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# Question of Biennial or Annual Fairs Must be Solved

Pres. W. S. Hooper in His Annual Report Points Out That Financing of Annual Exhibitions is Serious Problem—Interesting Review of Agricultural Society Activities.

President W. S. Hooper of Agricultural Society No. 34 in his annual report reviewed the Fredericton Exhibition of 1925. He also drew attention to the question of continuing annual shows or returning to the biennial system. He reported Thursday afternoon is as follows:—

Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 26, 1925.  
To the Board of Directors, Executive Officers and Members of Agricultural Society No. 34, and its holding Company, Fredericton Exhibition, Limited.

Gentlemen:—  
Another year in the life of this Association has passed and the Fredericton Exhibition of 1925—its Seventeenth Anniversary—is now a matter of history.

From both financial and show standpoint the Fredericton Exhibition of this year was notable and successful notwithstanding very unfavorable weather during almost the entire week, which undoubtedly affected the attendance especially from outside points of the Province and Northern Maine.

The Live Stock Show was good and fully up to the average of former years, in some classes above the average, especially Sheep which offset the delinquency in Swine, which class was considerably below that of former years. Poultry Classes, were, with possibly two exceptions, the largest ever shown at Fredericton, and, according to the Poultry Judge, an excellent showing of fine birds. Agricultural, Horticultural, Floricultural, Dairy Products and Apiary were fully up to the average, the Floricultural showing being the best, I think, that we ever had. The Apple exhibit was not as extensive as that of 1924 but was good when taking into consideration the fact that many growers who intended showing barrel and box fruits were prevented from doing so on account of the wet weather immediately preceding the Exhibition, preventing picking in time. Industrial exhibits in the Main Building were favorably commented upon by our patrons and the decoration and lighting effects installed under the direction of the Superintendent and Chairman of those departments were greatly admired and commended. The automobile showing in the Transportation Building, although not as extensive as in 1924, was very creditable, and, so I was told, the largest of the year at any Exhibition in the Province. The ladies of the Women's Institute were heartily congratulated on the exceedingly large display of Domestic, Fancy and Art work—a lady who had evidently visited the Canada National Exhibition at Toronto, was heard to say:—"Why, the ladies' Fancy Work Display is much better, and even larger, than at Toronto."

The Midway.  
The much abused Midway and its Carnival Shows were unusually good, several new features being in evidence and the Carnival end under the direction of Mr. Ben. Williams, was admirably conducted in his usual business like manner and to the entire satisfaction of the Executive Committee. The Midway was entirely free from anything that savored of gambling or money games. All concessionaires were personally warned, also by posters around the grounds and buildings, as to the penalties imposed by the Criminal Code of Canada for infractions, and it was impressed upon them that such penalties would be positively imposed, and the outcome certainly showed that all were impressed and governed themselves accordingly and we are yet to hear of anything concerning the "Shell Game," or the "Short Change" artist at the Exhibition of 1925. The racing program, in conjunction with the amusement attraction program in front of the grand stand, with band concerts by the Calais and Fredericton Brass Bands were greatly enjoyed and complimented by all. The three days racing, although not of "the Grand Circuit" class of 1923 and '24 was undeniably successful and satisfactory and although our patrons did not see any horses of the "Single G." classification in evidence, yet, those interested in light harness racing did see a colt in action that, if nothing happens him in the years to come, will make the speed "fan" sit up and take notice.

The Amusements.  
The Amusement Attractions were the greatest and best ever shown in

Eastern Canada. It has been said by some, even among our Directors, that the program was too extensive and took up too much time. I cannot agree with that. Education it is true, is the strong point of all Fall Fairs and Exhibitions, but, in addition, the general public must have good healthy amusements mixed in, or they won't come again. The fact of our grand stand and bleachers being crowded as never before, afternoon and evenings, during the whole week, and seat-holders remaining through the entire program, to my way of thinking, shows that amusements bring and hold the people day after day throughout the full week, therefore, don't cut down the amusements in future years, make them even larger, if possible, and adequate financial results will follow.

Annual vs Biennial.  
Considering the financial statements of 1923, '24 and '25 during which years annual Exhibitions were held in Fredericton, and the results therefrom does it not occur to the Directors and members at large that the outcome from a financial standpoint has not been as satisfactory as that shown by the biennial fairs held from 1899 to 1921, inclusive. This is a matter for the Directors consideration and I would recommend that it be intelligently discussed and considered before fixing dates for another Exhibition. The receiving of substantial assistance from the City and Federal and Provincial Governments by the way of grants or guarantees in the payment of premiums on the basis of what we have offered in former years will be, of course, dependent on the course to be pursued in the holding of either annual or biennial fairs. Let the matter be discussed.

