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FIRST PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION HELD IN FREDERICTON IN 1852

An Old Fredericton Paper Gives an Interesting Account of Exhibition in Parliament Square

New Brunswick's first provincial exhibition opened in this city on October 4th, 1852 and continued for four days. It was held in a temporary structure called "The Colonial Palace," erected in front of the Legislative building on Parliament Square and with the entrance from Queen Street. The Palace although constructed of wood and canvas was quite an elaborate affair, judging by newspaper description. It was 150 feet in length 70 feet in width and had a height of 35 feet. There was a portico connection with Province Hall, as the Legislative building was then called, and the Assembly and Legislative Council chambers were utilized for exhibition purposes. Province Hall, where our law makers met annually, was completely destroyed by fire in 1880, but two years later was replaced by the present imposing structure. In the meantime the old Normal School building, destined also to fall a victim to the flames, did duty as a meeting place for both branches of the Legislature.

Live Stock Show

Naturally there may be some curiosity among present day politicians and others familiar with conditions about Parliament Square, as to what disposition was made of the live stock, which is a very essential part of an agricultural exhibit. The directorate of the exhibition, evidently composed of men of sound judgment, solved the problem by arranging to house the live stock on the estate of Hon. W. H. Odell, known as "The Grove," at the western end of the city, a good mile and a half from Province Hall. This meant that there were really two exhibitions and no doubt an admission fee was charged for each. An agricultural exhibition was then a new thing, but it seems to have made a decided hit, not only with the citizens of Fredericton, but with the people of the province generally. It certainly was a gala event for the citizens of the capital, and they seem to have made it a splendid success. The programme extending over a period of four days, was an elaborate one, and although weather conditions were none too

favorable, it was well carried out. The fair opened with a grand procession in which regular troops, Highland pipers and fireman played an important part. There were no horse races, but a regatta on the river with Saint John oarsmen taking part, helped fill in the second day. On Wednesday evening a mass meeting was held in the market building, where people gathered in hundreds to listen to an address by Judge L. A. Wilmut, conceded to have been the greatest orator New Brunswick ever produced. On Thursday evening a grand ball was held in the exhibition building, where the youth and beauty of the province "waited away the hours with flying feet," presumably until the wee sma' hours. Having contracted the exhibition fever, the citizens of Fredericton kept right on. A few years later, largely through the efforts of John Hamilton Reid, an exhibition palace of chaste design and a mile race track came into being on a site a short distance above the present Union railway station on York street and successful shows were held there for a number of years, or until the building and another which replaced it, were wiped out by fire. Later on a new site was secured at the Western end of the city, and splendid exhibitions are now held there annually under the auspices of the local agricultural society and its holding company, the Fredericton Exhibition, Limited.

A Plowing Match

There are some particulars of the first provincial exhibition as condensed from a report, written by J. E. Lormier for the Saint John Morning News. Regarding the live stock show at Odell's grove, mention is made of a six months old calf owned by Mr. Carman of Douglas, which weighed 635 pounds. A thoroughbred horse owned by Mr. McMonagle of Sussex is a subject for some comment and praise. A plowing match, judged by Hon. James Brown, Robert Gray and Robert Keltie, was an interesting feature. A programme of sports for young people was carried out, and there was music by the Duke of Albany's own Highland Pipers in full costume.

County Displays

In describing the interior of the palace the correspondent says that on the left of the entrance his eye was attracted by the word "Victoria" in large letters, encircled by a beautiful wreath of flowers. Further on at regular distances were listed the counties of Carleton, Kent, Sunbury, Albert, Kings, York, Saint John, Charlotte, etc., all tastefully enwreathed with flowers and evergreens. Beneath each word was spread out the vegetables and agri-

NOTICE OF SALE

To Robert A. Hagerman of the Parish of Bright in the County of York and Province of New Brunswick, Farmer, and Martha R. Hagerman of the same place, Widow, and to all others whom it may in anywise concern:

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in The Property Act, and under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the sixteenth day of July, 1929, made between the said Robert A. Hagerman of the Parish of Bright, in the County of York and Province of New Brunswick, Farmer, and Martha R. Hagerman of the same place, Widow, of the first part, and Richard B. Hanson of the City of Fredericton, in the County of York and Province of New Brunswick, Barrister-at-law, of the second part, and duly recorded in York County Records in Book 208, pages 474-476, under official number 81836, the 17th day of July, A.D. 1929, and by assignment bearing date the 11th day of December, A.D. 1929, duly signed by said Richard B. Hanson to Margaret Grieves of the City of Fredericton, in the County of York and Province aforesaid, Spintress, the said Indenture is duly recorded in York County Records in Book 227, pages 126 et seq. under official number 87679, there will, for the purpose of obtaining payment of moneys secured by the said Indenture, default having been made in the payment thereof, be sold at public auction in front of the Post Office in the City of Fredericton, in the County of York, on SATURDAY, the THIRD DAY OF OCTOBER, 1936, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon, the lands and premises mentioned and described in the said Indenture of Mortgage as follows:

