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ST. JOHN'S GREAT FAIR OPENS TONIGHT

GEORGE W. FOWLER ISSUES A CHALLENGE TO LIBERALS

Nominated for King's-Albert Yesterday He Challenges Any Member of Sir Wilfred Laurier's Party to Meet Him on Any Platform and Discuss Graft Charges.

At an open convention of the Liberal Conservatives of Kings and Albert counties held in Hillsboro, yesterday, afternoon, George W. Fowler, M. P., was unanimously chosen as the standard bearer of the party in the next federal election.

There were between four and five hundred delegates in attendance, the major portion being Kings county men. In the evening a mass meeting was held in the Hillsboro rink at which there was an attendance of over 1,200 and speeches were delivered by Mr. Fowler, Hon. J. K. Fleming, Fred M. Sproul, M.P.P., James Murray, M.P.P., and Geo. B. Jones, M.P.P.

Mr. Fowler in addressing the gathering dealt mainly with the slanders that had been circulated against him and threw out a challenge to any member of the Liberal party from Sir Wilfred Laurier down, to come out upon the public platform and discuss these matters before the people, man to man.

A committee was appointed to meet the members of the Liberal party and try to effect an arrangement for running a clean election without the use of liquor, money or bribes.

The afternoon convention was presided over by Lewis Smith, president of the Albert County Liberal-Conservative Association and the nomination of George W. Fowler as the candidate was moved by J. L. Peck of Hillsboro, and seconded by Geo. D. Prescott.

As there was no other name before the convention the choice was made unanimously and Mr. Fowler was sent for and carried to the convention hall on the shoulders of a half dozen of the electors.

There was great enthusiasm and the candidate expressed his gratification at the magnificent reception tendered him. He predicted victory for himself and for the conservative party in the dominion as a whole saying the people were tired of the rule of the grafting politicians who were now in power.

The convention was asked to adopt a resolution prepared at a district meeting of the United Baptist at Hopewell Cape in which a clean, pure election was advocated. Mr. Fowler made a statement that he intended to conduct a clean election in accordance with the law and he proposed that the members of the Liberal party should do the same whether they wished to, or not. A committee was then appointed to meet the members of the Liberal party with the view of coming to an agreement in the matter.

At the evening meeting Fred M. Sproul, M.P.P., was the first speaker. He referred to the stories being circulated in Albert county that Fowler had lost caste in Kings, and to a like state of affairs in Kings, that Albert did not want any more Fowler. He thought the great gathering of delegates from both counties on this occasion who had tendered him the unanimous nomination was a retribution for these charges. He predicted that Kings would give Fowler a majority of at least 500 and Albert could add to it as much as they wished. He paid a tribute to R. L. Borden and denounced the present government as a government of graft.

Geo. P. Jones was the next speaker, and he told of the good work being done on Kings county roads with the split log drag by the present local government.

James Murray, M. P. P., who followed gave reasons why there should be change in government for the dominion as well as in this province. He also paid some attention to the slanderous statements being made against Fowler, and said that a man as open hearted and generous as he had always been

could not be the kind of man his enemies claimed he was. He scored the libelous party for leaving no settled policy and claimed they were inconsistent.

Hon. Mr. Fleming introduced himself as a member of the Liberal-Conservative party of Canada, and in telling why he had always remained in that party, reviewed the various changes in government since confederation. He claimed the government should husband their revenues instead of spending every dollar they received. He could not understand how Fleming could show a surplus year after year, and yet at the end of their twelve years in power the debt was enormously increased. He predicted a big shortage this year if expenditures were kept up as they had been.

He referred to the trip of the steamer Arctic to Hudson Bay and of the vast sums which, he claimed, were squandered in this way.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley at Robesay had censured the local government for not paying his bill against them, and he wanted to say that every dollar that rightfully belonged to Mr. Pugsley would be paid him. Certain items of his bill should not be paid while he (Fleming) was provincial secretary, as he was not entitled to them. He would insist, however, that Dr. Pugsley should pay to the province the 5 per cent. interest he owed, amounting to \$2,077, on the suspense account, of which he had paid the principal.

