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MR. GLADSTONE DECLINES.

HE IS UNABLE TO VISIT AMERICA AT PRESENT.

The Irish Champion's Reply to the Invitation to Attend the Centennial Celebration of the Adoption of the American Constitution.

LONDON, Sept. 8.—The letter containing the invitation to Mr. Gladstone to attend the centennial celebration of the adoption of the American constitution at Philadelphia, invited him as the guest of the committee, and he was informed by the gentlemen who conveyed the invitation that it was the only one sent to any person not an American citizen or an accredited diplomat, the exception in his case being intended as an express recognition of the historical ties which bound Great Britain and America before the declaration of independence. He was also assured that he would be allowed to make whatever arrangements he pleased and would be entertained in America as no other man has since the visit of Gen. Lafayette. Mr. Gladstone on July 20 made reply to the letter and assured the committee of the great honor he felt in receiving an invitation to the celebration of the centenary of the American constitution.

His letter continues:

The attractions of the invitation are enhanced to me by the circumstance that I have always regarded that constitution as the most remarkable known to modern times to have been produced by human intellect at a single stroke, so to speak, in its application to political affairs. The invitation is accompanied by every accessory that even American hospitality could devise. Had I a real option in the case I could not but accept, but the limitation of my strength and time and the incessant pressure of engagements make me too well aware that I have none. So far as I can see the whole small residue of activity at my command will be devoted to the great work at home. I regard the Irish question as the most urgent and most full of promises of beneficial results to my country that I have ever been engaged in.

I ought, perhaps, to add that viewing the jealousies prevalent in England it is doubtful whether they might not be stimulated were I to accept the distinction you offer me, which is not less signal than undeserved. The first of these reasons, however, compels me to decline the most flattering proposal I have ever received. I shall watch with profound interest the proceedings of your celebration, when you will look upon a century of national advancement that is without a parallel in history and look forward to its probable continuance upon a still larger scale. That you and your children may be enabled by the help of the Almighty to worthily meet the accumulation of duties and responsibilities proportioned to ever growing power will be, I am confident, the prayer of your kinsmen here, who hope, nay believe, that the moral relations between the several portions of one race are wisely destined to acquire increasing harmony and closeness.

Your obliged and faithful servant,
W. E. GLADSTONE.

AN UPROAR IN SAMOA.

The Germans Declare Tamasee King of the Island.

MELBOURNE, Sept. 8.—Advices have been received from Samoa that the commander of the German squadron recently demanded a heavy fine from King Malietoa for robberies committed on German plantations, and that the commander landed 500 men and declared Malietoa's rival, Tamasee, King of Samoa. Malietoa resisted. The British and American consuls issued a proclamation advising subjects in the mesmer, but declaring that their Governments would not recognize Tamasee. The Germans guarantee the neutrality of Apia if their troops are not molested. An agitation has been started in Fiji for the annexation of those islands to Victoria.

THE EXETER CALAMITY.

Relief for the Sufferers Being Solicited in France.

EXETER, Sept. 8.—The public funeral of the victims of the Theatre Royal fire took place yesterday. There were fifty-two caskets containing identified bodies, and fourteen caskets containing remains which it was impossible to identify. The streets through which the funeral procession passed were lined by silent crowds.

French Aid Asked For.

LONDON, Sept. 8.—The Lord Mayor of London in The Paris Gaulois invites subscriptions for the relief of the sufferers by the burning of the Theatre Royal at Exeter.

Socialists Mobbed.

ROTTERDAM, Sept. 7.—Nieuwenhuis, the Socialist agitator, was tendered a reception last night by the Socialists of this city. A crowd stoned the building in which the reception was held and tore down and burned a Socialist flag. Several men forced an entrance into the house and smashed the Socialist emblems and made general wreck of the furniture. The Socialists fled through a back door. The police charged the mob and succeeded in dispersing it. Quiet was not restored until midnight.

The Eight Hour Movement.

LONDON, Sept. 8.—The Trades' Union Congress has passed a resolution pledging the various unions to begin an agitation in favor of decreasing the hours of labor to eight per day and to make every Saturday a full holiday. It was contended by the delegates that the 700,000 men now out of work would be able to obtain employment if this rule were put into force.

It Pleases His Grace.

DUBLIN, Sept. 8.—Archbishop Walsh, in a letter published here to-day, says the Irish land question is a commercial and not a political matter. He declares Lord Ashbourne's purchase scheme to be the most suitable one that has yet been passed.

The Elections in Holland.

THE HAGUE, Sept. 8.—The elections for members of the first Chamber of the States-General have resulted in the return of all the former members excepting the member for Utrecht, who is succeeded by an opponent of the Constitutional Revision Bill.

CHAT ACROSS THE CABLE.

The German Crown Prince is being welcomed everywhere on his journey to the Tyrol.

