

NO INTENTION TO CLOSE UP THE FAIR; WESTERN BOARD NEVER CONSIDERED IT

**Directors Highly Pleased With This Year's Record,
and Will Work to Build Up a Greater
and Better Exhibition.**

Members of Board Give Strong Denial to Stories of Discontinuance.

That the Western Fair directors never for one moment considered closing up the Fair was proven conclusively when the matter was discussed at a meeting of directors at the Western Fair grounds this morning. There was a large representation of the board present, and, instead of feeling discouraged, they were highly enthusiastic over the prospects of the Fair. The Fair will be continued, and will be made greater than ever.

No Intention to Quit.

After much routine business had been transacted, Col. Little brought up the report that appeared in the Free Press regarding the closing of the Fair. He sincerely hoped that no person had received the impression that the board of directors were going to give up the

Fair. He had made it his business, since that report was published, to interview the chairman of every department to see for himself what condition the Fair was in. He found nowhere any talk of doing away with it. Every department was reported in splendid shape, and everybody enthusiastic.

Has Helped the Merchants.

The directors had a two-fold object in view in conducting the exhibition. One was the success of the Fair itself as a Fair. The other was to benefit the merchants of the city. There had been no doubt the directors had been very successful in this last particular. Never had there been such a crowd of visitors as this year, with the possible exception of one year, when there were reduced rates on all lines for five days. Business men report business as being exceptionally good, and there was absolutely no doubt that the Fair had been a decided success from a business man's standpoint.

As for the Fair itself there was nothing for which they might be ashamed. The total receipts for entries had been larger this year than in 1906, the banner year. The exhibition of live stock was a credit to London and to Canada. A visitor from Quebec had expressed himself as being surprised at the quality of the stock shown. There were very few places in the country that could equal it.

The Dog Show Paid.

The poultry show was the best yet held. The entries in this department had increased 20 per cent. Forty feet had been added to the poultry shed, and yet it was not large enough to hold the entries. The agricultural and horticultural halls were better than ever before. The dog show was a splendid success, and although he had opposed it, thinking that it would be a detriment financially, it had proved a great help, over \$900 being derived from that source alone. The other buildings were good, better than before.

Too Good an Ad.

"The weather was bad," declared Col. Little, "but it did not discourage me at all. It was not an unkind evil. I am one of the oldest members of the board, and it did not make me feel (Continued on Page Eight.)"

Coal Train Crashes Into Derrick Wreck on the P. M. in South End

Engineer and Fireman Jump and Avoid Injury—Loss Will Be Considerable.

A smash-up occurred shortly after 8 o'clock this morning on the Pere Marquette, which delayed traffic for a couple of hours. One engine was smashed considerably, and the derrick in operation at the new bridge over the Thames was put out of commission for a few days. No person was hurt.

The derrick was working on the bridge, and when the coal train from Port Stanley was seen coming, the crew of the derrick made ready to back onto a siding to let the train pass. When near the Ottawa avenue crossing, Engineer Robert Temple, of the coal train, thought that he was too

near the derrick, and that the latter was not getting out of his way fast enough. He put on the brakes, but the rails were slippery, and the heavy coal train skidded.

His fear proved to be right, for the coal train smashed into the derrick, and in a moment both were a tangled mass. The smokestack and front part of the engine was smashed badly, and the rear part of the derrick was broken in.

The morning passenger train was held up for nearly an hour. The passengers, of whom there was quite a crowd, walked to the Ottawa avenue cars, and came down town.

Engineer Temple and Fireman Verne McLean were not hurt. Both jumped when they saw the crash was inevitable.

The crew of the derrick were back from the front of the derrick, and escaped injury.

Dog Exhibitor Appeals an Award

The only protest in the dog show was considered by the board of directors, and the ruling of the judge sustained. Mr. H. H. Curtis, of New York, who was handling the Irish setters belonging to Miss E. C. Phillips, of New York, protested against a cup being awarded to the Queen of Kent, owner by Mr. Geo. Bowman, of London. The entry book lists the cup as for the best setter in the show. This would include English, Irish and Gordon setters. The inscription on the cup also states that it was for the best setter in the show. When the English setters were shown, they were judged for this cup, and the prize awarded to Queen of Kent. Mr. Curtis appealed against the ruling of the judges, and it was decided that the donor meant only English setters. However, as it was advertised in the press that Queen of Kent was the best setter in the show, and as such won the cup, Mr. Curtis decided to appeal to

the Canadian Kennel Club for its ruling on the matter.

