

**PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.**

**The Opening Day.**

**Unfavorable Weather-- But a Good Show.**

**GOVERNOR HOWLAN'S OPENING ADDRESS.**

**General Remarks About the Show.**

**Experimental Farm Exhibits.**

The Provincial Exhibition of Prince Edward Island is not to be favored this year by a visit from Sir Wilfrid Laurier or any other Dominion Minister. As for the Provincial Ministry, Premier Peters is away doing Dominion business. But infinitely more important to our farmers than either, will be the presence of the Professors of Agriculture who will during the course of the exhibition deliver practical addresses to our farmers.

The exhibition was opened at three o'clock this afternoon by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor who delivered an interesting and eloquent address. His Honor referred with pleasure to the splendid manner in which the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Victoria had been celebrated throughout the empire. He then spoke of the famine in India and made reference to the grand contribution for the relief of the sufferers that had been sent from this Province. Crops throughout the Island are, he continued, good excepting in the low lands; and with a railroad to carry the products from the door of everyone there should certainly not be any distress in this province.

It is pleasing to observe, continued His Honor, that in every department, save fruit, the exhibits this year are up to the standard, with live stock much improved. With regard to fruit it gave His Honor much pleasure to learn that a very considerable number of fruit trees had been planted this year. He was also pleased to hear that the cranberry crop was very fine in the western portion of the province.

The butter and cheese industries were growing in value each year, and he was much pleased to hear that the high character of these products was being sustained.

His Honor then called attention to the exhibit from the Experimental Farm at Nappan. Here said he, we have oats yielding from 45 to 83 bushels to the acre, whilst in this province the average yield is about 30 bushels to the acre. A change of seed seemed to him to be very necessary. This is our Klondike and the most should be made of it.

Last year the United Kingdom bought \$483,000,000 worth of goods from the United States, and the British Empire, as a whole, took \$593,500,000, or about 56 1/2 per cent of the total. The present fiscal policy of the United States indicates clearly that we have little hope for a market there. We must therefore look to the market of the United Kingdom. The Federal Government is paving the way for closer connection and cold storage facilities for our agricultural products and all should make ready to take advantage of these same. If this is not done we will certainly be behind in the race.

The Scotch have a proverb which is very true and that is that "the snooker is most of the game." As an observer he could not help remarking that he saw elements of success for the future of this province. Almost within the sound of his voice there was a firm of merchants putting up an immense structure for a pork factory, which, he understood, would be the best equipped establishment of the kind in Canada, and the equal of the best in the neighbouring republic. The courage, enterprise and faith in the future displayed by this firm deserved the fullest measure of success, and he hoped they would realize well upon their investment. With the combined industries of butter, cheese and pork, the farmer ought to be able to turn all his raw products into merchantable goods on his own farm.

People from abroad were coming to this fair province to build summer houses, and he had no doubt but others would follow, as the Island is now becoming more generally known as one of the finest summer climates on this continent.

He mentioned also that the farmers had formed a Fire Insurance Company for their own protection. This is well. In this connection the thought occurred to him that it might be worth the farmers while to consider seriously the matter of cheaper money for their own accommodation such as farm loans, etc.

We all should feel proud of this Canada of ours, said His Honor in conclusion, for in the words of a recent writer: "If it were possible to place an order with the Creator to make us another Dominion of Canada we could scarcely ask Him to make it different from what it is. We have untold wealth of sea, lake, and stream, of forest, field and mine; and, generally speaking, no country is more richly blessed in those natural resources necessary to the foundation of a great country, and the man who cannot make his living here is either an idiot or an idler."

**GENERAL REMARKS.**

The high rank of the P. E. Island Exhibition is, this year, fairly well maintained. If there is a shortage in some of the exhibits there is, for the most part, an improvement apparent in respect to

quality. This remark does not apply to fruit. There is a lamentable falling off in respect to fruit without any corresponding improvement in regard to kind. Some exceedingly fine apples are shown by Mr. Bayfield, Mr. Burse and others; but, for the most part, the fruit failure of the year is reflected in the exhibition.

The classes of roots and vegetables are, upon the whole, well up to the average of those of former years. Larger turnips or finer potatoes or bigger cabbages, mangels, beets, onions, tomatoes, etc., have not, we think, been shown in Charlottetown, while the khol-rabi shown by Mr. King is even better than that which he exhibited last year. Remembering the coldness and wetness of last spring, it is surprising to see on exhibition such excellent fodder-corn—excellent alike in the size and quality of the cob and in the length of the stalk.

The show of grain is large and exceptionally good; and we have to thank Mr. G. H. Haszard, Miss Longworth, Mrs. Bayfield and other exhibitors for a very beautiful and highly creditable display of flowers and ornamental plants. The ladies' department in the gallery is well filled with products of feminine skill and industry delightful to look upon. In this department an improvement in the quality of the articles shown is particularly noticeable.