Ayoub Khan has fled towards Kabul, Persia, thirty miles to the westward of the Afghanistan frontier.

The Paris Petit Journal and The Warsaw Gazette have been forbidden entrance into Alsace-Lorraine.

A correspondent of The Paris Temps, now making a tour of Ireland, denounces the evictions as barbarous.

Scarlet fever is epidemic in London. So far 1120 cases have been reported and the fever hospitals are full of patients.

An anarchist plot has been discovered in Spain and several of the plotters have been arrested in Madrid, Salamanca and Cadiz.

Preparations have been made for a monster demonstration at Mitchelstown, Ireland, today to protest against the prosecution of O'Brien.

The state of siege has been raised at Sofia. Prince Ferdinand has conferred upon the Ex-Regents M. Stamtuiloff, M. Zilkoff and Colonel Mutkuroff the decoration of the Order of Bravery.

The Political Correspondence of Vienna says it is semi-officially stated in St. Petersburg that Russia is determined unless Prince Ferdinand departs from Bulgaria to declare the Berlin treaty void.

The Russian railroad depot at Wassar, the gate to Bokhara and the bridge over the Amaidurya at Charjui are almost completed. Five thousand laborers have begun work on the branch line of railway from Charjui to Kilif near Kohja Salah.

There was a riot at a tobacco factory in Pressburg, Austria, yesterday, growing out of the strike of 300 female employes. The strikers expelled the police from the factory and fortified the building, and troops were summoned to dislodge them.

Ayoub Khan with sixteen adherents crossed the Afghanistan frontier half way between Herat and Lashwaryan. The Ameer's troops surprised him on Aug. 31 at Rabati; when he fled but was overtaken. A skirmish ensued, and he again escaped. He then made his way back to Persian territory.

THE HAVOC OF THE GALE.

Great Loss in Life and Shipping on the Newfoundland Banks.

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., Sept. 8.—Reports daily arriving from all parts of the country show that the gale of Aug. 26 was one that will long be remembered for the loss of life and the extent of damage sustained from it. At and around the Island of St. Pierre the gale raged with great fury. Several large vessels went ashore on Dog Island and in many cases became total wrecks. One hundred thousand dollars will not cover the extent of damage to property sustained by Newfoundland vessels that were on the banks during the storm. A number of men who were out in dories are missing, and will probably never be heard of. The French banker Acedience lost two of her crew on the banks in this gale. The Joseph Amarlie also had two of her crew swept overboard. The French banker Chevrenel reports having passed a large vessel bottom up on the banks. The captain of the banker Ruby M. of Fortune, Nfld., was knocked overboard by a stroke from a cable. Five banking schooners are missing from Bury, five from Grand Bank, and one from Burge. From places so far heard from in Labrador ten schooners were lost, but the crews were all saved. The French schooner Cordelia, fishing on the Grand Banks, with a crew of sixteen men, capsized. It is supposed all were lost. There are no disasters to report from the American fishing fleet.

AFFAIRS AT THE CAPITAL.

A Party of Icelanders, Numbering Three Hundred, on the Way to Canada.

OTTAWA, Sept. 8.—The Montreal City Passenger Railway Company is understood to have submitted a proposal to the postoffice authorities to transport all uniformed mail carriers within the city and suburbs for a fixed sum per annum, the idea being that this service will not only expedite the delivery of letters, but may enable the department to reduce the number of letter carriers.

The Department of Agriculture has been advised that another party of Icelanders, numbering 300, left Glasgow for Canada on Friday last by the Allan Steamer Grecian.

Bishop Lewis is hopeful that inside of three years a sufficient sum will be raised to warrant the division of the Anglican Diocese of Ontario and the establishment of two dioceses. The sum required is $50,000 and of this he has been promised $2000 by the colonial bishopric fund and $2000 by the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge.

The Citizen has not only got over its recent trouble but is said to have taken a new lease of life. Some $10,000 worth of stock has been taken by local Conservatives, and it will come out next week in a new dress, and other improvements are to follow. It is said that Mr. C. H. Mackintosh will resume active editorial control of the paper.

MR. WIMAN AT PICTON.

Hon. Robert Reed Opposes the Commercial Union Scheme.

PICTON, Sept. 8.—The meeting here to-day to hear Mr. Wiman's address on commercial union was attended by about 1500 residents of the county. A large number of ladies were present. Mr. Wiman arrived about 2 o'clock, and was met at the wharf by Mr. McFaul, Warden of the county, and Mr. W. H. Reynolds, Mayor of the town, and escorted to the rink, where the Warden presented an address on behalf of the County Council, and the Mayor presented an address on behalf of the Town Council. Mr. William Anderson, ex-M.P.P., occupied the chair. Mr. Wiman spoke for three hours and was attentively listened to.

