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## THE FALL FAIR WAS DISCUSSED IN THE TORONTO CONVENTION

Opinions on Both Sides of the Leading Problems of this Institution.

### SMALL FAIRS DEFENDED

Hon. Mr. Dryden Says the Present Tendency of Fairs Leads To Ruin--The Special Attractions Condemned.

The yearly convention of the Association of Fairs and Exhibitions was held in Toronto recently. Extracts from a very full report appearing in the Sun are reproduced here:

#### SMALL FAIRS DEFENDED

There was a very general feeling before the convention opened that the Hodson idea, as it has come to be known, contemplated the complete wiping out of the township show. That is what brought out the crowds. The partisans of the fairs which have their abiding place in the smaller villages and their strength in the sidelines and concessions, turned out in full force to battle against those they believed purposed the destruction of institutions endeared by memory of many triumphs and hallowed by associations extending back over a generation.

The supporters of the township fair did not wait for the attack. They assumed the aggressive at the opening session.

"The township fairs," said Mr. Sanders of Stayner, in the course of a carefully-prepared paper, have been the subject of much misrepresentation. I can speak feelingly on this matter, because I have been for over twenty-eight years president or secretary of a fair of this kind.

"Before we decide to wipe out the township fair altogether, we should seek the cause of the alleged failure of the institution. The township show has suffered from various causes, one of these causes being found in the unfair apportionment of the Government grant. Take, for example, the electoral district of West Simcoe, in which I live. Barrie is the headquarters of the district fair for that division. With the electoral district fair is amalgamated the Vespra district fair board and the Barrie horticultural society. The total Government grant to the whole district amounts to \$800. Of this \$380 goes to Barrie fair, as representing the district society; \$74 goes to it because of amalgamation with the Barrie horticultural society, and \$53 goes because of the connection with the township of Vespra. All told, the Barrie fair received \$507 of public money, leaving only \$293 to be divided among the four remaining township shows, or an average of about \$73 each.

A PROVIDENTIAL FIRE is doing no better than our township show. Even its financial standing is not equal to that of our own. I have been a director of the electoral society for many years, and I am familiar with the facts of the case. Nine of us carried a note for \$900 on behalf of that society for years. In course of time only two of the nine were left on the note who were worth the obligation incurred. Provisionally a fire came along, burned the insured buildings and thus relieved us of the obligation we were under. I got out then, and I have been wise enough to stay out ever since.

"The case of North Simcoe is not exceptional. Taking the province as a whole we find the Government gives \$76,750 towards agricultural fairs associations, and of this \$48,000 is practically all expended on fairs which makes monkey shines and mountebanks their chief attractions."

#### MR. HODSON EXPLAINS

Mr. Hodson quelled the rising storm by saying that it was never his intention to do away with township fairs. "I believe," he said, "under a new system of management, that the best of these fairs can be developed so that they can do better work than they have ever done. All that I have suggested is doing away with poor fairs, and those which are so situated that they cannot be made useful."

#### BOYS AND THE FAIR

Mr. Mitchell said the fair might be made to bear a helping hand in keeping the boys on the farm. "I have been," said he, "at fall fair after fall fair, and I have found at none of these anything like a strong effort to impress upon boys that the agricultural calling is at once the oldest and most honorable open to a young man. Boys are not taught the im-

portance of agriculture at our fairs. They are rather shown the glitter without the dross of city life. Fall fairs, instead of teaching them how to farm, so that they may be able to stay on the land and make a profit out of it, have rather a tendency in the other direction. The result is that the city is full of farm boys, who would be infinitely better if they had remained on the old homestead. The fall fair can be so managed as to encourage boys to stay on the soil, and to assist them in making their work profitable and enjoyable."

#### HON. DRYDEN'S WARNING

The Minister of Agriculture said fairs were going backward and to ruin. He said "They have rather gone back from the standard originally laid down for them. What were the objects these societies were formed to promote? To encourage agriculture and horticulture: (1) by importing and securing new and valuable seeds, plants and animals; (2) by offering prizes for essays on subjects of scientific enquiry; (3) by awarding premiums for excellence in stock and inventions and improvements in machinery; and (4) by carrying on improvements in feeding and the raising of crops."

