

THE BIG HALIFAX SHOW.

SUCCESS FROM THE HOUR IT OPENED.

An Attendance That Will Gladden the Hearts of the Committee—Lack of Puffing Does Not Prevent a Crowd—Some of the Exhibits.

HALIFAX, Sept. 30.—Up to Tuesday morning there were very many persons in this community who confidently predicted failure for the provincial exhibition of 1891. These individuals have taken back seats, and will be heard from no more on the subject.

The exhibition is a go—a great go I might say. There was certainly an almost alarming rush on the two days preceding the opening, which gave many the impression that things would be in terrible confusion about the time the lieutenant governor was due to declare the fair open; but ere his honor mounted the platform the committees had brought order out of chaos, and the crowd of visitors who admired the innumerable exhibits on Tuesday afternoon, were totally ignorant of the confusion that prevailed an hour or so before they were admitted.

This delay in setting the house in order, I think, is not peculiar to the present exhibition. All such shows are attended by similar annoyances, and the Halifax fair of 1891 had in addition to the usual drawbacks a labor strike to contend against. However, all's well that ends well, and our exhibition is now underway and those in attendance are loud in their praises of what is presented for their inspection.

Comparison has been made, by those who seemingly are in a position to judge, between the Halifax and St. John shows. Talking with a St. John merchant—a man who is prejudiced at all would be in favor of his own city's exhibition—he expressed himself as being well pleased with the Halifax fair. He thought, in fact, that the exhibition at present on in Halifax was equal to the "big" St. John one of 1890.

It is in the agricultural and live stock departments that Halifax goes so far in advance. At no exhibition ever held in eastern Canada has the show of horses and cattle been so fine—convincing evidence of the strides being made in breeding in these parts.

Great tastes has been displayed in getting up the various booths wherein are shown the goods manufactured and sold by firms in this city and province. In this respect, judging from the talk of the aforesaid St. John man, we can give the New Brunswickers many points.

"Booming" is the particular line in which the Halifax management has been at fault. The show was not sufficiently written about in advance. St. John stands as an example in this work that Halifax would do well to follow on future similar occasions. The attendance, notwithstanding the lack of preliminary puffing, is very large. The hotels and boarding houses are over flowing, and still the people come. I shouldn't be surprised if the turnout record at the end of the week showed figures calculated to gladden the hearts of all interested.

I won't attempt a review of all the exhibits, but those of firms whose names have become familiar to PROGRESS readers through their business announcements in the advertising columns, must have a word or two.

T. McAvity & Son, St. John, make a noticeable display of their well known goods. Mr. McMurray, a practical engineer, is in charge. The assortment of plumbers', steam fitters' and engineers' supplies is very large, and is so well arranged that the attention of visitors is attracted. As soon as they start examining the goods, Engineer McMurray gets in his work, and thus the firm is benefitted. McAvity & Son are almost as well known over this way as in New Brunswick.

Two immense bars of the soap manufactured by the Dartmouth Soap Company never fail to catch the eye of the visitor. One of these weighs 600 lbs., and the other, 1,200 lbs. The Electric and Amber Blue and Marble brands made by this firm are in great demand.

J. P. Mott & Co. make a display of their spices, coffee, cocoa and broma. Lady waiters dispense cocoa to those desiring refreshments. Hundreds partake, and resolve henceforth to use nothing but Mott's.

Miller Bros., Halifax, have a large space, in which they show organs, pianos and sewing machines. The Karn chapel organ attracts attention. It is pipe top, two manuals, pedal base and splendidly finished. The mirror organ, which won first prize at New York, though of Canadian manufacture, is a thing of beauty. Its tone is perfect. The booth is neatly decorated, and several nice looking young ladies set forth the good qualities of the exhibits.

The Canada Peptonized Ale and Beef company have a pyramid of boxes filled with the health-giving fluid. The display is small but unique.

Cragg Bros. & Co., Halifax, have a booth which is presided over by a young lady. Their show of carpenters' tools, of which they make a specialty, self-pouring teapots, enamelled ironware and house-furnishing goods is extensive. Cragg's is noted for novelties for household use, and their business, already larger, is continually extending.

