

THE EXHIBITION

Brought to a Close
Saturday Evening

ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL EVER HELD IN THE PROVINCE.

Paid Admissions Numbered
Twenty-Six Thousand.

THE SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS A GREAT SOURCE OF REVENUE.

What is considered on all sides to have been the most successful exhibition ever held in Fredericton, was brought to a close at ten o'clock on Saturday evening. The work of dismantling the booths and removing the exhibits commenced immediately afterwards, and today the buildings and grounds present an altogether different appearance from last week. The exhibition of 1903 has passed into history, but it will long be looked back upon with feelings of pleasure by the many thousands who gave it their patronage.

The total paid admissions on Saturday numbered 1500, which is a pretty good showing, when it is considered that only 750 passed the turnstiles at the Halifax exhibition on the closing day. The official figures, showing the total attendance for the sick days are not ready to give out, but the Herald has it on the authority of C. Fred Chestnut, chairman of the publicity committee, that the 26,000 mark has been reached. Mr. Chestnut's prediction, made a few weeks ago, that with fine weather the attendance would not be less than 25,000, was considered by a great many to be rather extravagant, but the result has shown that he was well within the mark. It was Mr. Chestnut who attended to the advertising of the exhibition, and he was therefore in the best position to make an estimate of the probable attendance.

Supt. Downie of the C. P. R., acting upon the suggestion of F. B. Edgecombe, placed a special train at the disposal of exhibitors yesterday, and it left here for St. John at nine o'clock, with the Alabama Troubadours and a number of the exhibitors on board. The Canada Eastern authorities also provided a special train for the exhibitors, and most of the live stock from the eastern end of the province, and Nova Scotia, returned home by that road.

A very gratifying feature in connection with the exhibition was the generous patronage bestowed upon the Alabama Troubadours who held forth in amusement hall during the week. After the opening day they had crowded houses at every performance, and the total revenue from this source amounted to \$1,596 sufficient to defray all expenses of the Troubadours and the diving horses. This is certainly a wonderful showing, and practically means that the diving horses, admitted to be the best attraction ever seen at an exhibition in New Brunswick did not cost the exhibition managers a single dollar, while they were instrumental in attracting hundreds of people to the grounds. For this state of affairs the greatest credit is due to Mr. M. Tennant, the efficient chairman of the amusement committee, who made a great record as a showman. He gave his whole time to the work and the executive certainly owe him a debt of gratitude. Mr. Tennant had a valuable assistant in Mr. W. T. H. Fenety, who had charge of the ticket office.

The exhibition was under the auspices of agriculture Society No. 34, and the officers and executive, the men who made the exhibition, are as follows:

President—John A. Campbell, M. P. P.
Vice President—F. S. Hilyard.
Secretary—W. S. Hooper.
Treasurer—D. Lee Babbitt.
Solicitor—R. W. McLellan.
Executive—C. H. Giles, John C. Murray, F. W. Hatheway, Kingsclear, F. B. Edgecombe, C. Fred Chestnut, George Y. Dibblee, Wm. McKay, J. D. McKay, W. T. Whitehead, M. P. P., John A. Edwards, Matthew Tennant, W. E. Farrell and A. D. Thomas, Fredericton; C. N. Goodspeed, Penniac, and Fred P. Robinson, Nashwahekeis.

The members of the executive are naturally much elated at the great success of the exhibition and well they might be. They have held a great many meetings during the year, and gave a great deal of time to the enterprise at the expense of their own affairs. The community owes to them a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid.

The chairman of the several committees upon whose shoulders the major portion of the executive work fell, and to whose excellent judgment, wisdom and forethought so much is due, are: buildings and space, F. S. Hilyard; grounds and space, G. Y. Dibblee; light, D. McCatherine; transportation, F. B. Edgecombe; printing and publicity, C. F. Chestnut; amusements, M. Tennant.

Mr. Hilyard has been practically living on the exhibition grounds since early in the spring, and no man gave more freely of his time and worked harder to make the exhibition a success than he did. The postal authorities at Ottawa granted his annual vacation at the first of last week and he was thus enabled to be constantly on the grounds while the exhibition was going on.

Mr. C. Fred Chestnut is another hustler, who is deserving of a large amount of credit for the success of the exhibition. As chairman of the publicity committee, he attended to all the printing and advertising and the result shows that he did his work thoroughly.

Mr. Edgecombe attended to all the transportation arrangements for the exhibition and his duties involved an immense amount of correspondence. His practical experience as a railway man stood him in good stead, and was of great benefit to the exhibition. He did his work well and cannot be given too much credit.

Another citizen who worked like a beaver to help along the exhibition was Mr. Geo. Y. Dibblee. He was chairman of the committee on grounds and space, and considering the great number of live stock entries, and the numerous side show men, who wanted a chance to operate on the midway, his task was by no means a light one. He made everyone toe the mark, and his decisions on all matters were accepted as final.

The exhibition buildings and grounds were lighted throughout by electricity, generated by the society's own plant. The lighting arrangements were most satisfactory to both exhibitors and spectators, and for this the greatest credit is due to Mr. Donald McCatherine, chairman of the committee. Mr. McCatherine gave a great deal of time to the light question, and certainly has reason to be proud of the result achieved. Mr. McCatherine also rendered valuable assistance to Mr. Dibblee in looking after the grounds.

One of the hardest worked officials in connection with the exhibition was Secretary Hooper, who has been devoting a good share of his time to the cause for nearly a year. He was constantly at his post, and the result of his labors speaks for itself. Other officials who rendered good service were the treasurer, D. Lee Babbitt and his assistant Dr. Scott, and Mr. A. D. MacPherson, acted as assistant secretary. In Mr. Babbitt the executive have an ideal treasurer, patient, courteous and gentlemanly at all times, and it is needless to say he is held in the highest respect by all.

Mr. F. P. Robinson did splendid work looking after the agricultural products, and he took a great deal of pride in the exhibit. Mr. Robinson proved himself to be a resourceful and useful man about the buildings.

Mr. C. H. Giles looked after the arrangements for the cattle, sheep and swine, and proved himself to be the right man in the right place. Modest and unassuming he made friends among the exhibitors, and his work is deserving of every praise.

The poultry exhibit was well looked after by C. N. Goodspeed, who superintended that department of the exhibition. The arrangements were very satisfactory, and Mr. Goodspeed is deserving much credit.

The splendid exhibit of the Hartt Boat & Shoe Company which attracted so much attention at the exhibition, was taken to Chatham this morning, and will be shown at the exhibition there. George H. Ferguson is in charge.

Other People's Money.

Will be at the Opera house on Friday evening next. Clean, bright, sparkling and witty this play seems to go on with an uninterrupted career of prosperity from season to season. This can be accounted for by the fact that, in the first place, it is funny, and then it is perfectly clean in its diction, and does not descend to horseplay methods to win approval. James R. Waite will be seen as the Chicago broker, a part in which he has made an emphatic success. Cheer up then it is to laugh. Seats now on sale at Wilkes'.—d.

Rev Father Hayes, who is visiting his mother, Mrs. Sarah Hayes, St. Marys, celebrated high mass, and preached to a large congregation yesterday, at St. Anthony's church, St. Marys.

A Cold Refusal.
Willie—This is an excellent picture of you, Miss Marie. I wish I owned the original.
Marie—You may have the negative.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Plainly Evident.
"Bridget," queried Mrs. Scribble, "do you know why I am called a literary woman?"
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