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ST. STEPHEN FAIR THIS YEAR IS THE BEST YET

Special Features and Attractions at Annual Exhibition Which Opens on Monday

Fair time in New Brunswick opens again this year with the St. Stephen Exhibition leading the way, to be followed in order by the three other principal fairs, namely, Saint John, Fredericton and Woodstock. The event at St. Stephen has an appeal of its own to the people of this Province who welcome an opportunity to pay a visit to the Border towns, and the St. Stephen Exhibition each year provides a good reason for making the trip. Due to its location on the border, the St. Stephen Fair has a particular appeal to the people of Maine, known far and wide as a fair loving state, and the patronage accorded this event annually by the people across the river is always a generous one.

Opens Monday Afternoon

The St. Stephen Exhibition this year will open at 5 o'clock on Monday afternoon, August 31st, and continue as usual four complete days up to and including Friday night, September 4th.

Due to the increased patronage which this Fair has secured each succeeding year and particularly to the support given the event in 1935 by the people of New Brunswick and Maine, the Directors have been encouraged to make a large number of improvements to the plant and equipment and this year's patrons of the Fair will see the St. Stephen Exhibition presented under much more favorable circumstances than heretofore. For weeks past a crew of men under the direction of E. G. Beer, Chairman of the Property Committee, have been at work repairing and redecorating the main building, free attraction platform and the main grandstand at the race track.

The vegetable and floral display will be larger than ever before. The

Ladies' Department which is always an attraction and takes in the needle work and household arts display, is being given special attention. The Federal Government are taking a large space in the main building this year where they are putting on a display of natural products interesting to every one who attends, young and old.

Poultry Exhibit a Feature

A successful attempt has been made this year to secure a greater variety of exhibits in the Poultry Department and this effort has met with gratifying success. In a district that is known far and wide as the home of the world's best poultry, the St. Stephen Fair is in the happy position of being able to exhibit a variety of birds which will excite the interest not only of poultry breeders but of all who attend the Fair.

On Tuesday a special feature of the Fair will be a calf exhibit and the Calf Club judging contest to be carried under the supervision of Jack Bremner, district agricultural representative for the province. In the event the stock will be judged by members of the Junior Calf Clubs of the County and a good attendance at this event will greatly encourage the young people of the County who, under the leadership of Mr. Bremner, have taken such an interest in this important branch of farm work. The Fair is offering substantial prizes to the successful competitors.

Mammoth Midway

The midway this year is expected to be fully fifty per cent greater than ever before as a telegram received from Ben Williams this week has requested the Fair officials to make ready every available foot of space as he stated that he is bringing with him two new rides never seen before in this country and numerous other side shows and midway attractions new to this territory.

Two Bands Thursday

The music will be supplied as usual by the Calais City Band, Maine's outstanding concert band. They will play for the free acts, as well as provide concert music afternoon and evening. In addition to the Calais City Band, on Thursday afternoon the St. George Band has been engaged, thus giving the Fair two bands on what is usually the biggest day of the Fair.

All spaces in the main building have been taken by exhibitors and the usual industrial exhibits will be seen.

Horse Racing Again

Following the absence of horse racing at the St. Stephen Fair for three or four years, racing was again introduced last year and met with such a measure of success that it is again to be featured this year and racing will be provided on the afternoons of Wednesday and Thursday, September 2nd and 3rd. Six events are being run off. On Wednesday, the 2.18 Trot and Pace, 2.21 Trot and Pace, 2.22 Trot, and on Thursday, the 2.25 Pace, 2.14 Trot and the big Free for All. H. N. Ganong, Chairman of the Racing Committee, and F. D. J. Graham, Secretary, have visited recent fairs in Maine and are enthusiastic over the reception they received and the prospects for an unusually large entry list. Already sufficient entries have been received to give assurance that every event will be keenly contested.

Good Baseball Assured

The baseball programme while not complete due to the fact that the semi-finals of the New Brunswick playdowns are not yet decided, cannot as yet be given in detail. It is known, however, that there will be baseball every afternoon and that on two of these days the St. Croix will meet Burlington White's fast travelling Boston Colored Giants, the team that made a complete scoop of Maritime baseball on their tour through the Province last summer. They have not appeared before this year in St. Stephen, and the management have contracted for their services on two afternoons, either Wednesday and Thursday, or Thursday and Friday. On the other two days, teams equally as good will be brought here so that baseball fans are assured of seeing an unusual programme of fast ball throughout the entire Fair. Announcements in the daily press and posters will give further particulars as soon as final arrangements have been made. Excepting the small charge for seats in the bleachers, all patrons of the Fair may witness the ball games without extra charge.