Mr. E. W. Rathbun of Deseronto, Hon. Robt. Reed, of Belleville, Dr. Mallory and others made short speeches.

Hon. Robt. Reed, in his speech, opposed commercial union as opposed to Canadian interests.

Mr. Wiman leaves here at 8 o'clock by steamer for Deseronto to catch the midnight train.

THE BURIED HATCHET.

What Was Found in the Middle of a Sawlog at Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Sept. 8.—A very peculiar circumstance occurred in the new saw mill of Messrs. Grier & Co. yesterday afternoon. While a log was being put through one of the edgers the man in charge heard the saws strike against some hard obstacle, when he immediately had the gang stopped to find out the cause. The log was drawn back, but before anything could be found it had to be cut into, when it was discovered that near the centre there was embedded an old Indian hatchet which, judging from the quaint shape and the depth it was buried in the log, must have been stuck there quite a number of years ago. The hatchet, though very well preserved, must have been left sticking in the tree while the latter was very small, as it had completely grown over it, leaving no trace whatever.

Listowel Cheese Market.

LISTOWEL, Sept. 8.—At the cheese fair held to-day twenty-one factories registered 7255 boxes of August make. The sales were 170 at 12½c., 3729 at 12¾c. and 400 at 12 5-16c.; one lot of 600, balance of season, sold at 12¾c. Seven buyers were present, and the market was active. Balance held at from 12¼c. to 13c., which buyers refused to give.

Baxter Still After McGarigle.

MONTREAL, Sept. 8.—The grand jury found a true bill against Wm. J. McGarigle, Wm. Allan Pinkerton and Michael Hickey, for conspiring against James Baxter of Montreal, by having his photograph placed in the rogues' gallery of the Central Police Station, Chicago.

The Rage of the Long Haired Men.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—Four score of Socialists of the 17th Assembly District met in a saloon last night, and, mid waving of red flags and shouts and cheers, were addressed by supporters of Herr Most, who sounded as their war cry: "Down with the United States Government and to h—— with Henry George." The meeting broke up in confusion.

Powderly Will Resign.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—It is stated on reliable authority that Grand Master Workman Powderly of the Knights of Labor will hand in his resignation at the Minneapolis session of the General Assembly. It is said Mr. Powderly is tired of the abuse and calumny which are being heaped upon him.

Blackleet Don Their War Paint.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Sept. 8.—The latest reports from the seat of the Blackfeet troubles in the Northwest Territories indicates that about three hundred warriors have donned their war paint. Serious trouble is anticipated.

A Visitor for Lord Lansdowne.

POKEEPSIE, N.Y., Sept. 8.—To-day the Indian prince, His Highness Thakire Saheb of Timboli, arrived at West Point. He spent a few hours as the guest of Gen. Butterfield and left Coldspring on an evening train for Canada to visit Lord Lansdowne.

Indicted for Libel.

MONTREAL, Sept. 8.—In the Court of Queen's Bench this afternoon the Grand Jury found a true bill against Vanasse and Lessard, editors of Le Monde, for libeling Hon. Mr. Mercier, Premier of Quebec.

Lutheran Council.

GREENVILLE, Sept. 8.—The General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States and Canada convened here to-day. Representatives are here and on their way from every synod of that part of the church known as General Council Lutherans, except the Michigan Synod, which has not yet been heard from.

Local Option in Missouri.

ST. LOUIS, Mo. Sept. 8.—Voting on the question of local option was held in nine counties of this state yesterday, seven of which voted in favor of it. This makes thirty prohibition counties in the state, and eighteen others will vote on the question soon.

CROWDS THRONG THE FAIR.

AS THE TIME ADVANCES THE ATTENDANCE GROWS.

The Different Buildings Well Filled with Visitors Throughout the Day—The Sports in the Horse Ring—Sir John Takes in the Show—Siege of Pekin.

The furious wind which swept through Exhibition Park on Wednesday was an absent element yesterday. Whatever breeze was stirring was tempered by the genial rays of the sun, and everybody wandered contentedly around the extensive grounds, taking in all the sights which have made the present exhibition so successful. There was a big crowd in attendance but not so big as to prove an annoyance. It was a representative gathering of Ontario's sturdy yeomanry and their equally interested friends from the cities. There was lots to see, and everyone went at the work in hand in a business-like manner, accomplishing the task without great exertion or inconvenience.

The main feature of amusement was found in the horse ring, where various contests of speed were decided during the afternoon. Between heats the dancing barrel man and the female slack wire performer aroused the enthusiasm of the crowds, whilst the gaily uniformed band "tooted" suitable accompaniments. The speed exhibitions were keenly contested, and it was not until a later hour than usual that the last event was disposed of.

The "Siege of Pekin" at night was witnessed by thousands of visitors. It was a grand triumph of pyrotechnic art, bewildering and gorgeous.

Distinguished Visitors at the Fair.

