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THE FIRST ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL FAIRS

United Exhibition Was Held in Toronto in 1848—The Fourth Was Held in Kingston in 1849.

Cobourg, Dec. 24.—There are records existing to show there were county agricultural shows as early as 1828, but it was not until 1845 or 1846 that a union of these was effected and the Upper Canada Agricultural Association organized.

The first exhibition was held in Toronto in 1846, and an exhibition was held at Hamilton the following year. The third was held at Cobourg in 1848, and the next at Kingston in 1849. Copies of the Canadian Agriculturist for 1848 and '49 are still in existence in Cobourg and give interesting descriptions of how these early shows were carried on. An executive meeting of the Upper Canada Agricultural Association was held at Cobourg in 1848, when Henry Rattan of Cobourg was elected president. That year the Provincial Government made a grant of 250 pounds to the Association. This was paid into the hands of the treasurer in 1849, and also the sum of 450 pounds to meet current indebtedness, as the first two shows were not financially successful. As the exhibition was moved from one city or town to another each year, it was necessary each season to let a contract for a suitable building and also for pens for the live stock. The duties and expense attendant upon this probably led to the decision to make Toronto the permanent home of the show. There it has remained and thrived, until it has become a notable event attended by crowds from all parts of the province and also from beyond its confines.

The Kingston Grounds.

A study of the show as it existed in 1848 and 1849 will give some idea of how far we have progressed in eighty-odd years. Ten acres of land was secured for the show at Kingston in 1849. This was fenced in, and the records state that suitable buildings were erected upon this on an ample scale. The exhibition was held for three days, from Sept. 18th to Sept. 21st. The following paragraph, preserved in the report in the old magazine from which this data is taken, shows that the fair that year made as great demands upon the hospitality of the people of Kingston as the great National Exhibition does now upon the City of Toronto.

"The people of Kingston extended their hospitality with hearty goodwill to the thousands of visitors who flocked from all parts of the compass to their renowned city. Every bed was called into requisition, and even sofas were found necessary to rest many a weary pedestrian who had made too many circuits of the showgrounds."

"Wednesday morning (the first day of the show) large numbers congregated about the gate early, but no person, excepting officers, exhibitors and members, were admitted until two o'clock. We should judge that from five to six thousand people passed through the gate that day."

"In the evening," the writer continues, "the visitors to the fair were favored soon after dark, with a fantastic display by a society of 'Phalogs,' as they call themselves, who paraded through the streets of Kingston bearing torches, some in wagons, and others on foot. They were dressed and painted in the most outlandish style, and from what we have heard, they have been in the habit of playing-off similar antics for some time back."

"This, it would appear, was one evidence of Kingston's appreciation of the show being held in that town."

Review of Troops.

On Thursday (the second day) the attendance is reported to have been considerably larger. A review of the troops, of which there were about a thousand stationed in Kingston, took place on Barrfield Common. The president, Mr. Sheriff Rattan, of Cobourg, delivered the annual address from a stand erected upon the exhibition grounds that afternoon. It dealt with the early history of Ontario from the time of its first settlement, some sixty years before, and of the history of agriculture in Upper Canada up to that time, and has been carefully preserved to the present day. At the conclusion of the president's address, the secretary, Mr. George Buckland, Toronto, read out the names of the prize-winners in the various classes. This custom was observed also at all fall fairs for some fifty years afterwards. A description of the exhibits which included horses, cattle, sheep, pig, agricultural implements, portable rice mills, would be interesting no doubt, but this would make another story. It is recorded, however, in the list of domestic manufacturers, that Dr. Drummond, of Toronto, showed some beautiful furniture, and Mr. Spencer, of Toronto, forks, axes, and other tools. It is further recorded that in "Floral Hall" the ladies' work and the paintings and drawings were deserving of all praise. From the hot-houses of W. B. Jarvis, Esq., Rosedale, Toronto, were some fine specimens of Black Hamburg and Black St. Peter grapes; some very fine long blood beets from Messrs. Leslie & Gordon, Toronto; some large white egg-plums from Edwin Baldwin, Toronto, and a few specimens of choice apples from James Fleming, Toronto. Capt. H. Shaw, Oakhill, Toronto, exhibited the biggest pumpkin, the weight of which is given as 292 pounds. The sow, it is stated, were not worth looking at, the season being too late and unfavorable for such production.

It was decided to hold the show in 1850 in the Niagara district, "probably in the neighborhood of the Falls," and these plans were subsequently carried out. The executive of the Association met upon the show-grounds at Kingston and elected following officers to carry on for the following year:

The Officers.
President, John Wetenhall, M. P., Nelson, Ont.; 1st vice-president, J. B. Marks, Kingston; 2nd vice-president, T. Clarkstreet, Niagara Falls; treasurer, F. G. Yidout, Toronto, cashier, B.U.C.; secretary, George Bucknell, Toronto.

Among those present at this meeting of the executive were E. W. Thompson, Toronto; Hon. Adam Ferguson; Asa A. Burnham, Cobourg; D. Matthews, Wm. McMicking, Robert Watson, John Welr, E. L. Dennison, Mr. Clapp, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Briggs, J. W. Ross.

The executive also passed a resolution electing His Royal Highness Prince Albert Edward an honorary member of the Association.