Fine Free Attractions

The free attractions that will be presented twice daily will as usual provide thrills and comedy galore and are the best that can be procured from the George A. Hamid Company of New York City, the booking house through which all the leading fairs of the New England States and Eastern Canada secure their free attractions. Heading this programme is that out-

WHOEVER WINS CIVIL WAR, SPAIN ITSELF IS LOSER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26—Approaching the end of its fourth week, the Spanish civil war shows no signs of drawing to a close. Although the government's position appears to be considerably stronger than it was at the outset of the rebellion, it is by no means out of danger.

During the past fortnight, the government has apparently been able to consolidate its position in the regions directly under its control. Something resembling normal life has been restored at Madrid and Barcelona. The government is now able to boast of uninterrupted railway service from the capital to Badajoz in the south-west and to Valencia in the east coast. It has also managed to stave off repeated thrusts from the direction of Burgos, the rebel centre in the north.

But on the other hand, it has made little headway in dislodging the rebels from their strongholds in old Castile, Navarre, the northern part of Aragon or from Seville, Cadiz, Cordoba or Granada in the south. Indeed in the coastal region along the Bay of Biscay, the Loyalists now appear to be on the defensive.

The past week, therefore, saw no marked change in the relative position of the contending forces from what it has been since the initial failure of the rebels to converge on the capital simultaneously from the east, the north, and the south produced a relative stalemate.

About the only new factor in the situation that appears to have developed during the last seven days was the arrival in Southern Spain of Gen. Francisco Franco, together with several thousand native Moroccan troops and Spanish Foreign Legion units, who managed to cross the straits from Ceuta despite attacks on rebel transports by Loyalist warships. But this addition of strength to the beleaguered southern rebels, who in such port cities as Cadiz and Algeiras have repeatedly been bombed by Loyalist warships, may not prove sufficient to make possible a really vigorous drive on Madrid. What was left of rebel sea power in the Mediterranean has been destroyed. Gen. Franco, therefore, is now cut off from his principal source of man-power and war supplies.

He has announced, nonetheless, that he will now go ahead with the original plans of moving on Madrid from Seville and other rebel centres in the south in co-operation with the forces of Gen. Mola in the north. His first objective appears to be Linares, in the valley of the Guadalquivir, on the high road to the capital. But it would appear that now, as during the past fortnight, the hope of victory for the rebels rests with the northern armies who have repeatedly sought to smash the government's defenses in the Guadarrama mountain zone and then push on to Madrid. Up to now they have failed. In the latest battle at Navalperal, the government claimed a smashing victory.

The rebels have equally failed to dislodge the Loyalists from Gijon, Bilbao, San Sebastian and other ports on the Atlantic, and are, therefore, still cut off from the sea.

In the meantime serious fighting has taken place between rebel and Loyalist columns in the vicinity of Saragossa, the important railway junction between Madrid and Barcelona. But Saragossa is apparently still in rebel hands.

A speedy victory for either side does not appear to be in sight. But the longer the war lasts, the less the likelihood of rebel success, unless they can get aid from the outside. Yet, whoever wins, Spain will be the loser. The destruction of life and property that has already taken place will leave scars that will take years and even decades to heal.

WORLD PRODUCTION OF GOLD

The world output of gold in June totalled 2,766,000 ounces as compared with 2,755,000 ounces in the preceding month. Production in South Africa rose to 944,000 ounces from the May output of 938,000 ounces. In the United States (including the Philippines) 339,901 ounces of gold were produced; this output included 180,634 ounces received by private smelters and refiners, 157,081 ounces received at the United States Mint, and 2,186 contained in ore and base bullion exported.

standing aerial troupe, The Four Queens. On the programme also is Laddie Lamont, while Johnnie Rexola & Company present a three-act programme. These attractions are among the best seen at fall fairs this year.

Mrs. Stuart Dale, Ottawa, entertained at a cocktail party on Saturday at the Algonquin Hotel, St. Andrews by the Sea.

Pensioners At Municipal Home —Their Status

Regulations Adopted Covering Those Inmates Recently Benefitted By Old Age Pensions—Some Disagreement.

The status of a pauper affected under the Old Age Pensions scheme was the subject of considerable discussion at last night's special meeting of the city council. And although regulations as drawn up by the Municipal Home Committee covering those pensioners who are inmates of the home here were finally adopted, the council, one by one aired their views on the question, and there was some disagreement.

The regulations as finally passed were contained in two clauses; first, that each month the city will allow \$1.50 to each Alms House pensioner for spending money, the balance to be retained by the city to cover the expense of their keep at the home; second, that no inmate, affected by the Old Age Pension, is to be released from the Home unless some responsible person takes charge of that person. It was necessary to take a vote before the regulations were finally passed. It was the second clause which caused the disagreement.

Clauses Deleted

Originally the second clause was that the responsible party assume full responsibility of the inmate should he decide to leave the home, and also that he be responsible for burial and sickness. These two clauses were deleted.