"All that lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Parish of Bright aforesaid, being described in the deed thereof from George Hagerman, late of the Parish of Bright aforesaid, to the said George S. Hagerman, bearing date the seventeenth day of April, A.D. 1878, and duly registered in York County Records in Book H-4, page 38, as 'one part of Lot B granted to Isaac Clark and containing by estimation one hundred and thirty-two acres, more or less, bounded on the north-westerly by Lot No. 1, granted to Thomas Pickard; on the south-easterly side by Lot A, granted to Abraham Benjamin J. Close; on the north-easterly side by lands granted to Isaac Allen and others, and on the south-westerly side by lands owned by George Haines, and being part of the said Lot B."

Being the lands and premises devised by George S. Hagerman to the said Robert A. Hagerman by his last Will and Testament, dated the 14th day of April, A.D. 1917, and duly recorded in York County Records in Book 208, on the 25th day of June, 1929.

Dated this 31st day of August, A. D. 1936.
(Sgd.) ETHEL M. STEEVES,
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MINIATURE TOTEMS FOR MODEL ENGLISH CASTLE

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 16—Two miniature hand-carved ivory totem poles, beautifully colored, were presented to Sir Neville Wilkinson for the gardens of his famed Titania's palace by B. T. Campbell, general superintendent, Canadian National Railways, at a farewell gathering to Sir Neville in the Hudson's Bay Company's private dining room here recently. They are reproductions of totems found in Kitwanga Indian village, on the line of the National System to Prince Rupert. Making the presentation on behalf of the railway company, Mr. Campbell stated the legend of the two totems was most appropriate to the occasion. It told how the Thunderbird, mighty creature of Indian mythology, helped the first man build his home in British Columbia. The bird descended to earth and helped the builder when he could not raise the logs. "There is a good parallel there," said M. Chappell. "You now become the Thunderbird in man form since this marvellous creation is all your work," referring to Titania's palace, a 30-foot square miniature filled with faithful reproductions of the magnificent fittings of an English castle, which is being shown around the world. Close to 50,000 people have viewed it here. It will be shown shortly in prairie cities. Mr. Chappell hoped the totems would help spread the story of British Columbia wherever the palace went on display.

cultural products of the respective countries. He thought it would be unfair to praise any particular county to the prejudice of the others, but considered that the immortal words of Nelson to his fleet at Trafalgar had been fulfilled in this province during the week, as every county had done its duty at the exhibition—they had striven to rival one another for the common good of their common country. He referred to a visit during the summer to the justly celebrated Boston market, but saw there no vegetables that could compare with the carrots, beets, mangel wurtzels, turnips, pumpkins, cucumbers and cabbage displayed at the exhibition—"undeniable testimony that we have no occasion to look beyond our own borders for the means of sustenance. "Sunbury took the first prize for the largest squash, and he commented, "how aptly was it named Sunbury as squash need the sun." Kings county took the first prize for cabbage, and he added, "the prize winning head would not roll easily into a bushel basket." As for wheat, oats, barley, rye and Indian corn he declared that the specimens shown could not be beaten.

Mechanical Exhibit

In describing some of the mechanical exhibits, the correspondent said: "Following the left of the palace we come to beautiful specimens of mechanical arts from the brass foundry at Saint John, consisting of hinges, bolts, plates, etc. Cutlery, the fruits of Spiller's handiwork of Saint John, of the very best description, skillful, cunning workmen are they on brass and iron. On the upper end of the palace we find implements of wood, carriages and vehicles. Roderick McKenzie of New-castle is exhibiting his mysterious box contrived to baffle human ingenuity to open it. Further on, says the correspondent, "our steps are arrested by large crocks of delicious butter, as good as ever Little Red Riding Hood carried to her grandmother." In another place his attention was attracted by two large candle sticks made of pale yellow soap, manufactured by Scott of Saint John. An exhibit of confectionery made by McGuire of Dock street, Saint John, is praised, and he is described as 'an artist in sweets' for showing a candy lady and gentleman in the attitude of kissing each other.

