near the central exit to the grounds, and the fittings thereof are highly creditable to the art taste of J. W. C. McConnell, passenger agent of the I. C. R. at Halifax, who is freely distributing handsome illustrated booklets and illustrated cards, but his main advertising weapon is a 64 page book containing views of St. John, Halifax, Quebec, Montreal, etc. One of the booklets presents on its cover a very life-like portrait of the minister of railways.

Thos. Dean of this city has on exhibition a splendid steer that has taken first prize wherever shown. Considering the competition of Cornwallis and Prince Edward Island fat cattle, the winning of these prizes reflects great credit upon Mr. Dean.

George F. Owen of Cardigan, P. E. I., is justly proud of the big excursion party he brought over from the island to the exhibition. Mr. Owen is a hustler.

Wednesday's paid admissions totalled 5,141, or within 41 of the figures for the same day of the preceding year, but the corrected account of Tuesday's attendance makes the total for that day 12,411, instead of 12,288 as at first reported, so that the grand total to date stands at 44,776, or 3,790 more than all the paid admissions for the entire exhibition of 1897.

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There was somewhat of a reaction in the attendance at the exhibition Wednesday after Tuesday's exceptionally large throng, but the patronage was quite good and was made up to a great degree by people who embraced the opportunity when the buildings were not crowded, to inspect the exhibits, something that was almost impossible on the preceding day. The base ball match also drew its own particular class of patrons, and so did the outdoor performance in front of the grand stand and the vaudeville entertainment in Amusement hall. Joseph I. Noble, who has charge of the amusements, both indoor and out, has handled these important branches in a manner to please the public, the Amusement hall programme being put through without any of those exasperating waits between acts which too often weary the audience almost to distraction.

FANCY WORK DEPARTMENT.

This department, as usual, is generally pretty well filled with visitors, especially ladies. There is quite a large display of art and fancy work, all of which is highly creditable, some of the exhibits being especially handsome. Mrs. Fred Givan of Moncton shows a handsome five o'clock tea cloth: Mrs. Emily Nelson of this city a fan made from cocoanut fibre, from the Seychelles. Mrs. H. D. Everett exhibits probably the largest and most varied collection in the department. Three handsome cases containing decorative art work are especially attractive. A three-leafed screen, in nasturtium design, upon English plate glass, is very handsome. This lady also shows two embroidered centre pieces and a beautiful table scarf. A rather unique exhibit is that of Miss Peters, consisting of two stoles, one on cream ground, the other on purple. These two are admirable in design and excellent in execution. Mrs. A. E. Robinson of this city, eighty-three years of age, has on exhibition several articles of Limerick lace, the execution of which would tax the eyesight of many far younger persons. Miss Martha Corker of Fredericton has an admirable collection of paintings on silk and velvet. Miss Davis has really a work of art in her exhibit of lilies painted upon a black velvet background. Miss Florence S. Kaye has a rather large collection of water color and pencil sketches, consisting of landscapes, scenes, flowers and life studies. The pictures are exceedingly well done, especially some of the water colors. Dr. Nase has an exhibit that many come to see, of embroidered work. The exhibit is equal in artistic conception and finish to anything of a similar nature shown in the room. A collection of paintings by Miss M. E. Clark is very handsome and creditable. Robt. Staples has an exhibit of ornamental penmanship. A panel of hollyhocks by Miss Josie McVay of St. Stephen deserves more than passing notice. Mrs. Barton Gandy exhibits three pictures done in bark. The work is unique and is very much admired, not only for its truthfulness but also for its artistic finish. The room is well worthy a visit, and Miss Fraser, who has it in charge, is courtesy itself.

The judges upon articles included in classes 123, 125, 126, 127 and 128 submitted the following report

Paintings on glass and other substances—Mrs. H. D. Everett, city, 1st; Miss M. Croker, Fredericton, 2nd; Miss Davis, city, diploma.

Class 125—Lace Embroidery and Drawn Work.

Point lace—Mrs. F. W. Givan, 1st.

Honiton lace—Mrs. W. R. Henderson, 1st; Mrs. E. H. Paterson, 2nd.

