

# LORD TWEEDSMUIR VISITS ROYAL FAIR

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Snapped at the Coliseum. Top left: Prof. W. L. Carlyle, Alberta; Hon. Alastair Buchan (in rear); Lord Tweedsmuir; W. A. Dryden and D. O. Bull. Right: His Excellency Lord Tweedsmuir chats with W. H. Miller of Maple Creek on Border Collies and walking sticks. Below: Seed grain and potatoes in display at Royal. From left: G. LeLacheur and G. A. Elliott of Dominion Seed Branch; Mrs. J. W. Lennox.

**B**IGGEST NIGHT of the Royal Winter Fair was Monday when Toronto and its visitors turned out to welcome the new Governor-General and Lady Tweedsmuir. Colonel Harry McGee, president of the fair greeted Their Excellencies on arrival, troops stood at attention and were reviewed, and then His Excellency joined Lady Tweedsmuir and other official guests in the flag draped box reserved for them.

Everyone was interested to see the man who for the next five years will represent the Crown in Canada. Special significance was attached to the visit of the Governor-General this year, not only that he had so recently come to Canada and was in Toronto and at the Royal for the first time, but that the Royal Winter Fair was featuring "The King's Year," thus celebrating in its own way the King's jubilee.

Earlier in the day Their Excellencies had been officially welcomed to Toronto where they were the guests at Government House. On the day following the first official visit, Lord Tweedsmuir visited the exhibits including the boys' and girls' grain exhibits, and for a time watched the judging, of the stock in the arena. He wanted to and did see the hogs, admired the dogs and bought a tray at the craft-shop of the blind.

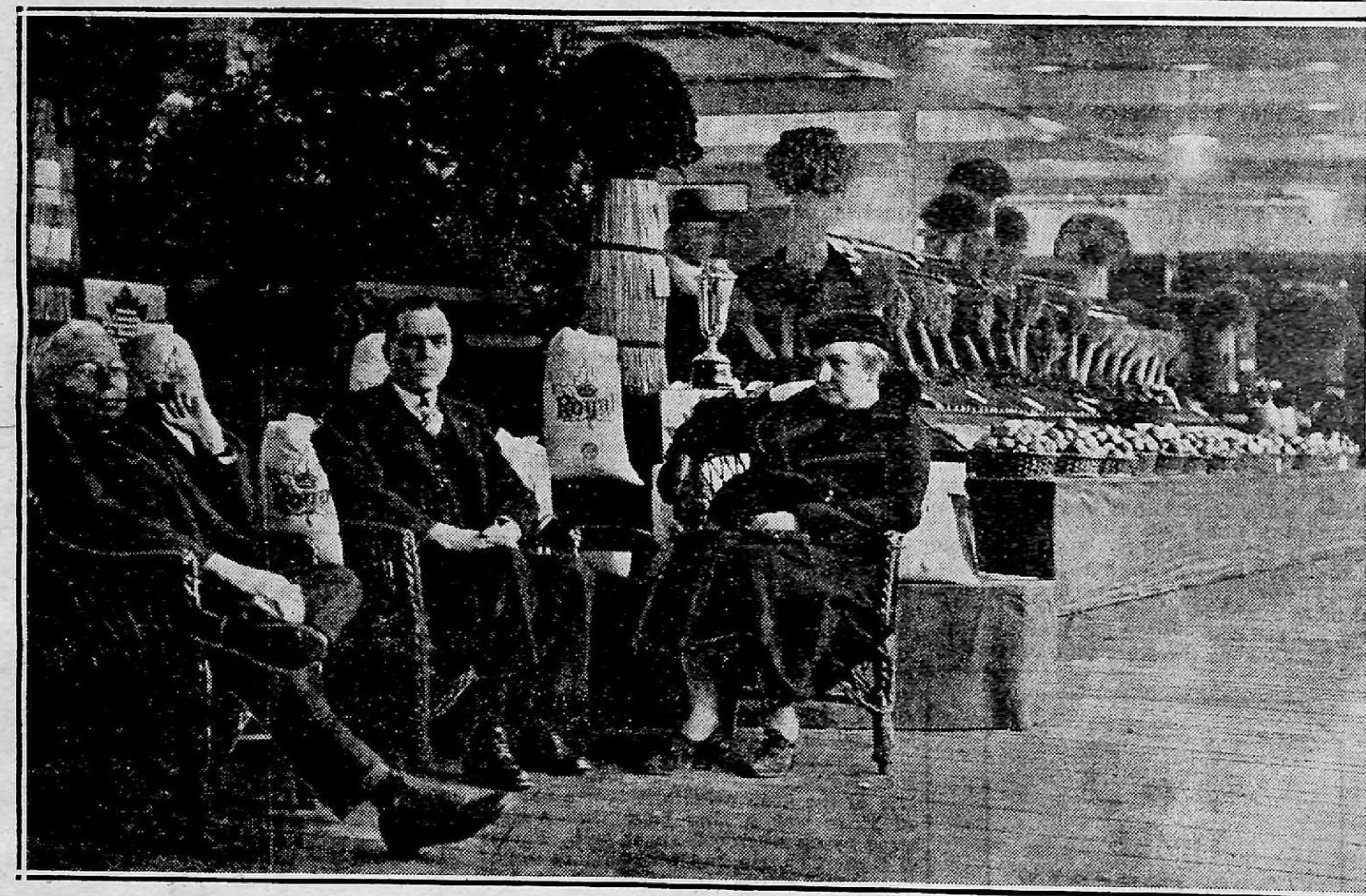
Official opening of the Royal was on Wednesday night although a few classes had been judged during the day and the children coming in hordes had sought to split everything wide open. Wednesday was designated as "All Canada Day," also Children's Day. Thursday was to honor British Columbia; Friday, Maritime Day; Saturday, Quebec; Monday, Alberta; Tuesday, Manitoba; Wednesday, Saskatchewan and the last day was to honor the old Province of Ontario, the host province.

