

# PREMIER A. A. DYSART OPENS EXHIBITION

**Pertinent Addresses by Premier Dysart, Hon. A. C. Taylor, W. G. Clark, M.P., Parker H. Currier, and Mayor G. Willard Kitchen—Citizens Must Become New Brunswick-Conscious—Emphasis on Agricultural Aspect—Bouquet Presented to Premier—Premier Stresses Tourist Industry.**



PREMIER A. A. DYSART

Premier A. A. Dysart formally opened Fredericton's 1936 exhibition on Saturday night with the statement that the tourist travel of the province is an important industry and one which needs the fullest co-operation of both government officials and citizens. The premier laid special stress on agriculture which plays such an important part in making these exhibitions a success.

Hon. A. C. Taylor, minister of agriculture and honorary president of Fredericton Exhibition, Ltd., remarked during the course of his address that people attending the exhibition are prone to lay too much emphasis on the recreational side rather than the agricultural phase of these annual fall fairs. In reference to adult education he said that the purpose of this extensive service is to bring the farmers in closer touch with each other and make it possible for them to exchange views on their individual problems. He said that the service should go a long way to clearing

up difficulties between the urban and rural populations.

The opening was marked by one of the largest attendances in years on opening night, and featured a well arranged musical programme. Other speakers were W. G. Clark, M.P. for York-Sunbury, President Parker H. Currier, and Mayor G. Willard Kitchen. The programme was carried out in the Amusement hall.

The recreation hall in the main building was jammed to the doors with fair fans eager to be entertained by the musical programme that interspersed the many addresses by exhibition, provincial and civic authorities. The president of the exhibition, Parker H. Currier was in the chair and directed the proceedings. In his opening address he bade a warm welcome to all patrons. He then summarized the various departments and outlined the programme for the week. Mr. Currier extended thanks to the directors whom he said made all this possible. The president touched on the various special features that were to be presented this year and briefly told of their value to this year's fair.

## Maritime Conscious

The mayor of Fredericton, G. Willard Kitchen emphasized the value of becoming Maritime-conscious. At the Fair, he said, was a great chance for Maritime goods to be displayed and a fine opportunity to see how they compete with other products. His Worship extended a welcome to all visitors to the city during the next week.

J. Donald Pringle of this city sang "Without a Song" to open the musical portion of the programme. He received a fine ovation and added "Annie Laurie" as an encore.

## W. G. Clark, M.P.

The next speaker was the federal member from York-Sunbury, W. G. Clark, M. P. Mr. Clark expressed great pleasure at being asked to the opening and congratulated the various committees on the excellent manner in which preparation had been made. He referred to the success of past fairs and stated that this year things looked better than for a number of years. In referring to the present exhibition he laid great emphasis on the agricultural aspect and touched on the industrial phase also. His address was punctuated by references to various scientific developments in the industrial and agricultural world. In conclusion he wished the directors every success in this year's undertaking which he stated was a boon to the farmers as well as the manufacturers of this community and province.

## Musical Selections

The next part of the musical programme presented Mrs. Chas. Fleet in two numbers. The first song was "Il Bacio" and although by this time the noise and confusion in the outer halls had become rather obvious the singer was given good attention and rendered her number well. As a second selection Mrs. Fleet sang "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia."

## Hon. A. C. Taylor Speaks

Hon. A. C. Taylor, minister of agriculture for the province and honorary president of the Exhibition, was the next speaker. The theme of his address was "remember that the fair is primarily an agricultural one." He expressed appreciation at being invited to address the opening and congratulated the directors on the success of the last year's effort. He urged