Embroidery in lace stitches—Mrs. H. D. Everett, 1st.

Embroidery in satin or plush—Mrs. H. E. Peters, 1st.

Drawn work—Miss A. I. Fowler, 1st; Miss Lizzie Hawker, 2nd.

Embroidered tea cosy—Mrs. W. C. McMullen, 1st.

Embroidered sofa pillow—Miss Evelyn Clark, 1st; Miss L. Hawker, 2nd.

Embroidered table cover—Miss A. M. Gray, 1st.

Embroidered centre pieces—Mrs. H. D. Everett, 1st; Mrs. W. C. McMillan, 2nd; Miss M. F. Keating, diploma.

Embroidered set of table d'oyles—Miss A. E. Scammell, 1st.

Embroidered tea cloth—Miss M. F. Keating, 1st, and Mrs. W. A. Morrison, 1st.

For a special work, sideboard covers—Mrs. W. C. McMullen, 1st.

Class 126—Crochet, Berlin and Hand Work.

Crochet in cotton—Miss C. Welling, 1st; Mrs. J. McBeath, 2nd.

Crochet in wool—Mrs. O. A. Wetmore, 1st.

Crochet in silk—Mrs. A. E. Robinson, 1st.

Berlin work—Mrs. A. E. Robinson, 1st.

Worked piano scarf—Miss A. M. Gray, 1st.

Worked tidy—Mrs. E. Puddington, 1st; Miss H. E. Creighton, 2nd; Mrs. Jas. Maynes, diploma.

Worked aprons—Miss Hattie Creighton, 1st.

Class 127—Knitting, Sewing, etc.

Plain sewing—Mrs. O. A. Wetmore, 1st.

Knitted socks, etc.—Mrs. McBeath, 1st (80 Adelaide street).

Knitted cotton—Mrs. Emily C. Nelson, 1st.

Knitted silk—Mrs. Emily C. Nelson, 1st.

Class 128—Ladies' Work, Collection.

Best collection of ladies' work of various kinds (5 pieces)—Mrs. A. E. Robinshon, 1st; Mrs. O. A. Wetmore, 2nd.

Much of the work exhibited, especially of the embroidery and the lace work, is of a high class, being marked not only by excellent workmanship but also by admirable good taste. Taken altogether the collection of articles in this department is highly creditable to nearly all the contributors.

(Signed) ANNA P. VAUGHAN,
W. P. DOLE.

NOTES.

A. Stevens, who has charge of the premium books, one of the hardest jobs in connection with the exhibition, fulfilled his duties to the satisfaction of every man who obtained a prize.

The grounds have never been kept in better condition than this year.

Prince Edward Islanders feel very proud of the fact that their province carried off the honors in cheese. They promise to make a much larger display in this line next year.

The poultry show attracted a goodly share of the ladies who visited the exhibition Wednesday.

W. M. Thurrott of Sunbury Co. carries home a big lot of prizes from this exhibition.

The I. O. F. register book contains the following names of visitors Wednesday: Miss E. M. Jordan, Sunnyside; Miss Bell, Miss Harvey, Moncton; Miss Matten, Kings Co.; Mrs. N. H. Northrup, Kingston; Miss L. W. Logan, Rothesay; C. H. Read, Port Elgin; Mrs. A. M. Hamm, St. Stephen.

The following visitors registered at the A. O. F. booth yesterday: A. H. Austin, Texas; Miss N. Stanhope, Boston; Mrs. C. Christie, Carleton; Miss E. Lamoreaux, Carleton; Miss E. Rolston, Miss A. McLeod, Boston.

The Canadian Order of Foresters have registered the following members at their lodge: L. P. D. Tilley, M. W. Galley, A. L. Hanning, R. T. Jackson, A. S. Bowerman, J. R. Carmichael, N. J. Morrison, J. W. Smith, T. D. Walker, W. G. McKee, G. H. Hall, R. C. Bleakney, A. W. Roberts, H. A. McGinley, A. E. McGinley, G. R. Craigie, James Johnston, J. Oscar Grant, Geo. Kincade, W. V. Moore, Ernest Hazelton, R. A. Corbett.