Queen of Kent was afterwards beaten by Miss Phillips' dog, Royal Duke, as the best setter in the show. This dog was a Toronto winner, scoring high. He took specials for best setter in the show, and also for the best American-bred setter in the show.

FRIDAY A BIG DAY AT THE FAIR

Splendid weather was the portion of the Western Fair, and a large number of citizens this morning took the opportunity of seeing it. There was quite a crowd of visitors in the city, most of them stopping over from yesterday. There promises to be a large crowd out this afternoon. It will be one of the best yet.

Chinaman Made Bad Jump From Car

The day of the que and Oriental clothes has practically gone as far as local Chinatown is concerned, and John Chinaman is becoming more up-to-date every day.

There is one thing, however, in which the sons of the Celestial Empire are deficient, and that is in getting off a street car properly.

Last night about 11 o'clock Johnny Wong, who works in a laundry located near Central avenue on Richmond street, was riding north from the heart of the city on a Wellington car.

Johnny had some business to transact on Richmond street near Princess avenue and he tried to signal the conductor to let him off at that point, but as the car was well filled and the conductor was busy inside, he failed to make himself understood.

On the car were Detective Rider and one of the local policemen. Now both of these gentlemen had learned to jump off cars traveling perhaps 10

miles an hour when they were youngsters. Consequently they both hopped off at Princess avenue with ease, although the car was going along at a "fast trip for the night."

Johnny looked at them enviously, took another peek for the conductor, who was still out of sight, grasped his bundle of shirts tightly and jumped.

The next moment he had lit on his right ear, while the bundle of laundry rolled out of sight under the rear of the car.

The large number of passengers riding on the rear end of the car gasped in horror as Wong struck the street in the manner mentioned and started to roll toward the wheels of the car, then all gave the unfortunate Chinaman a laugh as he was assisted to his feet by Detective Rider, and made his way in a crestfallen manner to a friendly dark spot, where he presumably made an inventory of his stock in trade, and of the remaining cuticle on his person.

TIED AND LOCKED UP OPERATOR; BOLD BURGLARY AT THAMESVILLE

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Thomas, Sept. 13.—A man giving the name of B. J. Ross, of Woodstock, was arrested here this morning, and is held as a suspect in connection with the robbery of the G. T. R. depot at Thamesville last night.

The robbery took place after Operator Jack Miller, formerly a well-known

baseball pitcher at St. Thomas and Ingersoll, had been tied up and locked in a box car. The burglar secured \$30 in cash, and Miller's revolver.

BISHOP OF LONDON AT TORONTO

Ottawa, Sept. 13.—The Bishop of London left Ottawa at 10:45 for Toronto this morning. He received a hearty send-off from a large number of clergy and laymen.

CLEARING AWAY TUNNEL WRECKAGE

Officials Say Damage to M.C.R. Base Is Not More Than \$12,000.

Windsor, Sept. 13.—Swarms of laborers are at work today on the ruins of the Michigan Central tunnel shaft on Sandwich street, between here and Sandwich. Splintered posts, earth and debris, the wreckage of the big cave-in on Wednesday, are being slowly cleared away.

Early on Thursday morning workmen were sent to the tunnel from shaft No. 2 to try to make an impression on the tons of earth that now close the opening at the other end. The work will go forward as speedily as possible, and every available man will be put on the shifts.

Officials last night made light of the catastrophe, and even said it was a good thing. "The timbers at the bottom of the shaft are all right," said one. "It will cost us not more than \$2,000 to repair the damage done, and the cave-in will not hinder procedure of the work on the tunnel proper. The collapse was very gradual and in this I think the cave-in was a good thing, for it taught us that there is no danger from any slide at the bottom of the shaft. That part held solidly."

"We do not fear any collapse on this side of the river," said one of the men employed at the shaft on the Detroit side. "The only place where there might be danger is near the river, where about 20 feet of earth must be cut through. I presume the Windsor slide was caused by the jar of nearby trains passing near the tunnel."

The shaft on the Detroit side of the river was completed some weeks ago, and the day afterward a bulkhead was sprung, allowing it to fill with water. No effort has been made to empty it, and it will probably remain until the sections of the tunnel tube are connected across the river bed, when the whole will be pumped dry at the same time.

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MODEL REGULATION

Circular Received by Schools Inspectors Edwards.