At the space occupied by the Wilmot Spa spring company, visitors may have their thirst quenched with the mineral water which Managing Director Stewart is continually booming. Wilmot Spa ginger ale and lemonade are always called for by those who wish something reliable.

Among the furniture displays, that of the Nova Scotia furnishing company, (Ltd.) is decidedly the best. The goods shown are rich and elegant, and have been tastefully arranged. The parlor sets shown are especially attractive. This house does an extensive business, always carrying a heavy and expensive stock.

M. F. Eager dispenses Bendorph's cocoa, for which he is agent for the maritime provinces. This special brand of cocoa must be excellent, judging by the large number who partake. Mr. Eager has also a large display of wine of rennet and other proprietary preparations.

K. D. C., which is guaranteed to cure Splint Seatings,—Duval, 242 Union street.

the worst case of indigestion known, is well advertised at the show.

John Edgecombe & Sons, Fredericton, have an elegant display of carriages. Some novelties are attracting much attention, and the firm will surely secure some Halifax customers.

Many other displays are well worthy attention, but cannot be referred to at this time

A MONCTON HUSTLER.

John E. McCoy, One of the Bright Boys Who Handle "Progress."

One of the visitors to the exhibition this week was John E. McCoy, of Moncton. Although his name is familiar in PROGRESS office, especially on Friday afternoons when it is seen on a number of large bundles of papers, in black letters. Johnny is not seen in St. John oftener than once a year. He is too busily engaged in Mon-



ton. He is one of PROGRESS' little hustlers, and, although only twelve years of age, has worked up a profitable business, which he can attend to outside of school hours. Johnny was one of the boys who took advantage of the inducements offered by PROGRESS to the young people in places outside of St. John. His first order was for 25 papers, but he soon found that he could sell double that number, and the next week he increased his order. And he has kept on increasing it ever since. Now he disposes of 175 copies of PROGRESS every Saturday, and he does it in a remarkably short time. He gets the papers from the post office, before seven o'clock in the morning and at noon they are all sold. Johnny is considerable of a business man, and delivers his papers on terms to suit everybody. He has over 100 regular customers from whom he collects weekly, fortnightly, or monthly according to their convenience. He is one of the brightest of the boys who handle PROGRESS throughout New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and probably earns as much money in as short a time as any boy in New Brunswick.

THE OTHER SIDE.

Rev. E. G. Grant, of Sussex, and the Editor of the "Record."

TO THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS: The letter in your last issue entitled "Boycotting an Editor," is somewhat misleading, and with your permission I will state the other side of the case. I may say first of all, that it was not the Record's would-be slur on the baptist body that got the editor into trouble; in proof of which I will only say, that all the principal merchants of the place have ordered their "ads" removed from the paper. Some of these merchants have no more sympathy with baptist theology than has the editor of the Record himself; so that the reference to what baptists believe could not have been their reason for falling out with the Record.

So far as I can learn after considerable inquiry, there has been no canvassing against the Record whatever. Mr. J. S. Triton, W. B. McKay & Co. and other men of their class, assure me that they were not canvassed; that they have not canvassed others, and that they have no knowledge whatever of any canvassing having been done; and I need hardly add the testimony of these prominent men will be accepted by your readers, rather than the sayings of any anonymous correspondent.

The only trouble between the editor of the Record and myself is, that I told him quietly, that in my judgment, his paper had become the medium of personal slander of the most reputable people of the place, and I consequently did not wish it sent to my address any longer. Other things were said on the same occasion which your correspondent is at liberty to publish so far as I am concerned.

It is hoped by the good people of Sussex, that the editor in question has been taught a lesson that will be of service to him in future. We are not behind other communities in our appreciation of the efforts of our local editor. But when an editor attempts to force people—who are to say the least his equals in intelligence and culture—to walk in a path which he has marked out for them, and then falls to slandering them because they do not walk in that path, we think it is about time for all fair minded people to enter their protest, which the people of Sussex have done most emphatically, and in a very practical manner. We fully appreciate the fact that newspaper men are hard objects to butt against, but in this case, if the newspaper man can stand it, I think likely the people will survive the shock. E. J. GRANT.

Where Everybody Laughed.