Mr. Fowler, who was the last speaker, was received with much applause and he thanked them for their hearty endorsement of his record of the past eight years. Referring to some of the charges made against him by the other party, he said Sanford Ryan at a meeting in Sussex a few weeks ago had charged him with being responsible for the increase in the insurance rates of the Foresters because of his connection with a certain transaction in hand. He then reviewed the facts of the case before him and claimed the hands had been bound in open market and he was a perfectly legitimate transaction. Nothing had been said at the recent Foresters' convention that the increase in rates was due to investments. It had been stated, however, that the accounts were responsible.

The land which had been purchased was worth more to-day than it was when they bought it. Six per cent. had been paid on the investment, as well as \$75,000 in cash.

Referring to Ryan he called him a scoundrel monger who was "the tip joint of the tail of the party of which Sir Wilfred Laurier was the head."

The insurance commission's report had set an example for him, Fowler, as Sir Wilfred Laurier stated openly in parliament.

He spoke of the consternation in parliament when he had threatened to expose the relations of members of the government with "Wine, women and graft," if private business of members was to be discussed in parliament and this matter had been hushed up.

He drew a word picture of the steamer Arctic going up Hudson Bay, with her valuable cargo piled high on the decks, the hills in the distance and the shore with its Eskimo huts and an Eskimo maiden gazing pensively across the water while she was garbed in her seal skin clothes and a Paris hat with ostrich plumes on her head, a cigar between her lips and a tomato can filled with the "vintage of '78" in her hand.

Referring to the imports and exports of the country during the government's term in power, he claimed the imports exceeded the exports by \$25,000,000, which was not an evidence of prosperity. The meeting closed with the singing of the national anthem.

PREMIER HAZEN WILL DECLARE THE EXHIBITION OPEN TONIGHT

Buildings Have Been Transformed Into Gorgeous Storehouses of Interesting Novelties---The Pike Will be a Big Feature---Fine Weather Alone is Needed to Make the Big Fair the Most Successful Ever Held.

With a blaze of electric lights, the strains of music and the whirl of machinery, the biggest and undoubtedly the finest Fair held in Eastern Canada in many years will be opened tonight.

The doors will be thrown open at 6.30 o'clock this evening, but the official opening will not take place until 8 o'clock. Already large numbers of visitors have arrived in town and there is every indication that throngs will pass through the gates this evening.

Preparations for the big Exhibition have entailed an immense amount of work, but a tour of the buildings today shows splendid results. The number of exhibitors this year is greatly in excess of the last Exhibition, in fact, is larger than for some time, there being almost as many again. It is especially noticeable, however, that the individual exhibits are also much larger and consequently make a finer display.

The number of cattle shown is more than three times as large as previous shows, the number of horses alone being nearly double. The poultry show also is much in excess of the last fair, the variety being much larger.

The sound of multitudes of hammers was evidenced last night, but it is expected that by opening time everything will be in shape. The interior decorations are very fine, bunting and hundreds of little streamers of various colors are hung from the high arched ceilings to the balconies in the main building, the whole lending a magnificent effect.

Then the individual decorations of the booths show that they are vying with one another more than ever before in their endeavors to excel in this regard, and the result is very beautiful indeed.

Good judgment has been shown in the allotting of space so that the largest and more interesting exhibits are not clustered in any one part of the building but instead are well distributed about the buildings.

The restaurant too is in a position, before to handle the big crowds that are expected and visitors are assured of being well looked after in this regard.

The usual provision is made for preventing a crush by the customary signs instructing visitors to keep to the right.

From the rear exit to the exhibition grounds one passes through the midway where there is a bewildering supply of amusements lined on both sides which includes the mysterious "maze." From the midway the visitor passes to the left to the carriage hall, where there is a large and excellent display of vehicles of all descriptions and of the best workmanship.

Then in the Agricultural Hall at the other end of the grounds is a large and fine assortment of vegetables and garden stuff. This branch also is far in advance of former years and these with various agricultural and farm implements are most interesting.