Inspector Edwards is in receipt of the following circular from Dr. Pyne, minister of education, regarding the model schools: Nothing could better illustrate the slipshod methods of the department under the present regime. The circular, which is dated Sept. 9, should have been in the hands of model school teachers weeks ago:

"For the present session of the county model school, and not thereafter, county boards may admit pupils who are qualified non-professionally as prescribed in Regulation 53, and who will be 18 years old on or before Aug. 17, 1908."

"Certificates of qualification as public school teachers shall, however, not be issued to such candidates until they are of the legal age; nor shall a county board have authority to admit any other candidate than those qualified as above."

A NEW RECORD

Three-Year-Old Stallion Trotted Mile in 2:09 at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Sept. 13.—At the State Fair here yesterday, Kentucky Todd, owned by J. W. Johnson, of Boston, established a new world's record of 2:09 for three-year-old stallions, and won the feature event of the card, the Western Horseman's stake purse of \$1,100, for three-year-old trotters.

Kentucky Todd negotiated the mile in 2:09 in the second heat.

No Direct Application to London

Local Manager Beard, of the Bell Telephone Company, stated to The Advertiser today that the report of the royal commission regarding the hours and conditions of the employees of the Toronto exchanges has no direct application to London.

Conditions are so different here and in Toronto that they bear no relation to the other, outside of the fact that in both places there are telephone operators.

In Toronto, Mr. Beard said, the business is very great and the girls are compelled to work at high pressure all the time. In London, such is not the case. Here the girls never work more than seven hours a day, and the majority work shorter hours. There is no dissatisfaction here, management and employees being perfectly satisfied with the conditions.

Report of Telephone Commission of Much Interest to Londoners

Hours of the Toronto Operators and Conditions Under Which They Work.

The report of the royal commission appointed by the Dominion Government to investigate the strike of the Toronto telephone operators, a brief synopsis of which was published in Thursday's Advertiser, is of much interest to Londoners, inasmuch as several young ladies from this city went to Toronto during the strike and have since been employed by the Bell Company there.

The Age Limit.

In dealing with the character of telephone operators the commissioners find that as the operators are usually young girls between 17 and 23 years of age, their systems are peculiarly sensitive to strain and sensitive to injury.

The work under any conditions involves a considerable strain on the

nervous system, and sight, hearing and speech are constantly on the alert.

"We believe," is the conclusion, "that where it is a question between the money-making devices of a large corporation and the health of young girls and women, business expediency should be compelled to make way. The evidence given before us, and the facts of experience, as cited, go to prove that this is a matter which cannot, with safety, be intrusted to the parties concerned, but is one which, in the interest of the protection of the health and well-being of persons engaged in this form of industrial pursuit, calls for legislative interference on the part of the state."

Medical Examination.

A medical investigation is recommended in the following words: "Because, perhaps, of the comparatively recent introduction of industrial processes such as that of telephone operating, where the motive power is mechanical and where the whole trend of invention has been of a nature to

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Not Impressed With Filtered Water; Londoner's Experience in Wisconsin

Mr. George McCormick Advises Londoners to Stick to Spring Water—Meter System.

Mr. George G. McCormick, president of the McCormick Manufacturing Company, recently returned from a tour of the Wisconsin lake country.

Said Mr. McCormick to The Advertiser yesterday:

"I return with a keener appreciation than ever of London's spring water. A friend of mine, Mr. A. C. Hawes, is manager and part owner of the waterworks plant at Appleton, Wis., where filtered lake water is used, because they cannot get anything else. His remark to me was that it was 'a necessary evil.' I found they had filtration plants in most of the places I visited, and used lake water; but all the people who could afford it bought spring

water by the gallon for drinking purposes.

"Upon making inquiries, I learned that the main difficulty lay in keeping the filtration plants in good working order. 'Filtered lake water is bad enough,' said Mr. Hawes, 'but filtered river water is worse.' His advice to Londoners was to resort to almost any filtration, at any cost, rather than adopt filtration and take the water from a small river like the Thames."

"I had some opportunity of studying the water system," added Mr. McCormick. "In Appleton they were threatened with a shortage of water, and adopted meters as the best method for saving it off. There was great opposition at first, but now the commissioners cannot furnish meters fast enough to please the consumers. The consumption of water was reduced four-fifths. That sounds like exaggeration, but I got the information from official sources."