The Assembly Chamber

Attention is called by the correspondent to a display of coats, vests and pantaloons in the Assembly Chamber by Andrew Gilmeur and Mr. Fowler, merchant tailors of Saint John, and he notes that Gilmeur won first prize. Displays of hats and caps by McGee and Everett of Saint John perplexed the judges and the prizes were divided between them. A beautiful fur cap, exhibited by McGee and made of otter taken at Grand Lake, was purchased by the Surveyor

LADY SOMERS SAILED LAST NIGHT FOR BERMUDA

MONTREAL, Que., Sept. 16—The sailing of the cruise liner "Lady Somers" Canadian National Steamships from the local port last night on a 25 day voyage to Bermuda, the Bahamas Islands and Jamaica will take another large group of early fall vacationists on a sea-vacation to these southern colonies. Prominent among the passengers will be the following: T. P. Butler, Miss Eileen Fahey, Miss E. L. Poure, W. McCombe, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rattee, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Trudel, Miss Pearl Walker, Miss I. Byron, Miss V. Tomalty, Miss Ruth Walker, F. B. Walls, assistant general manager of the T. Easton Co., and Mrs. Walls all of Montreal; Miss H. Horton, chief nurse, Senesen Brennen Hospital at Kapuskasing, Ontario, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lloyd of Drummondville, Que., Miss D. Kennedy of Hamilton, Ont., Miss McCullie, superintendent of Kenora General Hospital, Kenora Ont., accompanied by Miss B. Kennell, Miss Florence Gray, Miss Minnie Lehman and Miss Gloria Woodruff, all of Detroit, Mich., also Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Frith, Miss V. Frith, Mrs. G. B. Kennish, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Powell, Miss E. Powell and Miss M. E. Thompson all of Bermuda.

Joining the ship northbound at Bermuda will be G. W. Yates, assistant deputy minister and secretary, department of transport, Ottawa, accompanied by his daughter, Miss A. M. Yates also Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Rowall of Montreal.

Other passengers will include the following: Miss D. L. Aitchinson, Mrs. A. Brown, Miss H. M. Graham, Miss M. Cunningham, Mrs. M. E. Gleason, Miss M. Gleason, Miss B. Goselin, Miss A. Goyer, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hayes, Miss H. A. Luby, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Leach, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Moggart, H. Manning, Miss A. Rotheram, Miss D. Rotheram, Miss M. Raife, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Tedford, Mrs. A. E. Wilson, Miss M. Wilson, Miss R. Watson, Mrs. O. D. Alcorn and child, Miss A. Hanson, Mrs. Agnes Ramsey Rae and Miss W. G. Willett all of Montreal. Those from other points include Miss V. Butler of Hull, Que., Paul Cardinal, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Glass, Mrs. W. H. Hanchet, Miss F. Hanchet, Miss E. R. O'Neill, Miss S. O'Neill, Miss N. Wallace all of Ottawa Mr. and Mrs. F. Tottell of Three Rivers, Que., in addition are many other passengers.

General, Hon. R. D. Wilmut. Pianos of their own make were exhibited by Kenny & Scribner of Saint John and Thomas Richards of Fredericton, and were valued at from 35 to 75 pounds sterling each. In the Legislative Council chamber there was displayed beautiful pictures and birds, mounted beasts and fishes, one picture representing a view of the Saint John reversing falls and the hospital, with Indian town in the distance. Specimens of writing and composition were exhibited by Patrick Halahan and John Livingstone of the Kent County Grammar School. (Mr. Livingstone afterwards achieved fame as a journalist in both Saint John and Toronto). A shawl exhibited by Miss Sarah Austin of Saint John was specially noted, as also was a map of the Holy Land, drawn by Young Lee of Carleton, Saint John. Mounted specimens of wild geese, ducks and plover told the sportsmen that there were victims for his gun in New Brunswick. The display of embroidery and needle work was described as highly creditable.

Good beef was evidently scarce at Saint John in those days, judging by a news item in the Morning News. It says that a number of city merchants journeyed to Fredericton with the hope of being able to buy some exhibition beef, but failed to find a fat ox at the show. It suggested that the Saint John Agricultural Society offer a prize of ten or twenty pounds sterling for the farmer who could produce the best stall fed steer.

C. N. R. REVENUES

MONTREAL, Que., Sept. 16—The gross revenues of the all-inclusive Canadian National Railways System for the week ending September 7, 1936, were \$3,659,392, as compared with \$3,127,368, for the corresponding period of 1935, an increase of \$532,024

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