There were a number of distinguished persons upon the grounds during the afternoon. Sir John Macdonald was punctual to the minute, arriving at 2.30 o'clock, the hour set for his arrival. He was accompanied by Mr. Frederic Nicholls and Mr. J. H. Pope, jr., his private secretary. He was received by President Withrow and Directors Gray, Crocker, Lee, Close and Booth. Sir John looked exceedingly well and seemed buoyant in spirits. He had discarded his famous overcoat, which was replaced by a maroon-colored one. Under the guidance of the Exhibition officers he visited the Main Building, to which he devoted nearly two hours, and then went through the Machinery Annex, the Floral Hall, Machinery Hall and the Press Building. He was unable to visit the other departments, which, however, he intends viewing on his return to the city on Tuesday next.

To a World representative Sir John, when asked his opinion of the exhibition, said that he was exceedingly gratified at the displays in the various halls he had visited. Both in the number and variety of the exhibits there was a noticeable improvement over previous exhibitions. The show was a credit to Canada, and Canadians should be proud of it.

Lord Cecil and his son did the show under the guidance of Mr. E. B. Osler and Mr. T. C. Patteson, the party devoting most of the afternoon to the horse ring. Lord Cecil was greatly pleased with the contests of speed and the animals shown on the ring.

Hon. J. H. Pope, Minister of Railways and Canals, was also an interested sight-seer. He was chaperoned by City Solicitor McWilliams and Capt. J. Herbert Beatty.

Ex-Mayor Wheaton of Detroit went everywhere with ex-Mayor James E. Smith.

Mr. E. W. Conkling, the Superintendent of Central Park, New York, hobnobbed with Ald. Harry Piper, and when The World ran across the pair the New Yorker had nothing but praise to bestow upon the exhibition and a good word for his aldermanic friend's Zoo. Mr. Conkling went so far as to say that the lions and panthers in his Zoo were superior to those in New York's great park collection.

Speeding in the Horse Ring.

The majority of the visitors at the fair yesterday afternoon were gathered around the horse ring to witness the contests of speed. The program opened with the gentlemen's road horse class, which had three entries and was won in two straight heats by A. E. Brown's bay gelding Pulp. Mr. S. J. Dixon's black geldings Photographer and Hero carried off the next event, the pair of roadsters, in straight heats. The feature of the afternoon was the stallion race, which brought out six starters, and a better contest was never witnessed on the Exhibition track. Henry Crozier's brown stallion Crown Imperial, from Owen Sound, was the winner, having carried the third, fourth and fifth heats. Summaries:

For gentleman's road horse (mares or geldings), 16 hands or under, has been used constantly, there is a purpose for at least 2 months previous to Sept. 1, 1887; four times around the ring, about 1¼ miles, to a 250 pacer; 1st to be 1 in 3; entrance $10 each, of which will be added $25 given by the Street Railway Company; second, and $25 by the association; 1st to receive 75 per cent; 2d, 25 per cent.

S. J. Dixon's (Toronto) blk.ga. Photographer	1	1	1
J. Palmer's (Richmond Hill) b.ge. Deadwood and May Flower	2	2	2
Thos. Meagher's (Todmorden) gr.g. Carleton and gr.m. Annie D.	3	3	3

Carleton and Annie D. finished second but were put back for running.

For stallions—Open to all stallions not less than 15¾ hands high, in harness; that have been used at least ten mares during the season of 1887; twice around the ring, about one mile, best 3 in 5; entrance fee $10, to which $100 will be added by the association; 1st, 75 per cent.; 2d, 25 per cent.

H. Crozier's (Owen Sound) ch.s. Crown Imperial, by Imperial	3	2	1	1
J. Harris's (Cobourg) b.h. Tariff, jr.	1	3	dr	dr
G. V. DeLong's (Lyndock) gr.h. Waldorf	4	5	3	4
G. W. Curtis' (Lindsay) b.h. Valentine	5	4	2	2
Ford & Mayly's (Mitchell) b.h. Thorn wood	6	6	6	5
M. T. Mullen's (Parkdale) blk.h. Defiance	3	4	5	dr

Time—2.42½, 2.43, 2.40, 2.38¾, 2.39.

A special purse will be given to-morrow for horses that were late arriving. The race will be mile heats best three in five, $10 entrance and $100 added by the association. First 75 per cent. The entries are as follows: Hotspur Girl, May Flower, Grey Tom and Deadwood.

Judging of Stallions.

The judging in the horse ring commenced yesterday, and was confined to the roadster, carriage horse, heavy draught (imported) and Canadian heavy draught stallions, for special prizes. The following were the prize winners:

Roadsters—For the best stallion of any age, with five of his progeny, of any sex or age.

Booth & Vogan, Orangeville, chestnut stallion Thos. Jefferson, 11 years; by Clear Grit, first; H. Crozier, Owen Sound, brown stallion Crown Imperial, second.