The Honest Man and the Conductor

A certain street railway conductor of London is debating the question, "Is honesty the best policy?"

He has good reason to hold the debate.

Yesterday a mild looking gentleman approached him as the car stopped and said:

"You failed to collect my fare. Will you take it out of this quarter?" The conductor put the money in his

satchel and handed the stranger 20 cents change.

Then he took another look at the coin.

It was a 20-cent piece.

And he had just rung up a cash fare!

Now he has blood in his eye for "honest" people.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SHOWERS, MOSTLY FAIR.

FORECASTS.
Toronto, Sept. 13-8 a.m.
Today—Fresh winds, mostly southeasterly to southwesterly; fine and warm.

Saturday—Some southerly or southeasterly winds, mostly fair.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary..... 22 20 Cloudy
Winnipeg..... 44 42 Cloudy
Port Arthur..... 44 40 Cloudy
Parry Sound..... 58 52 Cloudy
Toronto..... 60 54 Clear
Ottawa..... 54 50 Cloudy
Montreal..... 54 54 Fair
Quebec..... 52 48 Fair
Father Point..... 46 44 Clear

The first column in the above table records the temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.
Since yesterday morning a depression has traveled quickly from the Pacific States to the Upper Missouri Valley, while at the same time the western high pressure system has broken up.

Showers have been experienced in many localities from Northern Ontario to the Maritime Provinces. In the Western Provinces the weather has continued unusually cold, with rain in Manitoba, and rain is now falling in many portions of Saskatchewan and Alberta. Calgary recorded 10 degrees of frost during the night.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.
Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 56.5-67; Dawson, 48-64; Atlin, 36-64; Vancouver, 40-64; Kamloops, 46-64; Calgary, 30-37; Edmonton, 34-44; Battleford, 36-56; Prince Albert, 36-44; Winnipeg, 38-59; Parry Sound, 50-58; Toronto, 56-68; Montreal, 54-68; Quebec, 58-64; Halifax, 60-72.

THE INFLUX OF ORIENTALS; 900 HINDOOS FOR VANCOUVER

Messages From the Mayor to Sir Wilfrid—Record of Jap Arrivals.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Sept. 13.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has received a telegram from the mayor of Vancouver stating that the authorities were doing all that they could to preserve the peace, and that several arrests had been made. The feeling in Vancouver was against Asiatics generally and not in particular against Japanese.

The Trade and Commerce Department has received the arrivals of Japanese from Victoria for the month of August. There were 351 males and 39 females, making 390 in all. Of these 261 were first arrivals; 27 second and 202 in transit. Besides these, 206 were in transit to the United States—three to points in Canada, and three to other points in the country.

Nine Hundred Hindoos Arrive.

[Associated Press Dispatch.]

Vancouver, Sept. 12.—The arrival of 900 Hindoos on the steamer Montague

has further complicated the situation here. At noon Mayor Bethune dispatched this telegram to Premier Laurier:

"Neither accommodation nor employment for Hindoos arriving today; nor is it possible to house them under sanitary conditions. Shall we house them in drill hall at Government's expense?"

The mayor ordered the opening of a popular subscription list by the citizens to ship the entire 900 Hindoos east by special train, leaving tomorrow morning.

The feeling against the Hindoos is confined to the want of preparation on the part of their countrymen here to provide quarters and employment for them, not 50 being able to speak English, and not averaging \$40 of wealth per man. There is no organization behind these men. They came of their own volition, drawn by letters of their prospering friends and relatives here, who are earning a dollar and a half

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Engineer Talbot Will Fight Case He and Mr. Roberts State Positions

Lively Legal Row in Sight as Result of Alleged Slander Suit.

The die is cast and the gauntlet flung down by Mr. N. A. Roberts, of the Roberts Engraving Company, in the Roberts vs. County Engineer Talbot, alleged slander case, an outline of which was given in yesterday's Advertiser, has been taken up by Mr. Talbot.

Mr. Roberts has stated that unless Mr. Talbot apologized for certain statements he is alleged to have made, a suit for damages would be entered shortly.

Today Mr. Talbot was located at the Fair grounds, where he had gone to inspect some new concrete mixing machines.

"You can say for me," he said, "that the alleged slander charges are without any foundation whatever; in fact, they are nonsensical."

Cause of the Trouble.
Mr. Talbot alleges that Mr. Roberts had been in the habit of accompanying home a relative of Mr. Talbot's wife for about a year.