In this building is also the Amusement Hall. To the rear of the Agricultural

Hall is the cattle and poultry.

The lighting effects will be on an elaborate scale. At the entrance the arrangements are in splendid taste, the effect being brilliant.

There are many rows of incandescent lamps across the building and around the big dome. Directly over the door is in small incandescent the words "welcome" with a scroll at either side. Over the approach to the stairs is a large circle surmounting a pole, from the circle is strung colored lights the ends being caught to smaller poles on either side from which fly gaily colored streamers. The effect is most imposing.

The Exhibition will be opened by Premier Hazen, other speakers being Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture of Canada, Hon. William Pugsley, Minister of Public Works; Hon. D. V. Landry, Commissioner of Agriculture for the province; Dr. Daniel M. P. and Mayor Bullock. They will be escorted by President Skinner and Vice-President Emerson and will be met at the main entrance by other members of the executive. The entrance to the building being at 7.45. The City Cornet band will furnish music outside and march the party to the large Music Hall where the opening ceremony will take place. The speeches will be enlivened by music furnished by an orchestra and there will be two vocal selections by Miss Darling, the mezzo soprano of the Boston Grand Opera Company.

After the opening ceremonies the guests and visitors will be shown over the buildings and the big fair will be on in full blast.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

Two Carleton Men Arrested on a Charge of Illegally Treating a Horse.

Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 12 (Special).—Two young men named Ross and Moore, hailing from St. John West, were arrested here last evening charged with illegally treating a horse belonging to Gunter Bros. livery stable. They hired the rig to go to a well known resort on the Woodstock road and drove the horse so hard that one of its legs was broken. Policeman Foss, on being notified, drove to Kingsclere and took the men in charge. It is feared the horse will have to be shot.

A serious forest fire is reported to be raging at Shogomee in the parish of Canterbury. On account of the dry weather it is spreading very rapidly.

J. W. Clarke, of Manguerville, shipped forty barrels of New Brunswick apples to the old country this week.

TRAFFIC HELD UP BY BURNED BRIDGE

Schreiber, Ont., Sept. 12 (Special).—Four westbound passenger trains are tied up here awaiting the reconstruction of the bridge, which was burned six miles west of this station. Nearly one thousand passengers are on board of the trains and there is no way of ascertaining exactly when they will continue their journey.

EXHIBITION POLICE SWORN IN TODAY

The following were selected by Chief Clark and sworn in this morning out of almost seventy applicants, who thronged the guard room at the Central police station, as special policemen on the exhibition grounds during the fair:—Fred Byles, Alexander Chisholm, Beth McLeod, Charles Long, Daniel Littlejohn, Clarence Kenney, Alex. Long, Frank Corberry, Robert Carlin, John Sullivan, Edward McNeilly, Charles Perkins, Thomas Wheaton, John McLeod, Thomas Bain, Alexander Boyne, Walter Anderson, James Buckley, William A. Smith, Leo Morris.

The following, nine in number, were sworn in as special police to patrol the city during exhibition going on duty to-night and tomorrow. William Evans will do duty in the poultry shed. Samuel Day, Robert Garnett, John Etchingham, Patrick Brennan, Anning Yerns, Arthur Stackhouse, James Adams, Norton Olive.

Seely-Whitely

A very pretty wedding took place at St. Paul's Church, Greenwich, on the evening of Thursday Sept. 10th, when Maude E. daughter of Mr. Thomas Whitely, was joined in marriage by the Rev. Mansel Sheehan, B.A., rector of the parish, to Mr. Lewis A. Seely, also of Greenwich. The church was prettily decorated with flowers by the young ladies of the chancel guild of which the bride had been a member. The bride was dressed in a blue travelling suit and was given away by her father. After the ceremony the party drove to the home of the bride's father, where a reception was held for the immediate relatives.

AIRSHIP BUILT BY TORONTO MAN

Carrying 50 Pounds of Sand it Travelled for 50 Yards at a Height of 40 Feet.