The Royal Arcanum register contains this list of visitors: J. Jones, Tracadie; C. T. Bolger, Brooklyn; Alex. Robinson, Chatham; E. A. Kehen, Boston; F. W. G. Brock, Rothesay; Judge Wedderburn, Hampton; Mrs. J. A. Morrison, London; W. F. Eaton, Kentville; T. W. Forest, Amherst; G. B. Trifton, Woodstock; W. A. Trueman.

(From Friday's Daily Sun.)

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This brings the attendance so far this year up to 47,439, or 6,453 in excess of the total admissions to the exhibition of 1897.

A FEW WORDS OF COMMENT.

The success of the exhibition which is now on its last day is due chiefly to two causes—its intrinsic merit as a show and the fine weather which has prevailed, with the exception of one showery afternoon, since the gates were thrown open to the public. The exhibition is rounder, fuller and more comprehensive than its predecessors, and for the first time in the history of the St. John association free out door amusements have been made a prominent feature. The day when a mere reproduction of the farm, the factory and the retail store would draw immense crowds has passed away, and the people now want to be entertained as well as instructed. The exhibition management has this year recognized this fact, and has presented a varied bill of fare, calculated to tickle all palates worth tickling. Too much cannot be said in praise of the care taken to present a clean vaudeville show in Amusement hall, one wherein spice abounds and vulgarity and suggestiveness are not to be found. The result has been a generous patronage largely made up of the very best class of visitors and citizens.

The fireworks have been much better than ever before, and the opportunity to see them to advantage greatly enhanced by the erection of a fine grand stand, which, by the way, also affords a comfortable resting place for visitors who have walked through the buildings until they fain would take their ease for a time.

But while providing an up-to-date amusement programme, the management did not slight the exhibition proper, and thanks to energetic canvassing, the display in the main buildings contains many attractions never before seen at St. John fairs, notably the exhibit of New Brunswick animals, the Natural History society's recent collections, the fishery exhibit from Ottawa, and the live game fish shown in charage of D. G. Smith. St. John merchants have come well to the front to heighten the general effect, and have gone to far more than usual expense in fitting up their booths and sections. The result has been that the main buildings have had the interest of the daily throng of visitors in an unprecedented degree.

The carriage department was fully equal to any previous array in that important line, and Agricultural hall held a splendid showing of products of the orchard, dairy and field that won not only the approval of maritime people but of every visitor from the United States and the upper provinces. The cattle and poultry branches were fully up to the demands of the occasion, and were notable factors in drawing patronage to the exhibition. In only two lines was the showing not what it should be. Machinery hall was not taken advantage of by the men who it might be supposed would find it to their pecuniary advantage to do so, while the array of horses was none of the best. But exhibitions, like other human undertakings, always possess weak as well as strong points.

M., R. & A.'S GREAT EXHIBIT.

Manchester, Robertson & Allison have converted the eastern end of the annex gallery into a veritable fur emporium. The back of the exhibit is hung with various skins and robes, prominent among which are very handsome grizzly and polar bear, wolf, emu, wolverine, fox and leopard robes. These form a very handsome background.

On the side walls are displayed a fine selection of the various skins used by this firm for trimmings, collarettes, lining capes, etc., including a goodly assortment of fox skins, red, Arctic, silver grey, and cross; Thibet skins in white, brown and black; Astrachans, Persian lamb, Krimmer, black marten, bear, sable, lynx, otter and beaver. Any shaped collar or trimmings can be had from these skins.

On the opposite wall are shown robes in musk ox, bear, lynx, black and grey goat, opossum, etc.

In the centre of the exhibit are found seal jackets, muffs, collarettes, ladies' and gentlemen's hats and gloves of the very latest styles in seal and seal combined with the various furs now so fashionable, such as seal and Persian lamb; seal and ermine; seal and stone marten; also novelty collarettes and collars in mink, Hudson Bay sable, black marten, Thibet and Astrachan, with muffs to match.