Veteran Official.  
I was very pleased that our former President, Mr. John A. Campbell, now, I think, in his 87th year, was able to visit the 1925 Exhibition, although living many miles from Fredericton, several days during the week, and was heartily greeted by his many friends and former associates in Exhibition work. Mr. Campbell presided over the deliberations of this Association for over twenty years, and, although only its Honorary President today, takes as much interest in its welfare as he did, when he with others now gone before, "bore the heat and burden of the day" in the building up of the Association's present high standing. I feel sure that you will all join with me, in the hope that he will be with us yet for years to come and enjoy the good health that he now does.

The Association's thanks are due, and herewith tendered, the Police Commission for assistance in policing the Exhibition both within and without the Exhibition Grounds; and also to the Wilnot Park Commission which so kindly placed the Park at our disposal for the parking of automobiles—such concessions are of value and greatly appreciated by the Exhibition management.

Department Heads.  
In conclusion, on behalf of the Association, let me thank the various heads of Departments for work excellently performed during the Exhibition. Possibly it may seem unduly personal and invidious on my part, to specify, yet I cannot allow to pass over the work of four Department heads whose efficient work and efforts came more under my personal knowledge than that of some others, viz: Mr. A. C. Fleming, Supt. Buildings and Grounds; Mr. Joseph A. Cain, Chairman Light Committee; Dave W. Griffiths, Secretary Racing Dept. and Mrs. Martha Harvey, Convenor Women's Institute. Mr. Fleming gave lavishly of his time both before and after the Exhibition—before, in general repairs necessary and in making ready for the opening, and after, in the clearing and cleaning up of the buildings and grounds, which, to all intents and purposes, are now ready on very short notice for occupancy again.

Other Problems.  
Chairman Cain performed strenuous work in the Lighting Department, arranging for the splendid service that was given both in the buildings, on the grounds and the Trotting Park where the Amusement Attractions were shown, and, in addition, personally collected the accounts due by the various concessionaires and space holders, and from personal experience in that part of Exhibition service, I

can truthfully affirm that its a man's job, and the man to do it must be devoid of temperament and ready to meet and stand for all kinds of abuse, yet he came through with flying colors and, I think, with better financial results than ever before. Few, if any, of the Directors, except the Racing Committee, knew of the problems that faced the Racing Secretary, Mr. Griffiths, owing to conditions that arose immediately before the opening of the Exhibition, conditions that seemed unsurmountable, but, in his quiet, unassuming manner, working day and night, he was able to overcome them and put on a three day racing program that gave entire satisfaction and met with the approval and plaudits of the lovers of "The Sport of Kings." To Mrs. Harvey and her lady assistants too much praise cannot be extended. Mrs. Harvey was on call at all times, day and night, and the work performed in the Women's Department deserves more than passing commendation. Thanks to all of them. When again their services are required, may all answer: "Here."

To the Board of Directors, and members generally, my thanks are gratefully extended for their forbearance during my two years as their Presiding Officer, and to ask for my successor in office the same consideration.

W. S. HOOPER.  
President.

Fredericton, N. B.,  
November 26th, 1925.

## ENGLISH WOMEN LEARN FENCING TO KEEP SLENDER

London, Nov. 26—American women opposed to excess flesh and in search of means to retain an attractive figure might follow the example of those English women who believe fencing keeps them graceful and slender as well as healthy.  
The Professional Women's Physical Culture Club, just organized here, made fencing one of the principal exercises. The idea is not to develop the Amazonian type of woman, with bulging muscles and large wrists and ankles, but to insure the health and figure of women who remain most of the day in a sitting position.

## GLAND EXTRACT TO COMBAT OLD AGE IN WOMEN

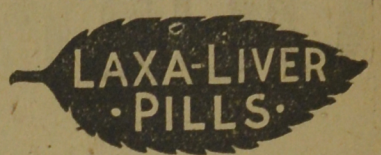
London, Nov. 25—A Viennese scientist has promised a new era for women.  
At a meeting of the Vienna Academy of Science, says an Exchange message yesterday, Professor Steinhach submitted his latest treatise containing remarkable progress in combating old age in women.  
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