There was discussion on the relative cost of keeping an inmate and letting him go, considering the fact the inmate was benefitted by the pension.

Ald. Ivan McKnight was querulous over the municipal home committee's taking most of the inmate's check. "The old age pensions were not given to help the city support its poor," he said, "but to take people out of the pauper class."

"Can Leave Any Time"

Ald. Mundle, chairman of the Municipal Home committee, reported that the \$15 which was the first check issued, would not keep the inmates in clothing, food, etc. if the inmates have money from any other source, they have to leave. A pensioner is free to leave any time. He cited an example of one pensioner leaving, spending his entire check, and then returning to the home. The checks are made in trust to the city. "It is home to most of them and they do not care to leave," said Ald. Mundle. All the regulations drawn up by the committee have been subscribed to by the Old Age Pensions board.

Ald. McKnight thought that in Quebec the pension check is a personal gift. The pensioner gets the check and does with it what he wants.

Need More Information

Ald. McCaughy said the city should get the city solicitor's opinion, and Ald. McKnight concurred, urging that the city get more information. The second clause looked, said Ald. McKnight, as if the city were trying to retain the inmates as paupers. Ald. Doohan said "give them freedom if they want to go." Ald. Hagerman made the point that it is relatives outside the city take one of these inmates that that inmate would automatically no longer be a resident in three years.

DEPRECIATION FACTOR IN TELEPHONE RATES

Some of the mystery that seems to surround the rates paid for telephone service is removed by F. A. Bowman M.E.C., staff engineer of the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Co., Limited, in an article published in the Canadian Chartered Accountant for August. Writing on the subject of accounting for depreciation in telephone work, Mr. Bowman shows that depreciation is an important factor in the cost of service and accordingly in the rates charged the public.

The telephone companies, using a plant that is subject to frequent renewal and repair, have had to make exhaustive studies of depreciation. As a result, rates of depreciation have been worked out for some 22 different classes of property. Each class has its own annual depreciation rate and a separate reserve account is carried for each class. These depreciation charges plus current maintenance expense make up the total cost of maintenance.

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Captain R. F. M. Johnson, R.N., entertained at luncheon on Board H.M.S. Dragon, in honor of His Worship the Mayor of Saint John and Mrs. MacLaren, at St. Andrews by the Sea, on Sunday.

CITY TO SEEK AID FROM COUNTY RE NEW AIRPORT

Council "Air Conscious" at Special Meeting Last Night—Ald. Forbes Says Airport an "Eventuality"—Sites Considered

The city council at its special meeting last night at which Mayor G. Willard Kitchen presided, was once again "air" conscious. After discussing the matter of a municipal airport for this section, during which Ald. Ray T. Forbes mentioned that it was "an eventuality anyway," the council passed a motion that the industrial committee meet with the York county council in order to seek their assistance and air in securing and paying for a site.

The site mentioned by Ald. Ray T. Forbes, chairman of the committee last night, is the Embleton property at Nashwaaksis, which has been under investigation.

Ald. Forbes mentioned that Fredericton is the only one of the nine provincial capitals without an airport. The ultimate establishment of an airport is a certainty, he said. He reviewed the efforts of the industrial committee in seeking a suitable site. He also mentioned the efforts of George Wakeman, inspector of airways of Eastern Canada, in looking over a logical site here, and the fact that he was favorably impressed with the Embleton property.

Sites Looked Over

Ald. Raymond Crewdson, another member of the industrial committee, said that maps were made of the site in question. Originally two sites were looked over, one covering the Embleton property on both sides of the C.P.R. tracks, and the other, only the northern side. Ald. Crewdson pointed out that some of this property belonged to the municipality of York county. The northern side was most suitable. The land is flat and highly suitable for an airport. It was mentioned that there was a possibility that the municipality would not tax that property if it were used as an airport. Mr. Wakeman had said that the site compared favorably with any in Canada. Ald. Crewdson said that it would be possible to build two runways, 3,000 by 1,800 feet, within two months.

City Will Bond

Ald. Mundle interposed that it would be necessary to bond for the expense incurred in the building of the airport. Ald. McCaughy declared that one was needed. If the county helps, he said, we should get the ground cheaply. Ald. McCaughy mentioned also that the clearing of the land would be another relief pro-

ject also. "It is purely a community enterprise," said Ald. Forbes.

Ald. Forbes said that while the airport was not needed just now, that it was an "eventuality." "You cannot turn back the hands of the clock," he said. The motion was passed to interview county councillors to get their reaction, the motion being put by Ald. Mundle and seconded by Ald. Hagerman. Ald. Ivan McKnight was the only one who opposed it, taking his stand on the fact that it would be an added expense.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stein entertained at a cocktail party on Monday at the Algonquin Hotel, St. Andrews by the Sea.

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