

Sherbrooke Exhibition,



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THERE are few cities of 14,000 inhabitants in Canada or elsewhere, for that matter, that can equal Sherbrooke, Quebec, either in attractiveness of location or in the progressiveness of its people. From a railroad standpoint, it is excellently located, being on the main line of the Grand Trunk Railway System, and on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. It is the western terminus of the Quebec Central Railway, and the northern terminus of the loston & Maine Railway.

Sherbrooke is one of the most prosperous, enterprising and generally up-to-date communities of the Province of Quebec, and richly deserves its title of "The Capital of the Eastern Townships." Sherbrooke will stand the closest scruting. A walk through the busy and well-kept streets, lined with mercantile establishments or beautiful residences, as the case may be, is as good a way as any to get in touch with the bright-faced, industrious, wide-awake people of the town. A tour of the shops, mills and factories but strengthens the favorable impression that the introduction produces, while a peep into the home-life of the people discloses an atmosphere pervaded by a spirit of generous yet dignified hospitality. Railroads do not select a cit, to centre in without good reason. Why Sherbrooke is so well equipped with transportation facilities is not hard to fathom. The amplitude of water-power, affording an economical and satisfactory ground-work for industrial development is one reason, the varied character of the industries most attractive in summer or in winter, as its location and surroundings are so pleasingly picturesque that the changing seasons seem to add but new charms to the old ones, At any season the climate is peculiarly salubrions. The winters are bracing and the summers soft and mellow. Sherbrooke is situated upon the banks of the Magog and St. Francts rivers, a fact that furnishes not only the foundation for grand scenic qualities, but one that also provides the source of the power that drives the rapidly growing industrial machinery of the town. These rivers thread a country-side of great agricultural and mineral wealth, which is tributary to Sherbrooke, the town drawing greatly from these sources, and this accounts for the fact that while the city, in point of population, is a comparatively small one, it has railroad facilities that many a larger community cannot boost of.

The Board of Trade, with a membership of over 100, is working in harmony with the City Council in upbuilding Sherbrooke. Through this co-operation a great deal has already been done towards fostering the business welfare of the community. New enterprises have been attracted through remission of taxation and payment of bonuses, coupled with the natural advantages afforded by the city. The water power from which Sherbrooke derives its strength as a manufacturing centre is secured from the Magog river, which tumbles through the town in a series of falls, the force of which has been conserved by a number of dams. These falls extend for a distance of about three-fourths of a mile, starting at what is locally described as the "Upper Dam" and terminating at the point where the waters of the Magog mingle with those of the St. Francis. The principal manufacturing plants are located on the banks of the Magog, within the above described limits. It is estimated that the water-power available from these falls aggregated 4,50c horse power, of which a considerable proportion has never yet been used. Sherbrooke possesses an efficient police department and a well-equipped fire department; and in this connection it may be stated that the city has been free from either fires or great crimes. It has been the aim of the city fathers to keep the town up-to-date in every respect, and a niggardly policy has never been pursued in considering needed improvements.

The Sherbrooke Street Railway furnishes the people of the city with adequate local transportation, the belt-line of this company running through the business and residential portion of the place, and passing the railroad stations. In addition there is also a line to the exhibition-grounds and Victoria Park, in East Sherbrooke. The total length of the system comprises about seven miles. The belt-line was opened in 1898, while the line to Victoria Park was opened in 1898. The cars are thoroughly modern in every respect, being equipped with seventy horse-power motors. The electric power is generated by one of the numerous falls on the River Magog.

One of the immortant features of Sherbrooke is the annual exhibition, given under the austices of the Eastern Townships Agricultural Association. The annual fête,

which is usually scheduled for the latter days of August, is looked forward to with great interest by the people of the surrounding country, as well as from the States.

It may not be generally known that the city of Sherbrooke is in the heart of an extensive though only partially developed mineral section, the mines producing copper, assetsos, chrome, iron and lime, while there are valuable quarries of flagstone and granite. The principal copper mines in the neighborhood of the town are those of the Eustis Mining Company, and the Nichols Chemical Company, the properties of which are but eight miles distant. The asbestos mines are located on the line of the Quebec Central and also on the Grand Trank, these properties giving employment to some 5,000 men. Alarge number of iron mines have been opened up in recent years, and for the purpose of enabling mine owners to reduce the lower grades of ore extensive concentrating works have been established. Shipment of lime over all the railroad lines form an important item in the freight traffic of the various roads.

Even the casual visitor is certain to be impressed, not only by the substantial public buildings and business structures, but also by the large number of beautiful private residences that are so freely scattered throughout the residential section. A glance up Dufferin Avenue, at any season of the year, opens up a beautiful vita, the double rough of noble, arching elms setting off that highway in an admirable manner. On this street, as in many others, are numbers of splendid houses. Sherbrooke is a beautiful city in many respects; shade-trees give to the town a wholesome aspect at any season of the year, while in the summer the beautiful gardens and well-kept lawns are a source of never-failing enjoyment to citizens and visitors alike. Victoria Park is in the eastern section of the city, and is a natural wilderness of unsurpassed beauty, containing some sixty acress. Racine Park overlooks the silvery St. Francis river. Almost opposite the parade-ground is Portland Square.