In the exhibit on the right of the centre are Astrachan and raccoon jackets. These are made from reliable skins, with the very best quality of linings, and range in price from $31 to $50. There are likewise shown Russian lamb, Persian lamb and grey lamb jackets in various lengths. On the left is a very fine display of fur-lined wraps for street, carriage and evening wear, lined with squirrel, Hampster, mink and Monoglian fur, trimmed with marten, Thibet, fox, and mink. These wraps are worn mostly in lengths from 26 to 30 inches.

Nor were the gentlemen forgotten in the preparation of the exhibit. A very fine assortment of fur and fur-lined coats is also displayed in Russian lamb, Astrachan, raccoon and Walaby. Then there are cloth coats made of the best quality of Melton and beaver cloths in black and blue, lined with muskrat, seal, mink and sable skins; likewise gentlemen's gloves and collars in all the fashionable furs.

Messrs. M., R. & A.'s exhibit of furs has been artistically arranged. The front is trimmed with fir and lighted with hundreds of colored incandescent lamps, while a large illuminated crown in the centre, supported by British flags, sheds its light on the entire display. The roof is canopied in light blue, and around the base are Kaluga, Hamster, grey squirrel and other furs used for linings. The whole effect is worthy of the enterprising house making the exhibit, and the display here made demonstrates to the people of the maritime provinces that it is not necessary to go past St. John to the larger Upper Canadian and American cities for anything they may require in the fur line, whether it be a muff at 75 cents or a fur set costing $100; a fur cape at $15 or a sable-lined one at $100. The assortment is here to select from, while any article in fur for ladies, gentlemen or children can be made to order, with fit and quality absolutely guaranteed. It is no exaggeration to say that the display made by Manchester, Robertson & Allison is a most prominent feature of this year's exhibition.

M., R. & A.'S FURNITURE BOOTH.

On the southern gallery, at right angles to their fur exhibit, M., R. & A. make a fine showing of furniture, carpets, and curtains. The selections are for the most part restricted to the qualities and designs that are now in most popular demand, with the result that they have attracted the marked attention of almost every visitor to the exhibition. The point most forcibly demonstrated by this furniture exhibit is that householders of limited means, so far as beauty of design and excellence of workmanship are concerned, are place on an equal footing with the more wealthy classes.

C. FLOOD & SONS.

This firm's tasteful exhibit is one of the great attractions in the annex gallery. Messrs. Flood have sold a number of pianos since the exhibition opened, but they still have a few choice instruments, which they offer at rare bargains today. This is a great chance to secure a first class piano at the price usually paid for a much inferior instrument.

THE SUSSEX EXHIBITION.

The people of Sussex have erected a new exhibition building, 220 ft. long by 80 ft. wide, for the great show which will be held October 4, 5 and 6. They propose to make this year's the largest and best exhibition ever held in that enterprising town. The special amusements will be a new feature in Sussex exhibitions.

NOTES.

E. Betts of Montreal, who secured the right to conduct the dining room this year, has carried out his contract to the satisfaction of the great mass of patrons. His prices were decidedly moderate and he gave as good a dinner as any man could expect for 25 cents. With a larger kitchen at his command he could doubtless have done even better, but that was a feature of the arrangements beyond his control.

The following visitors registered Thursday at the booth of the Independent Order of Foresters: E. Redmond, Charlottetown; Mrs. F. W. Emmerson, Sackville; Miss Grace Dewar, St. George; Miss Ethel Cloney, Calais, Me.; Miss C. A. Patterson, St. Martins; T. W. Redstone, Queenstown.

The Ancient Order of Foresters registered the following visitors at their booth Thursday: L. J. Cowan, Musquash; Miss N. Carson, Digby; James Norwood, Sackville; W. G. Gray, Toronto; Thos. Wood, Gagetown; G. E. Crockett, Fredericton.

At the Canadian Order of Foresters' booth the following members were registered Thursday: H. J. Powers, E. Purchase, John Bradley, Ernest Hazelton, R. A. Corbett, G. W. Hoyt, J. O. Sharp, W. F. Fanjoy, R. D. Anderson, A. W. Roberts.

The exhibition's final day was a dreary one. The cold, rainy weather cut the attendance down very materially and played havoc with the amusement programme. All out-door attractions had to be abandoned, and the evening entertainment was made free to all. All through the day exhibitors were dismantling their booths and shipping off their wares, so that by nightfall vacant spaces were very much in evidence. But few people were present when the band played the final God Save the Queen.