Toronto, Sept. 12.—A flight was made by an aeroplane near Oakville on Monday. Carrying fifty pounds of sand, the airship travelled forty yards at a height of about forty feet from the ground. The inventor is an electrical engineer in Toronto and a friend of Count Zeppelin, the famous German aeronaut.

The trial apparatus was satisfactory and a larger machine will be constructed so that a man instead of sand may be carried. It is made of silk and bamboo and is operated by storage batteries.

BEGINS NEW LIFE AT EIGHTY

Civil War Veteran Makes Brave Fight for Existence.

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 12.—E. Henry Schlenz, a veteran of the Civil War, 80 years old, appeared in the local land office to make his final proof on government land located in San Diego county. Although he and his wife have passed the four-score year mark, they are heavily beginning life anew in the far West. Five years' residence is required on homestead claims, but the four year service in the Union army enables Schlenz to make his final proof at the expiration of the first year.

TO TRAIN FARM LABOR

(Boston Herald.) The agricultural high school at Montague, established through the efforts of the commission on industrial education, will test the practicability of extending the public school system of manual instruction to the farming communities. No business finds its way more difficult to secure desirable labor to do than does the farmer. No trade suffers such a draft of its younger generation to other lines of occupation. The supposed attractions of urban life are responsible, in a large degree, for these conditions. But the lack of productivity of farm work plays a large part. If the agricultural school, made available for pupils within the ordinary years of public school attendance, can add to the value in productive capacity of farm labor, or, it will do much to solve the problem of the agricultural towns.

REPORT THAT MEN ARE STILL NEEDED IN THE WEST

According to This Despatch There is Yet a Large Demand for Laborers in Western Canada.

Apparently the demand for laborers in the Canadian West is not yet satisfied despite the fact that many Maritime Province harvesters were unable to find employment. Under the date of Sept. 9 the following despatch from Winnipeg is published in the Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa papers:

"The cry for men in the harvest fields is again becoming a loud one and the conditions of labor are evidently going to be serious. It was thought that a sufficient number of men had come to the country but this is far from the case. Hundreds are still wanted to do the work."

The scarcity is principally in Alberta. Yesterday 800 men came from the East and were immediately sent to Edmonton and the surrounding district. When they left the city they all had positions to go to.

"It is chiefly men to do threshing who are wanted. At the provincial immigration office demands for men are coming in thick and fast and the department is at a loss to find sufficient men to answer the call."

"The scarcity is causing an upward move to be made in wages and in Alberta as much as \$4 a day is given."

CAT MOTHERS CHICKS

Hen Finds Her Caring for Them Along With Several Kittens.

Winsted, Conn., Sept. 12.—At Echo Farm, in Ashford, Southern Berkshire Hills, a weasel was seen to enter the coop which housed a hen and her six pullets. The hen was chased away before she accomplished any harm. The next night the hen led her family to the second story of the barn, where the family cat was nursing several kittens. When the hen started with part of her family for the barn the next evening she found the door closed, but three of her chicks had preceded her. She found that the cat had taken care of the three chicks in company with her own kittens.

The football match between the Algonquins and Carleton will take place on the Shamrock grounds this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

DELEGATES HAD STRENUOUS TIME ON THE RETURN TRIP

Those Who Attended the Liberal Conservative Convention at Hillsboro Yesterday had the Added Excitement of a Railway Derailment On the Way Home.

The delegates from Kings county, who were attending the Liberal-Conservative convention of Kings and Albert at Hillsboro yesterday, had a rather strenuous time getting home. Immediately after the meeting at about 10.30 o'clock last night a special train left Hillsboro for Salisbury to connect with the I. C. R. train, which reaches Salisbury at 24.12 and arrives in St. John at 4.30 a.m. There were over 300 delegates on the train, and it was arranged that two of the four cars carrying them should be transferred to the I. C. R. train, on which there was only one first class car. The Hillsboro train arrived in Salisbury shortly before midnight, and the cars were being shunted onto a siding so as to be ready, when the engine ran into an

open switch and both engine and tender left the rails. As it was impossible to move the train the crowd piled out to wait the arrival of the I. C. R. train from Moncton. When this train arrived there was a grand rush for seats in the one car, and it was quickly filled to overflowing. The crew of the I. C. R. engine, however, on hearing the state of affairs, went to the assistance of the H. & S. engine, and after some difficulty pulled it on the rails again. The two extra cars were then shunted over to the I. C. R. main line and joined on the train and a start homeward made on a delay of more than two hours. Mr. John was reached at 7.30 inst. of 4.30, and the upriver delegates will come in left for their homes via the river steamers.