There was probably more laughter in St. Andrews rink this week than any other place in town. Every evening Prof. Skinner gave an exhibition in mesmerism which provided all the fun necessary to make the large audiences become almost as insensible to their surroundings as the subjects on the stage. The ridiculous actions of the young men under the magic spell were more amusing than those of the best comedians, and everybody laughed till they were tired. The rest of the performance was of a high order, and considering the other attractions the attendance was large every evening.

NEWS NOTES FROM BOSTON.

Some Novelties Seen in the Hub by "Progress" Correspondent.

BOSTON, Sept. 29.—The more I see o Boston the less I wonder at the spiritualistic communication a man had from his former wife, who had lived most of her life here. "I like heaven, George, but you know, dear, it isn't Boston." Just now the city is seen at its best. The luxuriant vines, that adorn so many houses, cling closely except at their tips, which wave in the breeze like so many ringlets; and the air is cool and bracing.

Summer travellers have been returning rapidly of late. The incoming trains are more crowded than ever before. The hotels at most of the harbor resorts are closed, as well as those at many of the other summer places near. Recent reports from Newport mention casinos still going on there, and at the last Casino dance there were more nabobs present than usual.

At a late fashionable dinner there, the floral decorations were pink hollyhocks and maiden hair ferns; gardenias were arranged in the finger bowls, and afterwards used by the guests as boutonnieres. I have always scorned the idea of caring much about the fashion, yet I confess to giving passing glances occasionally, at our shop windows, so if you are interested I can tell you about them. Our masculine friends may not care for what I am about to say on their own account, but many of them will be glad to be posted that they may criticize their sisters and lady friends accordingly. "Bias-striped goods" or "Russian diagonal" as they are called, appear most among the new goods. They frequently show a satin like stripe of a dark color upon a contrasting ground, such as a plum colored stripe upon a red ground and gray upon a dark blue. The zig-zag goods will be much combined with velvet. Among the novelties are the new pattern goods of smooth material, either cashmere or Indian twill, and serge. There are also the coarse Scotch effects in new goods. A light running scroll is one of the season's popular designs. It is said that there will be many draped dresses this fall. The lightening change dress is something new talked of by dress reformers. I expect some of them will not be satisfied until they get women's attire down to a dress about the cut of a butcher's apron. My conscience troubles me in saying this, as I have a sincere respect for many of our strong-minded women, and I feel that all women should tender a certain amount of gratitude to them for their earnest endeavors to give greater advantages to the sex everywhere.

To return to fashions: the prevailing style in outside garments seems to be the half long coat. Hats are a trifle higher in the crown and not quite so much like a pancake with a rosette on it, as they have been. A dav or two ago I paid a visit to Prang's chromo establishment. I never realized before what an endless amount of labor one poor print of this kind requires. To begin with, the stone on which the picture is first etched or drawn, is brought from Germany; and it takes as many stones to produce the picture as there are colors in it. The day I was there half the people employed and the machines were doing their level best to bring out a fair representation of a coquetish, silly looking damsel. I will not attempt to describe her farther, as some well meaning friend is quite likely to send her to you on a Christmas card. Prang & Co. frequently accept designs painted in water colors, on satin, quite small pieces, most of them to be made up into fancy boxes, sachets, etc. They are at work on a fine variety of them now, that will be in the market before the holiday season.

The women suffragists will hold a fair here early in December and on the flower table they are to have a lovely variety of Canadian ferns. One of the ladies most interested in the fair brought them from Canada this summer to be the representatives during this festive occasion of a country that has preceded the United States in giving the right of municipal suffrage to women. Saxe Holmes.

THOROUGHLY REPRESENTATIVE.

The Exhibit of a Firm Known Throughout the Provinces.

In the northern gallery of the new exhibition building, Messrs. Dearborn & Co., had an exhibit that found a host of admirers, and aroused the curiosity of a number of inquisitive visitors. The exhibit was representative of the firm's line of business in every particular. Everything that met the eye suggested pure spices, and the arrangement of the display was so attractive and unique in design that it received a large amount of attention. The exhibit showed considerable originality, and attention to detail that warranted a close inspection.