"But how many even of the presidents and officers of our agricultural societies of today ever heard of all this? Their whole attention has been centred on one of the four objects contemplated by those who framed the Act, and that one the holding of an annual exhibition. Everything else has been lost sight of. Even the exhibitions have in many cases degenerated into mere spectacular events, which people take in as much as they would a circus, as so much per head.

"And still there never was such a hungering and thirsting for information as there is today. The agricultural society which is prepared to recognize this fact, that is ready to meet the popular demand in this respect, will soon find itself ten times more popular than it has ever been. This has already been demonstrated, because all our shows have not gone off into mere spectacular displays. Some have pursued a different policy; one of these is the Simcoe fair, for example, and the last time it occurred to me as if everybody in the two ridings--farmers, ministers, teachers, and business men--had turned out to the show. The directors would not get so much as allow a merry-go-round on the grounds. All the vast attendance was secured by an educational fair, pure and simple. And other fairs that introduce educational features instead of so-called animal features will increase their prosperity one hundred-fold, and do a public service at the same time."

#### THE END OF THESE IS RUIN

"At shows of a different kind, where horse racing and worse are the attractions, directors see people rushing to the ring-side and exclaim: 'That is just what the people want.' That is where the directors make a great mistake. People will rush to see a dog fight when the first one occurs in their neighborhood, but they will not rush day after day to see the same sort of thing. And it is so with the horse racing. People will not go to see that and nothing else year after year. The directors who keep along that line will soon find, as the phrase goes, 'that people do not seem to take the interest in shows they used to do.' And the end is ruin."

#### THE HORSE RACE TOO

Of horse-racing Mr. Hodson said "It is no use, I tried my best, when in Kentucky, to bring good out of evil in this matter, but I never succeeded in my undertaking, and I do not believe anybody else could succeed along similar lines. In England they have adopted a different plan. They put the horse under the saddle. They have hurdle jumping, and show the gait of the horses. In that way they make the horse show as attractive as any speeding contest can be, and the objectionable features are wholly eliminated. If you make the horse part of the show a purely speeding contest you will bring in here the Kentucky horse, which is intended for speed alone, and in which style is wholly lacking. That sort of a horse is not suitable either for army purposes or for the fancy city trade in this country. In fact, there is no market open to us for such horses as are suitable."

#### But," objected Mr. Sanders, "if you shut out the speeding contest you may as well shut up the show."

Mr. Creelman took direct issue with those who maintained that the speeding contest is essential to the success of a fall fair. "At Simcoe Fair," he said "they had nearly 400 horses on exhibition last year, and still there was no speeding in the ring; in fact, the ring on the Simcoe grounds is covered with grass. This should surely be sufficient to settle that point. It would be a good thing if one or two delegates from different rural fairs could be sent to attend the Simcoe Exhibition. I believe they would learn more there than at the Toronto Industrial, because they would see something which they could apply at their home fairs."

#### ZION-CARTWRIGHT

The basket social of the 21st Feb. held under the auspices of the Zion Methodist Church, proved to be a grand success, the proceeds amounting to \$42.50. An audience of over 175 people listened to and were delighted with, a program rendered by local and foreign talent to which a hearty vote of thanks was tendered and also many thanks to the friends outside the appointment who attended.

#### Wartons' Beet Sugar Factory

After a 5-years' campaign, the town of Wartons is likely to get a beet sugar factory. A company has contracted to put up a \$275,000 factory on condition of getting a \$25,000 bonus and assessment fixed at \$80,000 for 9 years. A bill allowing Wartons to give the bonus went through the private bills committee of the legislature on Friday.

## TWICE TOLD TALES

News and Nonsense Gleaned From Exchanges and Elsewhere

The Halifax Board of Trade has followed that of Montreal in declaring that Britain should give the colonies a tariff preference.

If the lady just released by the brigands wears her hair as it is represented in her newspaper pictures she is evidently not a curling Stone.

The big German passenger steamer Neckar with 1200 people on board had her rudder broken in a storm and drifted a day and a night in the gale. She was towed into Halifax harbor by a sister ship. It was almost a case of Neckar notting.

A despatch from Tadmorden says that the ice on the Don is expected to break up, and that hog cholera has already broken out. Pretty near the pig on ice.

Because Manitoba wheat is crowding the American market, Congress will be asked to admit our western grain into the States free, and thus keep it off the British market.

The abducted missionary may now be regarded as American free Stone.