THIRTEEN CHILDREN BUT WANTS MORE

Hollander, However Is Forced to Move to New York, to Give His Family Room.

New York, Sept. 12.—President Roosevelt would have been "de-lighted" had he been on the Holland-America line pier when the steamship Rotterdam docked and welcomed Mynheer William H. Branderhorst, his laughing wife and thirteen happy, robust children.

Mynheer Branderhorst, who is only thirty-eight, left his native town of Noordbrabant, Holland, he said, to come to America, where he would have room to raise a really big family and where there would be an opportunity for his children to grow up and expand. The thirteen, he asserted, was only a beginning.

"Holland is a fine country," he said, "and I love it; but for a man who wants to raise a big family, it is too cramped."

The Holland farmer brought his family over as cabin passengers, having during his twenty years of married life amassed something besides a record-breaking family. He will go as far west as Bella, Iowa, where he will either take up farming or enter some other business. Of the thirteen children, nine are girls and the rest boys. Their names and ages follow:—Petrolena, nineteen; Emma, eighteen; Gerrit, seventeen; Gerrit, fourteen; Maria, twelve; U—, eleven; Willem, ten; Gysbert, nine; Maakie, six; Johanna, four; Gysbert, three; Corna, two, and Lambertus, three months.

All of the children have flaxen hair and large blue eyes. Petrolena, Emma and Gerritte looked at the crowds about them in bewilderment.

THEY REFUSE TO PAY FOR QUEBEC RATIONS

London Caterer Threatens to Sue the Officers of the Seventh Regt. for the Price of Extra Food.

London, Ont., Sept. 12.—There is to be a law suit over the catering done by Max Finch for the Seventh Regiment on its visit to Quebec. Finch's catering was not entirely satisfactory to the men and many complaints were made. Since the return, all efforts to settle the affair have proved futile. Finch's bill is about \$31,200. The officers agree to settle for \$1,000 and say they will fight the case.

In anticipation of the kick of the delicate men of the city battalions if forced to live on government rations only in the Quebec camp, most of the city battalions hired a caterer to cook extra, in spite of this an awful kick was put up by many although it was the lack of variety more than the quality of the food that caused the trouble. The rural battalions did not mind the rations.

SMASHED UP PLATES OF HIS SERMONS

"Billy" Sunday, the Evangelist Took Strenuous Means to Prevent Firm From Publishing His Sermons.

Chicago, Sept. 11.—"Billy" Sunday, a former professional baseball player, but now an evangelist, resented the publication of a book of his sermons by a publishing company of Hammond, Indiana, yesterday by dashing into the stereotyping rooms of the publishing house and destroying the plates with a big mallet. At the conclusion of his performance he broke down and wept.

Sunday was incensed because 1,000 copies of the book had been issued by the company without his permission. It had been his intention to gather his sermons and have them published himself.

SAVED FURNITURE WHILE BABES BURN

Five Children Burned to Death in Upper Room While Neighbors Carried Out Household Goods.

Winnipeg, Sept. 12.—A despatch from St. Paul says:—The five children of Mr. and Mrs. G. Burdette, living on a farm near Brighton, outside the city limits, were suffocated in a fire that attacked the home at a late hour last night. The parents were away on a visit at the time and the neighbors, under the impression that the children were also absent, devoted their attention to rescuing the furniture. While the neighbors were busy hauling the furniture out the parents returned, and not until then did the neighbors know that the children were inside.

Father and mother rushed through the smoke, battling their way to the rooms of their children. They rushed with the children out of the house, only to find that life in the five bodies was extinct. The ages of the children ranged from five to thirteen years.