Of the art exhibits it may be truly said that there are fewer execrable pictures than have been shown in former years, while there are at least one or two which display a considerable amount of artistic taste. The youths' and children's work is upon the whole very promising. We are pleased to note the improvement evident in that of Misses Helen Haszard, Laura McMillan, Florrie Blake, Mary James, Mary Barfield and Miriam Norton. Several of these young ladies are the pupils of Mrs. McNutt, whose painstaking instruction is evident in their careful drawing and delicate shading. Perhaps the most striking feature of the art exhibit, this year, is that of old Mr. Hubbard's representations of Charlottetown in the olden time. The well finished photos of scenes in our Province in these latter days are notable by contrast with those interesting relics left by the venerable pedagogue. Special mention is also due to the portraits in crayon from the hand of Mrs. Doull.

The special exhibits in the Exhibition building are not increasing in number, and there is, particularly in the gallery, a plentiful supply of bare walls and vacant space. A pleasing interruption of the barren view is found in the booth of spruce boughs erected by the Independent Order of Foresters, as a typical of Forestry. Messrs. Dodd & Rogers make a grand display of hardware and iron goods and Messrs. Haszard & Moore make a highly creditable exhibit of blank books, showing no less than fifty-two different kinds. Particularly noticeable on the ground floor is a highly finished and expensively upholstered row boat built by Mr. Lemuel Winchester. The Charlottetown Soap Works make a tasteful display of four of their leading brands of soap, and show that they are prospering. In point of fact, their output has doubled within a short period, and their sales are increasing alike in this province and in the neighboring provinces.

**MARITIME EXPERIMENTAL FARM EXHIBIT**

This exhibit was designed and arranged by Mr. W. S. Blair, Horticulturist for the Maritime Experimental Farm. It occupies a space of 15 x 10 ft., on arches, the top being set off with grain robes, beautifully arranged, and a wall space, devoted to fodder corn, of about 15 feet. The value of this exhibit is clearly pointed out by Mr. Blair who seems at home in this line of work, and who will make it interesting for visitors or those soliciting information.

On one side of a nicely arranged arch are the best varieties of barley clearly marked. These represent those varieties which have given the largest average yield from 5 years test of the 35 varieties used to experiment with. Among the most promising of the six-rowed sorts are Oederbruch, yielding 36 bushels per acre; Mensury, 48 bus; Surprise 41 bus; Summit, 36 bus; Trooper, 40 bus. The last named three are cross-bred barleys. The Baxters, six-rowed crossed with Swedish of the two rowed sorts, are French Chevalier, yielding as an average of 5 years test 38 bushels per acre; Kinver Chevalier 34 bus; Canadian Thorpe 31 bus; Bolton 32 bus; Sidney 31 bus. The last two varieties are also cross-bred-barley. Arranged alongside of these are the different varieties of cross-bred barleys which make up an interesting collection. By crossing the two and six-rowed barleys a plumper and heavier grain is obtained.

Below these series, arranged in cases, are other varieties of barley which are experimented with. The exhibit of oats, is an interesting show.

Arranged in one collection are those varieties which have given the largest yield for four years, and another of those from six years test. The famous Banner oat is seen to be one of the best oats at Nappan.

The fruit makes a very nice show. Some fifty varieties of apples are on exhibition from the farm. The small fruit is particularly interesting.

A hundred and two varieties of potatoes are also to be seen. The Delaware, Pearce's Prize Winner, Great Divide, Early Sunrise, Early Puritan, State of Maine are among those recommended from this collection.

Ensilage corn of different varieties. The Robertson combination for ensilage, composed of the teck horse beans, 3 tons; Russian sunflower heads, 1 1/2 tons; corn, 10 tons—making up a comparatively well balanced ration.

The grasses form an instructive part of the exhibit. Twenty varieties are shown. The millets are also very pretty.

The grain is not shown only in straw, but the seed of each variety is nicely done up in glass bottles neatly labelled.

**NOTES.**

Mr. Reid began judging the horses today at two o'clock.

Mr. Wright, of Ontario, is judge of cattle.

Mr. Powell, M. P. for Westmoreland, N. B., is visiting the Exhibition.

The ladies of St. Dunstan's Congregation are supplying hot dinners and other refreshments. This is a guarantee of the fullest satisfaction in that line.

At a meeting of the Stock Breeders Association already advertised the following gentlemen will speak: Arthur Johnson, Esq., President of the Shorthorn Association, Henry Wade, Esq., Secretary, and Wm Linton Wade, Esq., Chairman of the Financial Committee of the same Association.

—Following the example of Ananias Cameron, the standard elevator, Mr. McMullen, M. P. has gone into the nepotist business. He has just succeeded in crowding his brother-in-law, one Bowie of Mount Forest, into the position of store-keeper of the Kingston Penitentiary. Thus doth another grit persist disappear (in that role, we mean), and the awful voice and still more awful English of McMullen will no longer be heard in denunciation of the crime of conferring government favors on members of parliament. Those who are compelled to listen to the house of commons discussions will certainly not be sorry.

The old story of Prometheus is a parable. Prometheus was on terms of intimacy with the gods. From them he stole fire and gave it to men. For this sin he was bound to the rocks of Mount Caucasus and vultures were set upon him. They only ate his liver. This grew again as fast as it was pecked away. Are his sufferings to be imagined?

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