvement of \$148,760.

The Americans have recaptured the Urdaneta, the gunboat captured by the Filipinos.

A rumor that the three Winnipeg breweries and soda water works have been amalgamated is denied.

The population of Ottawa is shown by the assessment returns to be 57,002, an increase of 1,616 over last year.

Mr. John E. Brooke, of Chatham, is dead from injuries received Tuesday evening by being thrown from his carriage.

The big steel steamer Edward Sewall, just launched at Bath, Me., is the 24th of the fleet turned out by Arthur Sewall & Co.

Percy Gordon, a boy of 16, while hunting at Qu'Appelle, met with an accident, which necessitated the amputation of his right arm.

George Jackson, a clerk at the Stratford station bar, attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat. He will probably recover.

Joseph Prouveau, a Montreal laborer, threw himself from a fifth story window on St. Paul street, dashing his brains out on the pavement.

Oliver H. P. Belmont told the Democrats at the Dallas, Tex., blow-out, that New York Democracy is for W. J. Bryan and any platform adopted.

Admiral Dewey has been relieved of the command of the United States ship Olympia at his own request, and the vessel will be overhauled at Boston.

The Canadian Export Furniture Company, with a capital of \$3,000,000, has been formed, and will build a large factory at Montreal for the export trade.

It is asserted that revelations seriously compromising General Mercey's honesty have been made in connection with the Madagascar expedition.

Miss Maud Walbrook, the young lady who disappeared from the Red Deer Indian school, Manitoba, has been given up for lost. It is believed that she fell into the Red Deer River and was carried down the stream.

Threshing is progressing favorably.