There is a great deal to attract the sportsman in the surroundings of Sherbrooke, and in addition to its claim to recognition in other directions, the city is a vacation centre of no mean importance. In the adjacent country there is much to interest the tourist as well as those who enjoy good hunting and fishing. Among the most important of these points are Lake Massawippi and Little Lake Magog. Sherbrooke is provided with excellent hotel accommodation. A new and beautiful Court House is carly completed.



half-mile track, large main building for general exhibits, a poultry building recently enlarged, ample stall accommodation for horses and cattle, a large machinery hall, dining hall, offices, amusement halls, etc.

On the grounds and buildings the Association has expended upwards of \$75,000, and it is practically free from debt. Its success is due to the fact that it has been managed upon strict business principles From its inception, many of the prominent business men of the City and Directors from the Townships have devoted weeks annually to promote the success of this Association. Among those who took active interest in its organization were such well-known Townships men as the late Hon. John Henry Pope, the late Hon, Senator Cochrane, the late Hon, I. G. Robertson, the late Hon, C. C. Colby, Mr. Justice Hall, then M. P. for Sherbrooke, the Hon, George Baker, the Hon, Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, Messrs. Sewell Foster, of Knowlton, C. C. Cleveland, of Danville, F. P. Buck, J. R. Woodward, of Sherbrooke, Col. Patten, of Brome, and others. The Association has an established annual grant from the Provincial Government of \$5,000, and from the City \$2,000. The Exhibitions of the Association are held during the first week of September. These Exhibitions are now looked forward to each year by thousands and thousands throughout the Eastern Townships. who come by rail and in teams, while special trains over the Boston & Maine and Quebec Central bring daily during Exhibition week immense crowds from all New England points. The attendance has reached from eighteen to twenty-five thousand a day. Visitors can see in the grand parade of horses and cattle a sight not excelled in any place in America, in the fine show of backneys, standard bred, and heavy draught horses, in the magnificent herds of Shorthorns and Jerseys, Polled Angus, Herefords and Guernseys, working oxen, and the stylish teams of driving horses, double and single, that daily pass before the grand stand. This Institution which is more familiarly known as "Canada's Great Eastern Exhibition," has, with the magnificent surrounding country, the liberal rates given by railway companies, the active and enthusiastic devotion of business men and the Eastern Townships formers, who have a thorough belief in its usefulness and success, helped greatly to establish Sherbrooke as a live and prosperous city. The President of the Association is Mr. Alex. Ames, Manager and Secretary, Mr. W. M. Tomlinson, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr. C. A. French.

The Eastern Townships Agricultural Association.

THIS ASSOCIATION, the establishment of which was the result of an energetic and harmonious effort of the principal public men and farmers from all portions of the Townships, was formed at a meeting held in Sherbrooke in 1884. The act of incorporation was obtained in 1885. Farmers from all counties in the Districts of Saint Francis and Bedford, from Drummond, Arthabaska and Megautic, joined loyally and without jealousy the business men of Sherbrooke in establishing an annual exhibition in that City. Stock was subscribed for in all these counties The Association can now claim to be second only to Toronto in the Dominion of Canada. The Exhibition Grounds are located in East Sherbrooke with its intervening valley of the St. Francis, with its hills and mountains, including Mount Orford and Owl's Head on the shores of Memphremagog Lake, and the Green Mountains of Vermont as a background, presents a beautiful panorama. The Association has now held twenty successful exhibitions. It has 65 acres of land, the buildings upon which have been designed and located with care, and particularly adapted for Exhibition purposes. These include a fine, covered grand stand, 500 seet long, capable of accommodating nearly 7,000 people, a well-graded



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SATURDAY, SEPT. 2nd.

Grounds and Buildings open from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m., to Exhibitors and their Assistants only. All Exhibits in the Industrial and Manufactures Departments must be in place on Saturday morning.

MCNDAY, SEPT. 4th.

Horse Show Day.

7.00 a.m.—All departments in full operation. Main Building, Horticultural and Dairy Hall and Stock Building open to the Public. Musees, Theatres, Tent Shows, etc., in full operation.

Loo p.m.—Opening of Great Specialty Performance in front of Grand Stand, Judging of Single and Double Carriage Horses, Roadsters, Ladies' Drivers, Cobs and Ponies, Saddle Horses and Hunters over hurdles in front of Grand Stand.

1,00 p.m.--Commencement of judging in all classes. Horses and Cattle will be judged in different rings in the following order:—

HORSES—Ring No. 1—Thoroughbred, Standard, Carriage and Coach Horses, Hackneys and Roadsters.