It was the progeny of the winner that went in his favor, and not the horse himself, as Crown Imperial is far the superior.

Carriage Horses—For the best stallion of any age, with five of his progeny, of any sex or age.

Orr & McClelland, Halton County, brown stallion Eyebeck, first; D. Campbell, Bradford, bay stallion Derby, second.

The winner stands 16 hands with black points and had six of his progeny, all bays.

Heavy Draughts (Imported)—For the best imported heavy draught stallion of any age, with five of his progeny, any sex or age.

James Gardhouse, Etobicoke, Ont., bay shire stallion King of the Castle, by Honest Tom, first; Mr. Manfred's brown Clydesdale stallion second.

Heavy Draughts—For the best Canadian draught or Suffolk punch stallion, of any age, with five of his progeny, any sex or age.

James J. Davidson, Balsamin, Ont., bay stallion Darling Prince, first.

Mr. Davidson's stallion was the only entry in this class.

The Siege of Pekin.

The great attraction of the evening was a magnificent pyrotechnic display—the Siege of Pekin—the details of which were arranged and carried out under the management of Messrs. Paine & Son of New York and London, England. The mimic Oriental town was represented in all its antique peculiarities, and looked quite attractive with its narrow streets, picturesque old verandas, and hilly background which appeared to reach to an immense altitude. The whole was erected near the lake shore and in front of the Main Building. On the waters of a miniature pond floated the indispensable gondola, while a busy throng of Orientals paced the promenades in the easy, if inelegant, costumes peculiarly their own. A troop of Chinese soldiers next appeared on the scene, as a body guard to the Emperor, who appeared in all his native splendor. After some manœuvring in front of the city, a party of British troops enter (made up of members of the Infantry School, whose services for the occasion Col. Otter sanctioned). The Britishers having proved their superiority in drill over their Oriental brethren-in-arms, a party of French soldiers appeared on the scene (members of the 10th Royals), and to complete the spectacle a band of English men-of-war put in an appearance, just in time to witness a variety of acrobatic feats. The sons of Neptune were attired in regulation garb. Their cutlass drill was very fine, thanks to the careful training they have been receiving at the hands of Mr. Tyler, a staunch old naval "tar." The Army and Navy retire, and a British officer appears with a flag of truce. He presents a dispatch to the Emperor, who becomes infuriated, tears the document to pieces, orders the arrest of the officer, and has him confined in a fort. The sailors return to their boats and row off to report the indignity, and the officer jumps from the fortress and taking to the water heads for his ship, which he reaches in safety. The shrill sound of a bugle is heard, followed by firing of guns and general commotion on the part of the natives, who prepare for a resolute defence of their city against the British by whom it is being attacked. An exciting battle rages, in which the British are almost routed, when the French come to their aid. The reinforcement terrifies the Orientals, who flee in confusion, and then follows the bombardment of the city and the blowing up of the Chinese junks. During the siege French and English soldiers appear on the walls of the city waving the flags of their nationalities. All the science of pyrotechnics was brought into requisition to give the scene a realistic effect. The, success which attended the effort needs to be witnessed to be fully appreciated. It was unquestionably one of the best displays of its class ever witnessed in Toronto. During its enactment a choice and appropriate selection of music was performed by the band of the Royal Grenadiers. The siege of Pekin is to be presented next week.

Gurney's Cook Stoves.

Men as well as women—or shall we say, gentlemen as well as ladies—are interested in hall, parlor and other heating stoves, and frequently pronounce their opinions on the same as if they knew all about it. But he would be a bold man—perhaps bold enough to demand admission as a permanent boarder in Dr. Clark's big house up west here—who should venture to pronounce on the merits of a cook stove. That, we should say, had better be left to a jury of ladies to decide upon. And we have heard it mentioned that this is the particular kind of jury that Mr. Gurney is ready and anxious to come before, on the first go-off. He feels amazingly confident as to the verdict, but we can discount it all, because we know the reason why. The fact is that the Gurney cook stove—the Duchess and all the rest of them—have already been so well tried and so well approved by the ladies that he is perfectly warranted in feeling sure of what we may call a "cable repeat" on the subject. Visit Gurney's building and you will find a *fair* exhibit of ladies there as well as of stoves. There is nothing without a reason for it, you may be sure. But go yourself and see the proof.

Dominion Piano and Organ Co.

When His Excellency the Governor-General desired to purchase a Canadian made piano, he chose one manufactured by the Dominion Piano and Organ Company of Bowmanville. The other day when visiting the exhibition he called at the company's building on the grounds and expressed the pleasure the use of the instrument had given him. What pleases Lord Lansdowne, a connoisseur in music, is within the reach of everybody visiting the Exhibition Grounds. The elegant building erected by the company for the display of their goods is open all the time and everybody is made welcome. The crowds continually filing through attest to the public appreciation of the excellence of the display within and the growing musical taste of the Canadian people. Among the visitors yesterday were a number of American ladies and gentlemen, and their surprise at the perfection to which this industry has brought their pianos and organs, comparing more than favorably with the best American productions, was as flattering to the firm as it is gratifying generally to the Canadian people.