On one side of the exhibit the firm name was composed of letters made by an ingenious arrangement of whole nutmegs, on a black ground of black pepper. A border of two kinds of nutmegs added to its attractiveness, and the effect was remarkable. On the other side of the exhibit the lettering was of different kinds of spices arranged so artistically as to leave the impression that they were painted, and few could resist the temptation to stick a finger in one of the letters to satisfy their curiosity. The exhibit showed the goods manufactured by the firm in the different styles of packages in which they sell them. In New Brunswick, Dearborn & Co.'s customers prefer bulk goods, while those in Nova Scotia always order them in packages. The latter are more easily handled, and make a fine shelf display.

Few St. John firms are better known throughout the maritime provinces than Dearborn & Co. Goods bearing their labels are found in every town, village and hamlet in the three provinces, and that the quality is as well known as the goods themselves, is evident to anyone who glances over the testimonials from every part of the three provinces, in the circular issued last spring. The firm has been 25 years in business, and their trade has been larger this year than ever before.

CONDENSED ADVERTISEMENTS.

Announcements under this heading not exceeding five lines (about 35 words) cost 25 cents each insertion. Five cents extra for every additional line.

SEND 15 CENTS in silver to the subscriber and receive a copy of the best Potato Parer, Apple Corer and Slicer in the market. Best of steel throughout. Address, with two-cent stamp, J. W. MACKENZIE, 7 Spring Garden Road, Halifax. 9-26-1in\*

BLACKSMITH, ONE COMPETENT AND ACQUAINTED with the country work, can obtain a first-class situation by applying at once to G. A. HAMMOND, Kingsclear, York Co., N. B., Merchants. 9-26-1in\*

CALLING CARDS, ON RECEIPT OF 18 pages, price one dollar. Mailed, postage paid, will mail one dozen nicely written Calling Cards, or send \$1.25 for 100 Cards.—Address: WILL RAMSAY, Jnr., 69 Nottawasaga street, Orillia, Ont. Sept. 25-21\*

OYSTERS, Prince Edward daily. Prime Apples always in stock. Cranberries, Peas, etc., etc. at LESTER & CO'S, Fruit and Produce Exchange, 83 Prince William Street. 9-26-4f

LADIES' NOTE PAPER, Centric Pens, Fountain Pens, etc. Lowest prices. McARTHUR'S BOOKSTORE, 2, 50 King street.

—MY STOCK OF FALL SERGES, SERGES, plain and checked Cheviots, is very large. Troussings in great variety. Quality the very best in every grade.—A. GILMOUR, Tailor, 72 Germain Street.

FEMALE STENOGRAPHER WANTS a situation. Can take dictation; uses either Calligraph or Remington; city preferred. 7 1/2 octaves; four pages, price one dollar. Mailed, postage paid, will mail one dozen nicely written Calling Cards, or send \$1.25 for 100 Cards.—Address: WILL RAMSAY, Jnr., 69 Nottawasaga street, Orillia, Ont. Sept. 25-21\*

WANTED.—A JOURNEYMAN Photographer who can do all parts of the work, and take full charge when necessary. Must be sober, honest and industrious. State salary, and send samples of work and photo. of self. J. Y. MENZIES, Photo., Chatham, N. B.

ADVERTISING, IF YOU WISH TO ADVERTISE anything, anywhere, at any time, write to GEO. P. ROWELL & Co., No. 10 Spruce street, New York.

EVERY ONE IN NEED OF INFORMATION on the subject of advertising will do well to obtain a copy of "Book for Advertisers," 368 pages, price one dollar. Mailed, postage paid, will mail one copy of the "Book for Advertisers," as they are called, appear most among the new goods. They frequently show a satin like stripe of a dark color upon a contrasting ground, such as a plum colored stripe upon a red ground and gray upon a dark blue. The zig-zag goods will be much combined with velvet. Among the novelties are the new pattern goods of smooth material, either cashmere or Indian twill, and serge. There are also the coarse Scotch effects in new goods. A light running scroll is one of the season's popular designs. It is said that there will be many draped dresses this fall. The lightening change dress is something new talked of by dress reformers. I expect some of them will not be satisfied until they get women's attire down to a dress about the cut of a butcher's apron. My conscience troubles me in saying this, as I have a sincere respect for many of our strong-minded women, and I feel that all women should tender a certain amount of gratitude to them for their earnest endeavors to give greater advantages to the sex everywhere.