Ring No. 2 - Clydes and Shires, Percherons and Normans, Draught Horses, General Purpose and Canadian Horses.

CATTLE—Ring No. 1—Durham, Hereford and Aberdeen Angus,

Ring No. 2—1st, Ayrshires and Holsteins; 2nd, Jerseys, Guernseys, Canadian and Swiss.

Ring No. 3-Grade Cattle.

In all classes above mentioned the judging will be continued without interruption until completed.

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Exhibitors and Judging Day-Civic Holiday.

8.00 a.m.—Grounds and Buildings open to the public. Manufactures, Fine Arts, and all other Departments in full running order.

Continuation of Judging in all unfinished classes.

 2.30 p.m —Grand Specialty Performance on Platform before Grand Stand.

RACING.

No. 1-2.30 Trot, Purse \$250.00 No. 2-2.35 Pace, " 250.00

5.25 p m. —Balloon Ascension and Parachute Leap by Prof. Wolcott,

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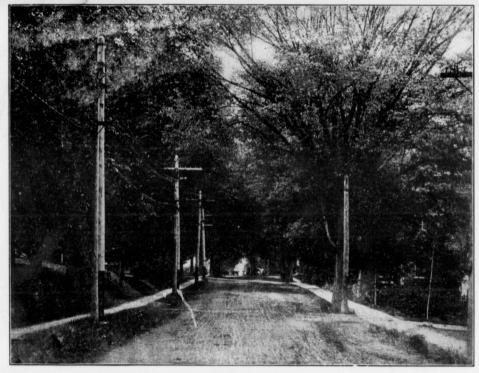
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10 00 a.m.—Continuation of judging in all unfinished classes in the order and position mentioned in programme for Monday.

1,30 p.m.—Grand Parade of Stock before Grand Stand, headed by bands.

Grand Specialty Performance before the Grand Stand by the entire corps of artists.

RACING.

No. 3—2.25 Pace 2.22 TrotPurse \$257.00

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No. 4—2.13 Trot and Pace, Purse \$300.00 No. 5—Open Flat Race, "200.00

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Wednesday Evening.

7 30-Grand Illumination of the grounds.

8.00—Full programme of attractions in front of Grand Stand by the entire Company of Special Artists, supplemented by grand programme of special night attractions.

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8 00 a.m. -All departments open and in full swing. to.00 a.m.-Completion of judging in all unfinished classes.

1.30 p.m. - Second Grand Parade of Horses and Cattle around the track, headed by bands.

RACING.

No. 6-2.28 Pace) 2.24 Trot Purse, \$250,00 No. 7-2.22 Pace (2.19 Trot 1 Purse, \$300.00

No. 8-Flat Race, 3/ mile, open, Purse. \$200.00

3.00 p. m .- Thrilling double Balloon Ascension by Prof. Wolcot and Miss Lillian Temple, who will make a double ascension on a mammoth balloon and separate parachute descents.

Thursday Evening.

7.30 - Grand Illumination of grounds.

8 oo - Grand Programme of Attractions by the Exhibition Company of Special Artists. The platform and grand stand will be specially illuminated and numerous calcium lights directed upon the many attractions, so that the performance will present successive tableaux of wonderful and startling feats. Grand pyrotechnic display, introducing thousands of Rockets, Roman Candles, Shells Turbillions, Mortars, etc.

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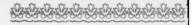
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RACING.

No. 9-2.18 Pace 2.15 TrotPurse, \$300.00

No. 10—Free-for-All, Hotel Keeper's Purse, \$350.00

Trot or Pace,

No. 11—Handicap Hurdle Race, \$200.00

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5.00 p.m.—Thrilling Double Balloon Ascension and Parachute Race by Prof. Wolcott and Miss Temple in two balloons. Every effort will be made to have this double, ascension and race come off sharp on time, so that all visitors may have an opportunity to witness this grand event before leaving the grounds.

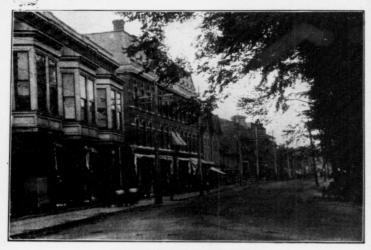
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Closing Day.

9.00 a.m.—Payment of prizes at the Secretary's Office Completion of all unfinished races and amusements.

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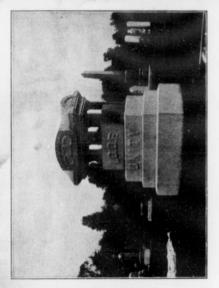
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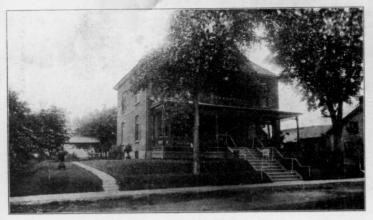
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