Friday's attendance was but 403, which brought the total paid admissions during the exhibition up to 47,832, or 6,856 in excess of that of the exhibition of 1897. The comparative attendance at this and the preceding exhibition was as follows:

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Eighth	5,141	5,182
Ninth	2,663	2,827
Tenth	403	631

The attetndance this year is the highest since the exhibition of 1895, which was 50,845. The largest single day's attendance was in 1895, when 13,505 persons passed through the turnstiles.

Amusement hall was a good revenue producer, realizing $975.15, and the new grand stand paid about fifty per cent of its cost, by netting $855.40. While in past years the receipts from amusements and grand stand were about $800, as against over $1,700 this year, there has been a considerable increase in the cost of this department, so that the profits are not as large as would appear on the surface. On the other hand, the amusements were stronger features than ever before in drawing patrons and are consequently entitled to be credited with quite a share in the gate receipts. Had the grand stand and amusement hall tickets been put on sale up town and in places on the grounds easy of access, the returns therefrom would have been much larger than they were, as hundreds of people, ladies especially, would not face the crush around the little huts in which these tickets were sold. It is only fair to add that the exhibition management will remedy this blunder in the comprehensive plan of improvements they have in contemplation for next year.

From start to finish, the very best of order was maintained, and the police arrangements, in which Chief Clark took an active interest, were all that could be desired. It is true that two or three cases of pocket picking occurred at the outset, but the principal light-fingered gentry fled the town as soon as a Boston officer arrived on the scene, and the fakers that remained were too frightened to attempt any further depredations. It is no breach of faith with the authorities to now state that the pickpockets were quickly spotted once they began operating, and that they were either driven out or effectually shadowed. There was almost an entire absence of drunkenness, and not the slightest evidence of rowdyism. What is needed in the future is a better system of patrolling the grounds, so as to put a stop to the practice of jumping over or burrowing under the fences, which was resorted to by some of that class who never face the man at the turnstile.

HOW THE FAIR IMPRESSED A P. E. ISLANDER.

Sir—Permit a Prince Edward Island visitor to translate into linotype his feelings of enthusiastic satisfaction with regard to the fair now about closed.

I am sure every person of discernment who has visited St. John during the exhibition has been impressed by the most admirable order, efficiency, and taste which has marked the proceedings from beginning to end, and by the uniform abundant courtesy of the directors, officials and exhibitors without a single exception.

Mr. Everett spared no pains to satisfy and please, and everyone who met him will, I am sure, carry away remembrances of a very genial and courtly gentleman.

This may all seem very truistic to St. John people.

To a visitor here for the first time, however, such characteristics are very noticeable, and, although it pains me much to say it—how refreshing, how gratified, how unusual is it all to a "traveller" from Charlottetown, P. E. Island.

We have a great deal to learn from St. John in general conduct, but much more in the way of conducting exhibitions and meeting the people who come to see them. When we have our exhibition restored to us I hope the management will take a lesson from St. John in their style of treating the public and the press.

You have sent everybody away delighted by the treatment they have received, both publicly and privately, in St. John. Charlottetown people have marked with surprise and mortification the almost monotonous good order on the streets and on the exhibition grounds, which has been the subject of so much comment, but perhaps the most noticeable thing is that signs of inebriety have been almost completely absent. I have been in St. John a week and have seen one drunken person.

Your good behavior is almost painful. It is extraordinary. Russelas, in his Happy Valley, was no better situated than an average St. John citizen. I would not harbor the suspicion that you have had your company manners on during the exhibition, and that you will relapse into bold, bad conduct the moment you get the hand-shake of the final sightseer.

I suppose P. E. Islanders feel somewhat pleased and vain with their share of the prize money in the competitions, and those who come under Mr. Owen's capable superintendency truly have pursued their way rejoicing.

But this would not influence them to speak gloomingly of St. John if they had not so thoroughly enjoyed themselves in all and sundry experiences of St. John's hospitality.

Yours truly,
S. G. CLOW.

St. John, Sept. 26, 1898.

FISH FOR ST. JOHN LAKES.