EVERY WEEK THERE ARE BRIGHT where we have and last six months, sending to secure the right to sell PROGRESS. There are scores of small places where the people would be glad to take PROGRESS every week, if any boy could be found who would deliver it, and collect the money. There is enjoyment in it for them, and money for the boys.

SEATING FOR SALE Cheap. Parties looking for seating for new halls or public buildings, of any kind, can get a great bargain in this line by applying to TAYLOR & DOCKRILL, St. John, N. B.

FOR SALE, HALLETT, DAVIS & Co. round corners. Cost \$600.00, only short time in use; must be sold; price, \$250.00.—C. FLOOD & Sons, 31 and 33 King street. aug 1.

SHORTHAND FRED DEVINE (Court stenographer) will receive pupils in shorthand and typewriting, at 231 King street east; Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and evenings. Scovill system. july18 3m

BLUINE THE GREAT BLEACHING Bluing and purifier. A 10 cent package will do 21 washings and last six months. The cheapest and best Bluing on the market. Send 10 cts. to R. PARKIN, 78 Germain st for a sample. july11

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LAMP BURNER—LAMBERTSON'S safety Lamp Burner, which I have been selling four years, is the most paying and most satisfactory article for agents to handle. Send 45 cents for pretty sample Burner, descriptive circulars, and testimonials.—A. L. SPENCER, Wholesale and Retail Agent for Maritime Provinces, Balmoral Hotel 10 King st., St. John, N. B. dec27

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FIVE LINES IN THIS COLUMN cost 25 cents for one insertion—\$1 for any number of insertions. If you have anything to sell that any person wants, you cannot do better than say so here.

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COUNTRY RESIDENCE; situated at Rotherham, 20 minutes walk from station. For Sale, or to Let for the summer. Just the place to spend a summer holiday. Two minutes walk from Keene's; plenty of ground. Home in good repair; barns attached.—Apply, for particulars, at PROGRESS Office.

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OUR 2ND EDITION of the "Story of Springhill Colliery Disaster," illustrated, including a complete history of Coal, Coal Mining, etc., is now ready. Agents wanted everywhere. Any intelligent person able to describe this book can sell it. One agent reports 65 orders taken in two days. Another who ordered 400 copies states: "The book only requires to be put in good hands and they can sell it fast." Although only a few places have been canvassed as yet, the sales are in excess of 3,000 copies. Write at once for terms, or send \$1. a copy of the book and agent's prospectus. R. A. H. MORROW, Publisher, 59 Garden street, St. John, N. B. july 18 1f

EMERSON & FISHER,

Advertisement for Emerson & Fisher, featuring stoves, mantels, and household hardware. Text includes: "75 to 79 Prince Wm. Street, Specially invite Visitors to the City during the Exhibition (or at any other time) to call and inspect their Large and Varied Stock, embracing STOVES OF ALL KINDS; Artistic Mantels IN WOOD AND SLATE; GRATES, TILES, FENDERS, AND IRONS, And the most complete assortment of Household Hardware, Kitchen Furnishing Goods and Tinware EVER SHOWN IN THE LOWER PROVINCES. Assortment throughout unequalled; and prices at least as low as the lowest." Includes an image of a large stove.

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Advertisement for Hey! What About Ulsters? Text includes: "Hey! What About Ulsters? ARE you going to have one this winter? An Ulster's a nice thing to have; does for any kind of weather. We've some fine ones—don't know where you could find a larger assortment or get better fits. We sell Wide Wales at \$6.00, Grey and Brown Kerseys at \$7.00, \$8.50 and \$10.00, Grey and Brown Irish Frieze, \$15.00—both water and frost-proof. Better select now; some very beautiful patterns to choose first from." Includes an image of a man in a long coat.

Advertisement for Scovil, Fraser & Co. Text includes: "Scovil, Fraser & Co. 47 AND 51 KING STREET. New York, Maine & New Brunswick S. S. Company. 1891. SECOND 1891. Annual Excursion! 1891. NEW YORK. Four Grand Excursion Trips will be made by the S. S. "Winthrop" between St. John and New York during the month of October."

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