The Automatic Wonder.

When visiting the Exhibition do not fail to see the automatic wonder, situated near the railway entrance. The little automatons in the orchestra will alone furnish amusement for half an hour, the running of the great representation of New York harbor with its moving tide of mechanism and life.

The Eden Musee.

The Eden Musee is situated in the building close to the main entrance to the Grand Stand. It will be open to-day, and contains one of the marvelous mechanical wonders of the age—a clock with four-and-twenty figures representing the principal scenes in the life of Christ, from the manger at Bethlehem to the crucifixion on Calvary. It is the invention of a Bostonian named Murray, who spent over two years in completing the great work. Miss Myrtle Kingsland, well known all over the American continent as a lecturer, will describe the different scenes as they are produced. This "Automatic Pageon," as it is known, has been exhibited to over five millions of people since its construction.

In addition to the above attractions there is in the same place a magnificent life size wax figure of Her Majesty the Queen in the jubilee robes and jewels as she appeared at the great festival in London. This has been brought direct from the Eden Musee, New York.

Toronto Steel Wire Mat Company.

One of the principal attractions in the new Annex Building is the exhibit of the above company at the northwest entrance. They show an excellent display of mats, all shapes and sizes, with red and black Japanned and nickel-plated frames to suit the taste. These mats are thoroughly appreciated for their serviceable qualities, and are largely used throughout the Dominion in public buildings, banks, churches, schools, hotels, elevators, stores, residences, etc. The great success of these mats in the United States and Europe is phenomenal. Amongst the exhibit is a large mat which was in use during the great Colonial and Indian Exhibition in London, England, last year, at the main entrance, upon which there is a card, "Thirty million people walked over this mat at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition in 1886." They were awarded a gold medal, also silver medal and diploma at two last Industrial Exhibitions in Toronto, and a silver medal at Exhibition in London, C.W. Mr. R. Davis, who has charge of the exhibit, has been busy booking orders since opening. The factory and offices are 33 Wellington-street east, Toronto.

Flakes.

Societies' Day—Saturday, Sept. 10.—The following uniformed corps will be represented tomorrow, "Societies' Day": Toronto division, No. 2, Knights of Pythias; Canton Toronto, No. 1, I.O.O.F.; Knights of Sherwood Forest, Crimson Knights, Select Knights, A.O.U.W.; Knights of Maccabees, Scarlet Knights. The societies will assemble at the Queen-street-avenue entrance at 1 o'clock and start at 1.30 o'clock sharp, headed by the Royal Grenadiers' Band, and march by way of Queen, Yonge, King, Simcoe, Queen and Brock streets to boat at foot of Brock. On arrival at the grounds drill will at once take place in front of grand stand. There will be a grand dress parade in front of Main Building in the evening.

Several handsome dog carts were to be seen on the grounds.

W. J. Bell, the Organ Prince, and his bride were among the visitors. They leave to-day for a two years' tour around the world.

Mayor and Mrs. Howland were driven about the park in the afternoon.

Mr. J. C. Chadwick of Guelph drove all about the grounds with Mrs. W. H. Beatty of the Queen's Park.

Mr. Geo. Kelly and son were among the mounted visitors.

Christie, Brown & Co. remembered the pressmen with a box of their assorted biscuits.

The receipts yesterday were $2331, showing that nearly 10,000 persons visited the grounds. This is $1787 more than was taken in during the corresponding day of last year's exhibition.

Proposed Meeting of Freight Agents.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 8.—A general meeting of freight agents will be held at Niagara Falls next Tuesday, at which representatives from all sections of the country are expected to be present. The meeting has been called for the purpose of considering the advisability of agreeing upon general classification of freight rates from New York across the continent to San Francisco.

Where Rebellion is Chronic.

PANAMA, Sept. 8.—The revolutionary force, under Bahona, surprised and took possession of Port La Union last night. The fighting is reported to have been very severe. A thousand Government troops have left the capital under Gen. Amaya, but it will take them two days to reach their destination. A general commotion is feared in Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

Kraft, Goss & Co. and the Illinois Wire Fence Company at Joliet, Ill., have failed.

William Heffron's stables, Cincinnati, with thirty-eight horses and twelve mules and a mineral water factory were burned on Wednesday night; loss $25,000.

WATERWORKS SUB-COMMITTEE.

Ald. Rogers Gives Facts and Figures of Water Waste—Deacon Metres.