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ed the people to keep in mind the great amount of hard work and energy that is needed to put on a show of this sort. It is a sacrifice, he said, of time and energy and the men back of it are deserving of much credit. The citizens, stated the honorary president, are to be congratulated for the way they support the show. He paid tribute to the fine arts exhibit, the industrial phase and the important one, the agricultural side of the fair. He asked the audience if they realized the importance of the latter, and left this thought in their minds that perhaps we are prone to emphasize the amusement angle. Recreation is alright he stated, but it can be carried too far. The original idea of the fair was to present an agricultural display and everyone should realize this point. One point of these exhibitions that always impressed him was the friendly manner of competition that always existed. It is a good thing he said, to rub shoulders with the next fellow. By this means each knows what the other fellow is doing. Regarding agriculture the minister of agriculture dealt with the following topics: production, marketing and extension work. The purpose of the latter, he explained, was to make it possible for each farmer in the various sections to become acquainted with each other's problems with an end to clearing up urban and rural difficulties. "New Brunswick is an agricultural province" was the note that he delivered in the next part of his address and he went on to state the department of agriculture solicits the support of every person in the province to co-operate with the department in making New Brunswick

self sufficient. It is the department's aim to be of service to every farmer and it is a great responsibility that has been placed upon the head of the department. He concluded his exhibition address by touching on the recent achievement of the department of agriculture in making an attempt to free the cattle of tuberculosis. Mr. Taylor also touched on the poultry and hog divisions of the branch. As a final note he emphasized the importance of farmers and manufacturers co-operating in their work to bring about greater prosperity to the province.

Douglas Terry of this city was the next performer. He sang "Bells of the Sea" and "Keep Right on to the End of the Road" and received splendid co-operation from the assembly who had been having some difficulty in hearing the speakers due to the buzz of conversation and the noise outside. Mr. Terry was accompanied by Harrison Wade.

## Premier Dysart's Address

The last speaker of the evening was Hon. A. A. Dysart, premier of the province, who opened his address by congratulations and wishes for success to the directors. He made mention of the fact that the Fredericton Exhibition was definitely an institution that was worthy of the support of the province, the department and especially the citizens of the city. He punctuated his address with memoirs of his own early exhibition experiences and remarked on the progress of the Fredericton Fair since its origin. He stated that the fundamental idea was to present an agricultural fair, something that would benefit the province. Speaking of the industries of the province, Hon. Mr. Dysart spoke of the importance of the tourist travel. It is an industry that needs the co-operation and careful attention of every citizen of New Brunswick, he remarked, and we should all unite to put New Brunswick on the map. Besides the importance of the New Brunswick Government Bureau of Information and Tourist Travel which is responsible for bringing the visitor to the province everyone should try to make the tourist feel welcome. He mentioned R. P. Allen of this city, as one who had done much to boost the tourist travel in New Brunswick. He cited instances where people had returned to the United States with nothing but good to say for the province. Some things, he said, have to be cleared up but that would come in time. It is an important industry and should be treated as such. The next part of the premier's address dealt with some of the policies of the present administration with regard to agriculture. "We should become New Brunswick-conscious," declared the premier and here at the agricultural fair is a good place to emphasize to the people of this province the importance of patronizing their own manufacturers and buying New Brunswick goods. Our own farmers, too, should come in for a large share

of patronage by provincial minded people.

In referring to the duty of the citizens of this province he stressed the importance of government officials realizing the fact that they are the public servants and extending to all the courtesies that they deserve. By this means may we obtain the proper co-operation that is necessary for an organization to work, said Hon. Mr. Dysart.

At the conclusion of the meeting Parker H. Currier presented the premier with a novel bouquet. It consisted of a bunch of ferns interspersed with cigars and cigarettes. This "bouquet" was made up by a local florist shop and was given the premier in token of appreciation and esteem for the service he has rendered to the province. The premier made a fitting reply to the donor.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem.



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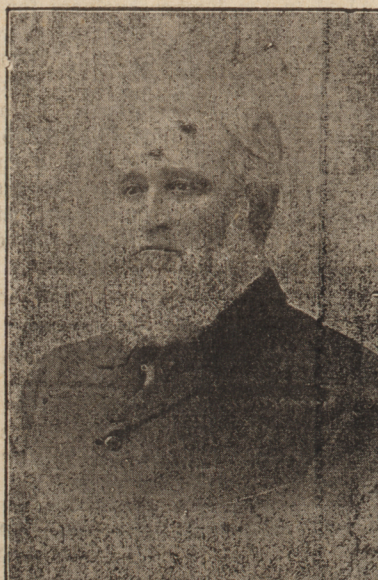
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