The New Brunswick exhibit of live game fish was dismantled last night, and Mr. Smith will carry the outfit back to Chatham. Ten of the land locked salmon rising two years and one salmo ntwo and a half years old, with 17 trout, some of them weighing three pounds, have been transported to Loch Lomond, guardian Johnston taking them out in three tins, and eleven of the sea trout have been sent to Ball's lake. The commissioner regretted very much that the application of the St. John Park association was not made until all the available fish had been allotted to other applicants. The pair of large Carleton salmon, male and female, will be returned today to the dominion authorities from whom they were obtained.

NOTES.

It may interest patrons of the exhibition to know that according to the general rules and regulations of the association, sec. 77, "ample restaurants and lunch rooms, managed by experienced caterers, and under the supervision of the board of directors as to price and quality of food," served meals during exhibition hours at reasonable rates.

A. F. Lockhart of Hartford, Carleton Co., has had on exhibition in Machinery hall the Keystone brush scourer and separator. This machine has attracted the attention of millers and farmers, and members of the local government inspected the machine in operation. Mr. Lockhart has taken the right to introduce the Keystone to New Brunswick millers.

Every pound of butter made in the exhibition working dairy by Supts. Mitchell and Tilley went off quickly at 20c. lb., D. W. McCormick of the Victoria hotel being the principal purchaser. About 3,200 lbs. of milk were received, from which 147 1-2 lbs. of butter were manufactured.

The work of dismantling the exhibits, which was commenced on Friday, was continued with such spirit on Saturday that by nightfall the main buildings were pretty well emptied of their contents. Agricultural hall, the poultry house and the carriage shed had been cleared out at an earlier stage. It will take a little longer to remove the heaviest exhibits from machinery hall.

The New Brunswick forestry exhibit has been boxed up, preparatory to removal to Sussex, for the exhibition that opens there on the 4th prox.

Manager Everett and staff have moved back again to their Canterbury street offices, in the Gazette building.

Following is a comparative statement of the paid attendance at the last four exhibitions:

	1895	1896	1897	1898
1st day	1326	400	3381	1207
2nd day	2329	228	2801	3283
3rd day	5151	5036	4346	4473
4th day	7609	6945	2838	5590
5th day	5075	5589	7175	7724
6th day	2878	4459	5041	4947
7th day	13503	7964	6681	12411
8th day	8839	2633	5192	5141
9th day	4142	4127	2552	2663
10th day	1792	1573	700	403
	52,674	41,055	40,808	47,842

Messrs. James Reynolds and W. P. Dole, who were a committee to award a special prize of $25 for the best industrial exhibit, made their award. They awarded the prize to the exhibit made by the Josiah Fowler company and say "this collection of manufactured articles, which are entirely products of the skill of our own mechanics, is very tastefully arranged and forms a very attractive feature of the exhibiton. While there are several other exhibits which present an extremely fine appearance—such as that of the James Robertson Co., Ltd., that of the Lawton Saw Co., that of Walter Wilson & Son, and that of C. & E. Everett, etc.—the conceive the display to which they have given the prize has the greatest general interest."

Four thousand persons participated in the free guessing contest of the St. John Soap and Desk Co. The first prize, a lady's gold filled Waltham watch, was won by Miss Mary Woods of Welsford, N. B., who estimated the value of the contents of the show case at $769.55, the second and third prizes fell to Laura Purdy of Upper Jemseg, Queens Co., N.B., and Fred Stone of 171 Germain street, St. John, who each guessed $769.50. Under these circumstances the management made the third prize equal in value to the second, Miss Purdy receiving a gold bracelet and Mr. Stone a gentleman's gold chain. The judges were James H. Hamilton and Arthur Hutton. The invoice cost of the contents was $770.45, and the goods were checked by the bills by Harry Sandall.

The display of granite ware shown by the Ossekeag Stamping Co. of Hampton has been sold to J. E. Wilson of Sydney street.

The first prize for the best collection of field roots in agricultural hall was won by W. M. Thurrott of Maugerville, Sunbury Co., who also captured the special prize of $25 given by the Provincial Fertilizer Co.