The sub-committee of the Waterworks Committee met yesterday afternoon with Ald. Ritchie in the chair. The question of granting special rates to the members of the Plasterers' Association came up for discussion. It was shown that plasterers not identified with this association are compelled to pay higher rates than those who are members—the difference being in some cases five cents for the quantity used for each barrel of lime. The committee recommended that from Oct. 1 plasterers, irrespective of any association, should be subjected to the ordinary tariff rates and to the penalties attached to the infraction of regulations.

Ald. Rogers submitted a report on the supposed waste of water, the following facts being given to prove that leakages are responsible for the large daily consumption of water in the city. From his report it appears the total daily consumption of water in the city is 13,500,000 gallons, and the population being 110,000 there is used 120 gallons per head. In New York the daily consumption per head is 80 gallons, Brooklyn 60, St. Louis 73, Baltimore 75, Cincinnati 64, Louisville 62, Newark 77, Providence 40, Rochester 57, and Indianapolis 50. Ald. Rogers further stated that the conditions of those American cities being the same as to pressure, etc., as those of Toronto, there can be no doubt but a considerable waste of water is going on. Documents and papers bearing upon a similar state of affairs in English and American cities were read with a view to arrive at a solution of the difficulty.

Ald. Gillespie submitted a motion which was finally carried, that two districts be selected and a Deacon metre placed in each for one month.

He claimed that with a proper system of household inspection, and with the aid of the metres, there would be no difficulty in finding out whether the waste is due to the leakages in the pipes or to the carelessness of consumers. Ald. Carlyle, although satisfied that Ald. Roger's statement was correct, objected to Ald. Gillespie's proposition on the ground of expense. On motion of Ald. Rogers it was decided to recommend to the committee that all water used in connection with local improvements on streets, be made a charge against the properties benefited. A subcommittee was appointed to work out the details of Ald. Roger's plan in reference to the laying down of the Deacon metres in the districts to be set apart. Mr. J. H. Curran was recommended as assistant clerk of the Waterworks Department. The sub-committee will meet this morning.

Librarians Visit Toronto.

The congress of American librarians at the Thousand Islands was largely attended and very successful. Librarians Houston and Bain of Toronto represented the Parliament and Public libraries. It was sought to induce the congress as a body to pay a visit to this city, but owing to many prearrangements this could not be carried out. Several, however, on their return to the States decided to visit the "Queen City," and under the escort of Librarian James Bain the party arrived at North Toronto Station this morning. There were eight members of the congress and several ladies: W. F. Poole and wife, Chicago, Ill.; H. J. Carr and wife, Grand Rapids, Mich.; A. VanName and wife, New Haven, Conn.; G. Sniderfeldt and wife, Milwaukee; Mr. J. E. Dixon, Granville, Ohio; Miss M. M. Oakley, Madison, Wis.; Miss M. A. Eddy, Galdwater, Mich., and A. P. Marland, Boston. Entering conveyances at North Toronto, the party drove to the Rossin House, where they breakfasted. Shortly afterwards they were visited by Mayor Howland and the members of the Public Library Board, who tendered them a hearty welcome to Toronto. They were then driven to the Free Library, the inspection of which they made under the guidance of Mr. Bain. All expressed their pleasure at the visit and spoke commendably of the arrangements. A tour of the city was then made en route to the Exhibition, after which they partook of the hospitality of ex-Ald. Hallam. In the afternoon the visitors had a sail on the Bay and lake. Most of them left Toronto last night.

Dr. Poole, one of the visitors, is the author of the valuable "Poole's Index" of publications, without which no public library is complete. He is president of the American Historical Association, the American Library Association and numerous other bodies. He received the degree of LL.D. from the Northwestern University in 1882.

It is not unlikely that as the result of this visit the Library Association may be induced to hold a meeting in Toronto at no distant day.

The Photographers Elect Officers.

The convention of Ontario photographers met again yesterday morning in the rooms of the Society of Artists. The secretary was instructed to forward a copy of the memorial to the Dominion Government on the duty on dry plates to every photographer in Ontario for signature. A short discussion took place on the use of chemicals in photography. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, E. Stanton, Toronto; Vice President, S. J. Dixon, Toronto; Secretary-Treasurer, E. Poole, St. Catharines. Executive Committee—J. F. Bryce, Toronto; John Stephens, Barrie, and A. P. Barrand, Barrie.

The judges presented the exhibit prize list as follows:

Twenty-four Cabinets: 1 — Gardner, Toronto; 2 W. F. Johnson, Rochester; 3 — Doberciner, Guelph.

Portraits 8x10: 1 H. W. Simpson, Toronto; 2 G. Whiten, Orillia; 3 O. T. Wright, Orillia.

Portraits 11x14: 1 H. E. Simpson, Toronto; 2 E. T. Hamby, Fort Hope.

Collection of Views: 1 R. Ludlow, Burks Falls; 2 J. Lord, Uxbridge.