Great parades of stock featured some of the evening programmes. The animals were the best of the 7,000 or 8,000 head of stock shown.

A dazzling scene, worthy in its inception of a moving picture production, was the opening. The Mounted Dragoons had just finished their spectacular ride and draped themselves in the background as troops headed by a bugle band paraded into the ring followed by armoured ghost soldiers of other days. The Dragoons' mounts were none too pleased as the band marched in front of them, blasting forth its clarion call, but after a little snorting and rearing, they were soon under control.

With this colorful background, Hon. Harry Nixon, Acting Premier of Ontario, declared the Fourteenth Royal Winter Fair, officially open. Guests at the show were those who had also been guests of the official banquet upstairs, including sixty-four boys and girls participating in the junior contests.

The broadcasting system was very ade-



quate and the audience was kept well informed of the events taking place in the arena. Mingling with the audience in the evening performances each night, were the members of the army teams from Ireland, Holland, Chili, United States, France and Canada. Their smart effective uniforms added to the interest of their competitions. Dorothy Herbert and her white Arabian Stallion, put on an act, the culmination of which were some jumps over blazing bars.

Introducing Wm. Martin, of Maple Creek, Sask. and his sheep dogs, Hon. Duncan Marshall, explained to the audience, why sheep dogs were thus trained to drive and collect sheep, and how effective they were as an adjunct to the shepherd. This was an entirely new feature for Toronto and so interested were the audiences, that hardly a whisper was heard, when the demonstration was on. Martin's three dogs amazed the Toronto audience in their implicit obedience and by the fact that they never barked, merely controlling the sheep by force of will, as

eye to eye, they held the sheep in place and moved them as they wished.

With Meg and Flash as sentry posts, the third dog, Scotty, wove the sheep in and out around the sentries in figure eight formation and finally penned them, the other two dogs coming up behind. It was interesting to note that without getting to their feet, the two sentry dogs squirmed around, so that they were always facing the sheep. Sheep dogs always face their sheep. Next to showing his dogs, Martin was possibly most pleased that Maple Creek won most of the top places for honey.

In the evening horse show were riding and driving competitions, the high point of which is the jumping over a stiff course. Among the driving classes are carriages that remind one of the Bronte Sisters rather than of today. Ladies' phaetons, with a groom in the rumble, the lady dressed for the park, all accessories absolutely correct, seems the last word in luxurious transportation, when time is not a factor.

At the evening performance were the heavy draught team competitions. In the two-horse teams Frank O'Connor took first with Willie and Johnnie and he also took third place with the Acme Farmers' Dairy second.

In the rest of the great building, the arrangement was much the same as other years, except the flowers which were as lovely as ever, but the floor space was laid out differently, and possibly more effectively. Just back of the flowers were the ornamental fish, some with colored frills on their fins, and some in circus clothes. There was such a heavy congestion of traffic through the fish room that either the space will have to be enlarged or a traffic cop will have to be stationed there.

Entering this great room, it was difficult to determine whether the odor of the roses or of the apples, was the more penetrating and the more satisfying. Boxes of green and red apples were arranged to give the most effective color contrast while on the balcony just above the Dominion Fruit Branch, demonstrated the utility of the apples.