The following letter is from Major Spaulding, military secretary of Governor Powers of Maine:

CARIBOU, Me., Sept. 19, 1898.

Mr. W. C. Pitfield, St. John, N. B.:

My Dear Mr. Pitfield—In behalf of His Excellency Governor Powers, and others of the party who enjoyed your generous hospitality last week, I desire to extend to you our thanks for the many courtesies we received at your hands. Believe me when I tell you that in our official life thus far nothing has surpassed the good time we had in your beautiful city, and I cannot say how much we are indebted to you personally for our good time.

Everything was done for our comfort, and it is needless to say that we all hope to see you again; and it would give me much pleasure to see you at my home at any time. My father and mother remember you very well and spoke of the pleasant trip they had in your company. They join me in kindest regards.

Thanking you once more, and with every good wish for you and yours, I am, dear Mr. Pitfield.

Sincerely yours,
ATWOOD W. SPAULDING.

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"I am tired and weary of this continued life of misery and suffering!" This is the heart wail of thousands of poor, nervous and sleepless men and women crazed with headache, rheumatism, neuralgia, dyspepsia, and blood troubles. Such people usually are filled with gloom and despondency, memory fails, and they are often found on the straight path that leads to the dark grave.

Have courage, suffering brother and sister! Paine's Celery Compound has cured thousands of cases in the past far more desperate and terrible than yours. It has proved an agent of life to others, and it will certainly do as much for you in this your time of adversity and distress.

What will your decision be sufferer? Will you allow the many symptoms of disease and death to more fully develop or will you, by the aid of nature's medicine, Paine's Celery Compound, strike just now at the root of your trouble and be made sound, healthy and happy?

The ablest physicians admit that Paine's Celery Compound is the only true nerve food and medicine that has ever been given to suffering humanity. It strengthens and builds up the nerves, tissues and muscles, it purifies the life stream, casts out disease of every form, giving a fresh existence and a long and happy life. A trial of one bottle will convince you that Paine's Celery Compound is a life saver and a disease banisher.

THE EGYPTIAN EXPEDITION.

Five Hundred Dervishes Killed in a Three Hours' Battle.

CAIRO, Sept. 25.—Gen. Kitchener, commanding the Anglo-Egyptian expedition, has returned to Omdurman, having established posts at Fashoda and on the Sobat river. The troops did no fighting except with a Dervish steamer on the way south, which was captured.

SUAKIM, Egypt, Sept. 25:—The only organized remnant of the Khalifa's army was defeated, and its last stronghold, Gedaref, captured, Sept. 22, after three hours' hard fighting, when an Egyptian force numbering one thousand three hundred, under command of Col. Parsons, routed three thousand Dervishes, of whom five hundred were killed. Three British officers were wounded and thirty-seven Egyptian soldiers killed and fifty wounded.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—The Daily Telegraph's Cairo correspondent, telegraphing today (Monday) says: "Gen. Kitchener found the French at Fashoda. He notified Major Marchand that he had express instructions that the territory was British and that the French must retire, and offered them passage to Cairo. Major Marchand absolutely declined to retire until ordered to do so by his government. No fighting occurred. Major Marchand was given clearly to understand that the British insisted upon their claims, and the rest has been left to be settled by diplomacy between the respective governments.

"Gen. Kitchener sent a long official despatch to London, hoisted the Union Jack and the Egyptian ensign, and left as a garrison the eleventh and thirteenth Soudanese battalions and the Cameron Highlanders to protect the British flag."

THE GOLD COUNTRY.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 25.—A Vancouver, B. C., special says: Brindley Mills and P. G. Grant, two members of a Montreal Klondyke syndicate, arrived here today, after spending four months in trying to get through to the gold country over the Ashcroft trail. At Quesnell they met Sir Arthur Curtis, an English baron, and his party, and also ran across them at Mud River, where Sir Arthur mysteriously disappeared, and was never seen again by a white man.

Mr. Mills said they joined in the search with the Indians for the body, and that they are confident that the latter not only knew all about the nobleman's death but where the body might be found. They want $1,000 reward for bringing it out of the woods. The unfortunate nobleman, Mills believes, met with foul play.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.