"I had always been under the impression that he was a single man," said he, "until a short time ago, when I learned that he had a wife and family. One night afterward, when he accompanied the young lady home, I asked him if he was not married. He replied that he was not, whereupon I lost control of myself and gave him a slap in the face, saying at the same time, 'Tell the truth.'"

"Mr. Roberts replied that he had been mistaken, that he was married."

"I then assisted him in a none too gentle manner to remove himself from the premises. Sometime later I met

him on a Springbank car, and told him not to forget to inform his wife of the drubbing he had received. I don't know whether he told her of the facts or not, but I do know that he has never shown his face around my door since the night I ejected him."

Mr. Talbot intimated that much which had not as yet been revealed would come out in court if the alleged slander case ever came to trial.

"I will admit," said he, "that I hurt his face and other portions of his person on the night he denied that he was married, and I don't mind saying that under similar conditions I would repeat the dose with interest."

The Other Side.

From the other side of the argument an entirely different story comes forth. "I had known the young lady in question for some time," said Mr. Roberts, "and had occasionally accompanied her home. I did not see any harm in offering my protection to her when she

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LOCAL BANKER ADVISED OF WESTERN FROST

Decidedly Cold Weather Will Seriously
Affect the Wheat.

Frost is reported in the Northwest and it is said that serious damage has been done the crop, especially in Alberta. Mr. H. Campbell Becher, broker, this morning received a wire from Calgary which reads as follows:

"Calgary—Keen frost in Calgary last night. Only 50 per cent oats and 20 per cent wheat in shock. Thermometer reached 20 degrees below zero."

This report contains in brief very serious news, as the crop in the west will be greatly spoiled by the frost. The wheat crop cannot stand the frost.

Tommy Russell at His Old Pranks; Robbed Tent at Local Fair Grounds

Was Promptly Arrested, Tried and Found Guilty This Morning.

The first case of theft at this year's Fair came to light this morning when "Tommy" Russell, an old offender, appeared before Magistrate Love charged with having stolen property to the value of some \$30 from Harry Pierson, of Toronto, who conducts a baseball-throwing game at the Fair grounds.

Pierson has a trunk in his stand containing approximately \$500 worth of cheap watches, pearl mirrors and other articles which he offers as prizes for the game he is conducting.

This morning about 8 o'clock while Pierson was at breakfast, John Smith, who conducts a booth nearby, noticed Russell crawling from beneath the canvas which surrounds the Toronto man's booth.

Suspecting that something was wrong, Smith and another booth-owner seized Russell, who immediately put up a fight for freedom.

Put Up Fight.
During the scuffle two pearl boxes and a watch dropped from Russell's coat. Realizing that he had been caught in the act he renewed his efforts to break loose and finally suc-

ceeded in doing so after he had severely bitten one of his captors' wrists.

Special Constable Mason was notified of the incident and started a search for the fugitive with the result that Russell was eventually located in the cupboard of a restaurant conducted by a man named Pickle at the Fair grounds.

When arrested Russell tried to bribe the constable to let him go.

He pleaded not guilty at the police court and professed his innocence to the very last.

A Real Crook.
"I find you guilty," said the magistrate, "and I warn you that unless you reveal the hiding place of the remainder of the goods you stole, it will be the harder for you. You are remanded a week for sentence."

On Russell's person was found a large bunch of very suspicious-looking keys, including keys to the Dominion postoffice, a C. P. R. switch key, and two keys to boxes in the Peterboro postoffice. Russell said that he had bought the keys from a second-hand dealer in Toronto.

Captain T. J. Murphy prosecuted in the absence of Crown Attorney McKillop.

Samuel Silverstein was taxed \$1 and costs for allowing his horses to run at large, and a number of drunks were discharged.

G. T. R. Will Not Handle Acetylene

Grand Trunk officials and employees in London are in receipt of the following circular issued by General Superintendent of Transportation Brownlee, and attested by Third Vice-President Fitzhugh:

"Owing to numerous cases of fire in railroad accidents which have resulted from the carriage of or use of acetylene gas, this company will hereafter decline

to haul cars carrying stored acetylene gas, or cars with their own acetylene generating plant charged."

Official cars equipped with acetylene gas for illuminating purposes will not be declined, providing storage tanks are declined, and the generating plants or cartridges emptied when coming on to the line. Failure to observe this rule means instant dismissal.