

The 133rd Russell Fair was officially opened with the unveiling of a permanent Agricultural Society sign in front of the Russell Arena on Friday evening. Proud of Russell's history and the hard work that went into the organization of the fair are fair board members and invited guests (L to R) Mayor Gaston Patenaude, Joyce MacGregor, Hal Botham of CJET, Judi Hubbard, MP Don Boudria, Cherry Bekkers, and Don Graham.

kers "We couldn't believe it."

Bekkers says her only dissapointment this year fair was that the CKBY balloon couldn't show up.

Financially, the fair is expected to make a profit this year.

"We don't have all the figures in yet,

but we expect a profit," said Hubbard.

"The support from the community was exceptional. There were so many organizations that helped out," said Hubbard.

Hubbard says much of the profit will go towards maintenance of the fair grounds, as well as to renovate some of its buildings.

The only problem at the fair this year proved to be the wasps. A total of 17 people were stung during the fair. Despite the little pests, this year's event will be one to remember.