General Exhibit: 1 H. McMichael, Buffalo.

Best Portrait: 1 J. Landy, Cincinnati.

Bromide prints on Eastman paper: 1 S. J. Dixon, Toronto; 2 Farmers Bros., Hamilton.

Twelve Cabinets, full length for posing: 1 E. Russel, Tottenham.

The Old Chieftain Leaves Town.

Sir John Macdonald left for the Dominion Capital by the Canadian Pacific Railway last night. Yesterday morning he attended a meeting of the Manufacturers' Insurance Company, of which he is President, and afterwards received a host of callers at the Queen's. In the afternoon Sir John visited the Industrial Exhibition. It is his intention to return to Toronto on Tuesday. He walked out on King-street at 10.30 a.m.; notwithstanding his great popularity the circus procession however seemed to be the bigger attraction and the Old Man almost passed unnoticed. James Britton however spied him, ran up and shook him cordially.

Barnum's Circus in Town.

Barnum's circus came to town yesterday and is quartered on the big lot at the corner of College and Bathurst-streets. Performances were given yesterday afternoon and last night and two more will be given to-day. The parade in the morning was a good one, and greatly admired. Immense crowds visited the circus and saw what were really fine performances. These included many acts of the greatest difficulty. Capt. Paul Boynton, the Baby Elephant, and the flying leap of a lady across the tent were attractions worthy of particular attention. The collection of animals is a grand one.

OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Items of Interest Received by Mail and Wire.

Over 200 shanty men left Ottawa for the woods yesterday. Such labor is scarce and wages are going up.

The Central Labor Union of Hamilton are making preparations for a grand parade in connection with the Central Fair.

Mackey, Fee and O'Connor, who own a mica mine near Mattawa, are negotiating with an American firm with a view to selling.

The barn and outbuildings on Mr. John Horning's farm, near Ryckman's Corners, on Hamilton Mountain, were destroyed by fire on Wednesday.

Robert Sanderson's bakery, a small frame building at the north end of Pinnacle-street, Belleville, was burned to the ground early Sunday morning.

This season at Grimsby Park was unusually successful financially. The gate receipts alone reached the handsome sum of $5,226.55, being $1,344.95 in advance of last year.

LOST IN THE STORMY LAKE

FRIENDS OF THE MISSING GIRLS ABANDON HOPE.

Arrangements Making for a Search Along the Shore—A Tug Ordered Out from St. Catharines to Discover, if Possible, Any Tidings of Them.

Mr. Frederic Roper, secretary of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company, who has a summer residence at Lorne Park, states that on Wednesday afternoon while he and some friends were walking on the beach between the Park and Mr. Morse's home, which is three-quarters of a mile to the west, they met Miss Parker who was on her way back from the Park for the second time that day in search of her friends. It appears that about ten in the morning the three started for the Park. Miss Lauder being not strong could not walk the distance and Miss McCormick volunteered to row her there and back. As stated yesterday Miss McCormick was a brave and venturesome girl, who would undertake many a thing that other girls would be afraid to do. Although the water was rough and a high wind blowing they started out. Miss Parker preferred to walk. On reaching the Park she waited for the others but they could not even be seen. She returned to Morse's and made another trip in the afternoon.

Mr. Roper states that on Wednesday morning at about 10.30 he was scanning the water through a telescope, and the only boat he could see was the Hastings, which was rolling heavily. The water was so rough that no one at the Park dared to venture on it. The Lorne Park caretaker says he saw a boat on Wednesday morning near the Park, but took it to be that of a fisherman named Reid, who lives next door west of Morse's. Mrs. Lauder, the mother, and Mr. Lauder, the brother of one of the unfortunate young ladies, drove out to the scene of the accident on Wednesday night, arriving at the place about 1 o'clock Thursday morning. They returned to the city after daylight and made arrangements to institute a search for the missing girls.

Considering the strong wind that prevailed Wednesday afternoon and night, there does not appear to be much hope of finding them alive.

Later last night it was learned that an upturned boat was seen by some passengers on their way from Whitby to Toronto yesterday morning. The wind at the time the young ladies went out was blowing in a direction that would have carried the boat to the spot. It would be well if search were made for this boat, as it might be the means of solving the fate of the young women.

Miss Parker arrived in town yesterday. She is suffering from the accident. Mrs. Lauder is much prostrated, indeed she is said to be quite ill from the nervous shock she received in learning the news of her daughter's sad fate. During the day, and before it had been learned that an upturned boat had been seen, Capt. Jackman was consulted about going out with his tug. He was of opinion that a search on his part would be useless, as the wind was so strong it would have carried the boat out in the middle of the lake within a very short time. He communicated with all the captains of the lake boats but from them he could learn nothing. Capt. Nealon of St. Catharines was telegraphed to search along the south shore of the lake.

It was learned last night that two