The Provincial Association was at that time financially supported by grants made from township and county agricultural associations and by grants from parliament. In the year 1850 the announcement was made that the heavy debts incurred during the first two or three years of its existence were paid off. That year, also, the Guelph Agricultural Association declined to make a grant upon the ground that it was unlikely that the show would ever be held at Guelph, and that township was, therefore, unlikely to benefit very much by it. It was probably friction of this kind among the towns that led to a new organization eventually succeeding the old provincial organization, and Toronto being chosen as the permanent home of the Exhibition.

Toronto Exhibition.

As far back as 1850, and perhaps earlier, there was held, also in Toronto, the Toronto Industrial exhibition. The Canadian Horticulturist for November of that year, states this was held "in connection with the Mechanics Institute immediately after the closing of the provincial fair at Niagara," and comments upon it as follows: "The exhibits were not so numerous as might have been expected from the amount of prizes offered, but the quality and workmanship of the leading articles exhibited have been admired for their superiority and high finish. The governor-general distributed the prizes in the city hall."

Each year a ploughing match was held in connection with the provincial exhibition. From the list of awards made, it is apparent that great interest centred in these. At Niagara, a field belonging to John McFarland on the Queenston road, was secured, and this, not being large enough for all who wished to compete, some ploughs were started also on the farm of R. Hicott.

Another feature of the provincial exhibition in those days was the annual dinner, the banquet being followed by a long toast list. At the Kingston fair, covers were laid for seven or eight hundred. At Niagara, in 1850, a large marquee, erected a little distance from the showground, was utilized for this important function, and tables were arranged within it in circular style. In the centre there was the president's table, the judges' table, and a table for other officers, officials and the press. A charge was made for this banquet, as the "annual dinner," open to all who desired to attend, was counted upon to help out the finances of the association.

Educative Exhibits.

A very strong effort was also made to make these early exhibits educative. At Kingston, in 1849, Professor Johnston, a celebrated agricultural-chemist from England, gave the address. He spoke upon the causes of a sterile condition of soil, the means to be used to prevent it, and the means to be used to restore it. At the Niagara Exhibition, Prof. Croft, of Toronto University, gave the address, speaking upon the constituents of soils and plants. It is worthy of note in passing, that the officers of the association asked Prof. Croft "not to dive too deep into the ocean of science but to give a plain, popular description of the elementary substances which enter into the composition of the soil which the farmer tills and the plants which he raises."

An ambitious project was entered into in connection with the plans for the 1851 exhibition, and that was to have the buildings constructed as far as possible of glass. It is not recorded that this was carried out.

A feature of much interest to the breeding industry of the province was the competition that took place at Provincial Exhibitions between the County Agricultural Associations and also between township societies which entered breeding stock which they had begun to import in the name of their societies.

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WBE (337) Springfield, Mass.
3.25 p.m.—People's Symphony Orchestra.
7 p.m.—Copley Plaza Orchestra, under the direction of W. Edward Boyle, assisted by Raymond Edmunds, tenor.
8 p.m.—Concert direct from the Estey Organ studio.

WEAF (492) New York City.
2 p.m.—"Sunday Hymn Sing," under the auspices of the Greater New York Federation of Churches.
2.45 p.m.—Interdenominational services under the auspices of the Greater New York Federation of Churches.
3.45-5.30 p.m.—Men's conference in the Bedford branch Y.M.C.A.
7.20-9.15 p.m.—Musical programme by "Rory and His Gang."
9.15-10.30 p.m.—Dinner in honor of Viscount Cecil of Chelwood.

KDKA (326) Pittsburgh, Pa.
2.30 p.m.—Concert.
4 p.m.—Organ recital by Dr. Charles Heinrich, director of music of Carnegie Institute of Pittsburgh.
6.30 p.m.—Dinner concert by Scalzo's Orchestra.

WGY (380) Schenectady, N.Y.
3.25 p.m.—Programme by WGY symphony orchestra.
5 p.m.—Organ recital by Dr. Frank Hill Rogers from St. Peter's Episcopal Church.
7.30 p.m.—Service of First Baptist Church, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Prelude, "Air," from Violin Concerto Op. 25, Harry W. Watts, organist; James W. Watts.

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12.15 p.m.—Concert by Deaugherty's Orchestra.
6.15 p.m.—Concert by KDKA Little Symphony Orchestra.
7.15 p.m.—"Stockman" reports of the primary livestock and wholesale produce markets.
7.30 p.m.—The Story Lady.

WBE (337) Springfield, Mass.
8 p.m.—Dinner concert by the Westinghouse Philharmonic Trio.
7 p.m.—Market report as furnished by the United States department of agriculture at Boston.
7.05 p.m.—Bedtime story for the kiddies.
7.30 p.m.—Hotel Brunswick Orchestra.
8 p.m.—Hockey game direct from the Boston arena, Boston Bruins vs. Hamilton, through the Hotel Brunswick, Boston.

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7.55 p.m.—Programme by choir of St. Mary's Polish Catholic Church, Stanislaus Kasinski, director. Selections, "None is Casy" (Christmas Carol).

WEAF (492) New York City.
4.5 p.m.—Larry Funk and his Mori orchestra; "A Night in Old New York" by Henry Collins Brown.
6-11.15 p.m.—Dinner music by WEAF instrumental quartette.

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