A despatch says the Anglo-Japanese treaty is approved by Australia. From recent indications it is likely that the treaty will be safer among Australians than would the orientals it is made with.

Gen. French has inaugurated a big movement against the Boers in Cape Colony similar to that made by Lord Kitchener against De Wet. The inauguration of these movements usually overshadows their consummation.

The agricultural committees of the legislature the other day heard evidence that the barberry shrub causes grain rust. It is now prohibited nearer than 100 yards to grain and it is proposed to wholly extirpate it from Ontario.

Two American Senators fought on the floor of the chamber last week and a day or so afterward Joe Martin choked a fellow-member of the British Columbia legislature. Those who sing the praises of the battlefield will be glad to see its spirit manifested in legislative halls.

The boot and shoe makers, and the manufacturers of woollens camped out with the government at Ottawa last week, asking protection. The woollen men complain of the effect of the British preference and have their own and British wares to prove their contention. It is not known whether the government will regard them as "flannelled fools" or not. With the leather men it is a case of hide and seek.

The Owen Sound Board of Trade has declared that if Britain puts a duty on grain, the colonies should be exempt from it and that Imperial granaries should be established in the Northwest. The proposal that Britain should tax foreign wheat will go against the grain of the Americans.

About 2000 people attended the sale of pure-bred stock at Guelph on the 26th. An average price of \$98 a head was got for the \$10,740 worth of stock sold.

A Methodist clergyman of Winced for lack of support. They are Christian burial to persons who are not members of any church, at death. Seems like a dead issue.

Owen Sound council have erected a windmill. Likely they will supply the motive power as well.

Wartons Y.M.C.A. has been closed for lack of support. They are building a beet sugar factory at Wartons.

It may be that if Mr. Devlin desisted from advising Irishmen to leave the Green Isle, he was actuated by "considerations of his personal safety."

While on a drinking spree last Thursday Isadore Turcotte, of Montreal, threw a lighted lamp into a fire, threw a lighted lamp at his wife. She was mortally burned and he suicided by carbolic acid.

When De Wet recently escaped the British he fled up the Libenbergville river. Although that stream provided him a means of safety he could not but call it hard name.

Premier Ross has refused to change the terms of the referendum on his liquor bill. The date will be changed and likely to the day of the municipal elections.

A carload of cavalry horses were sent from Colchester to Southampton. The empty car was brought back and put on a siding. A day or two after someone heard a noise in the car and found a horse that had not been taken out. It had been

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Mr. Alex. Gunn, father of a Mrs. Waters, Belleville, died in Kansas the other day, aged 107.

A New York lady arrived from Europe last week with \$75,000 of dress goods, on which the duty was \$31,800. She paid it; it was the highest customs collection ever made there.

Mr. Lancaster's Cattle Guard Bill got its second reading in the Ottawa house on Thursday. A member spoke in favor of it and said it interested the railway, the farmer and the travelling public. Another member remarked that the cow on the track was interested too.

Col. Hughes spoke in behalf of railway employees. The bill was sent to the railway committee.

A general strike was on at the Peterboro Cereal Works last week. Fifty-nine years ago Mr. Jas. Stevenson of Peterboro planted a poplar tree that he the other day saw cut into 5 cords of wood.

An aged man named Valentine was found dead in the snow near Burleigh Falls a couple of weeks ago. He belonged to St. Thomas and the other day his daughter from that town, visited the scene of the murder, told the coroner at Peterboro that she had suspicions of foul play and he ordered an inquest. The body

will be exhumed. Peterboro is working on the case.

In 10 days New York was 1000 in removing snow.

The Princess of Wales escaped a narrow escape at the Show one day last week. Prince and Princess were passing the exit a bright flash rushed by Her Royal Highnessing her by a foot or two, was only by the skill of the one who managed to pull the other side, that a very serious and deplorable accident was averted.

Al Sing, a Vancouver man, has slept for six days without food.

The Manitoba branch of the Dominion Alliance has petitioned the lieutenant-governor of the province referring to the liquor law. The Alliance people. The law was passed by the legislature after a mandate therefor, and should therefore have been enforced.

Convicts fought in the other day. Prisoner they must have had of their convictions.

Rev. W. A. Stark of Peterboro, suffered from a brain fever. Doctors opened his skull and brain from its place and nerves that produced the

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