The baseball game at the Shamrock grounds has been called off and the football contest substituted.

STRONG FEATURES OF THE SEASON'S STYLES

Long Sleeves, Short Gloves and Corset Strings Ten Yards Long Predicted.

New York, Sept. 10.—Corset strings ten yards long and short gloves are the two features of this season's styles that are actually established, according to Miss Elizabeth A. C. White, president of the Dressmakers' Protective Association, who talked on the new fashions to three hundred dressmakers from all parts of the country at the opening session of the association's convention Monday afternoon.

Miss White exhibited something like forty Paris gowns, all different, and when any one asked her which was the latest style her invariable reply was:—"They all are. There never was a season when the styles were so unsettled and changeable. In fact, a well dressed woman can wear anything this year except a sheath gown."

"The sheath gown is not stylish," she added. "It cannot become popular, was not originated by any of the important houses in Paris and has never been worn by persons of refinement. There are many variations of the Directoire costume in vogue, but the tight-fitting skirt, especially the form slit up the side, is not at all correct."

"Only one characteristic prevails in all this season's styles. That is the extremely long sleeve, covering the hand. The short glove is the thing of course. As to the new corset, well, they are adapted to making the figure resemble a telegraph pole as nearly as possible. For that purpose they are extremely long, and it takes ten yards of string to lace them properly. A slender woman can wear them. Stout women cannot, which they eliminate their curves—they must simply do the best they can."

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BOY IS A HUMAN STORAGE BATTERY

Galveston, Sept. 11.—E. G. Atloy, a seven-year-old boy of Russian parentage, born in America and living in Houston, has been discovered to be a human storage battery of electricity. The widowed mother fears the boy is possessed. He is red-headed, freckle-faced and blue-eyed. A court of medical experts, electricians and physicians has made remarkable tests with the boy.

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When a steel thimble was put on the boy's finger and he grasped the end of the wires in his hand, the same result was obtained. A piece of iron held in the boy's hand for a few moments becomes highly magnetized. A hammer with an iron handle held in his hands will attract tacks at a distance of four feet.

LATE PERSONALS

Misses Hilda Hawker, Brenan; Jean Maxwell, of St. John; Miss Bigney, of Littleboro, Mass., and Miss Edgecombe, of Fredericton, have returned to Mt. Allison Ladies' College.

Miss Ada Granville, graduate nurse, has returned to her home in New Haven, Conn.

Twenty deaths were reported at the office of the board of health this week as follows:—Heart disease, four; cholera infantum, two; syncope, phthisis, mania, apoplexy, paralysis, gangrene, diarrhoea, malnutrition, semic decay, gastro-enteritis, enterocolitis, arteriosclerosis, cancer of intestines and diffuse scleritis, peritonitis, one each.

A fellow is bound to get into serious trouble if he attempts too many weddings—as the bridegroom.

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COMING TO THE FAIR.

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam informed the Times new reporter this morning that six couples from the Settlement would spend their honeymoon at the exhibition. He had this on the authority of Mrs. Hornbeam, who is versed in such matters, and she received the information at the last meeting of the instant Helpers Circle. Hiram stated that

the newly wedded pairs would be distinguished from others who were merely evoked by the fact that they would not walk hand in hand down the green corridors of the Pike and along the broad aisles of the main building.

"After they get hitched up," said Hiram, "they're bashful, an' don't want to let on they've been to the parson. Just before they got married they don't care who sees 'em holdin' hands. Cur'us, ain't it?"

Hiram took a run through the fair grounds this morning, and his curiosity was so much excited by the suggestions of mystery that he put on a new necktie and went down again to spend the afternoon and pick out a good place to hear

the band. When asked if any of the agricultural exhibits were in place, Hiram absently responded that he had not visited that part of the show.

"We kin lick that," said Hiram, "out to the Settlement."

MR. BINKS'S TASK.

Mr. Peter Binks is preparing a monograph on the prize ring in which he will give a list of the names of prize-fighters whose noble deeds and lofty ideals have illuminated the pages of history and made the world better because they lived in it. It is a work requiring some research.