

"THESE LAID THE WORLD AWAY"



TO DO HONOUR TO THE MEMORY
 OF THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES AND IN GRATITUDE
 FOR THE SAFE RETURN OF SO MANY, THE CANADIAN LEGION,
 B.E.S.L.; IS AGAIN OFFERING ALL CHARLOTTETOWN BUSINESS
 FIRMS AND INTERESTED FRIENDS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISPLAY
 A MEMORIAL POPPY WREATH ON THIS 1945 REMEMBRANCE DAY,
 THE YEAR OF VICTORY.

DRIVING PARK

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astrous fire which occurred on our grounds in the early spring we thought it advisable to postpone our meeting so as to be able to give you a clearer picture of our position. In recalling the activities of 1944, which marked the 50th anniversary of the holding of our Exhibition we can very truly say that it was a success from every standpoint. Fine weather prevailed except on the closing night, and the large number of spectators seemed to thoroughly enjoy the racing, vaudeville and other attractions provided.

Old Home Week and Provincial Exhibition has become widely and favorably known and many thousands throughout the Maritimes plan their holidays for that week. Through the assistance of the Prince Edward Island Travel Bureau, our City Clerk's Department, our hotels, restaurants and cafes, and the very splendid co-operation of our citizens and people in the vicinity of Charlottetown, most of our visitors were well looked after.

Provincial Live Stock Show

The Provincial Live Stock Show of 1944 was the best that has been held since the war, and some classes of dairy cattle far surpassed all records previously made.

This excellent showing of Live Stock was due to a suggestion advanced by Premier J. Walter Jones, which he later implemented by paying to classes of dairy breeds in which five or more breeders exhibited an increase equal to the amount originally offered in the Prize List. While this did not apply to cattle of the best breeds the total increase in cattle entries over the previous year was 67%, a total of 850 entries.

Good Will Races

Our Association has always endeavored to maintain cordial relations with our horsemen, and when they requested that we hold a two afternoons' meet in September we cheerfully agreed. Some sixty horses were divided into ten classes, and the racing was exceptional. Lee Brewer 2064, owned by Milton Bell of Charlottetown and driven by Eric Moreside, equalled the track trotting record of 2:07 1/4, and the Maritimes' best mile racing of the season was stepped by Widow's Pride—2:06 1/4. In connection with our racing program we mention with considerable pride that no promise was made or no class that has filled has ever been cancelled or called off and invariably more money is contributed in purses than is advertised.

Good Friends With Other Tracks

Our idea is to maintain pleasant relations with all Maritime tracks, for that reason, although pleased to do so we have never consented to put on races on dates which had previously been reserved for other tracks. We make this statement because we have been censured by some for not holding more racing.

Provincial Live Fox Show

A serious outbreak of distemper resulted in a decision being taken by the Silver Fox Breeders and Exhibitors Association not to hold an Exhibition in 1944. This is the second time since the Island Fox Exhibition was first held in 1929 that the Show has been cancelled. The other occasion was in 1932, and an outbreak of distemper was the cause.

High Class Entertainment

Our vaudeville and other attractions were the best obtainable, no expense being spared to bring good acts here. As an example we may cite the Gray Family, brought in the way from San Antonio, Texas. This fine family were all but one born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and carried away as so many others have, happiest recollections of our Isle and its people and have widely advertised us.

Receipts and Disbursements

The Secretary's Report will give an account of our receipts and disbursements, but I would like to stress the fact that to keep a plant like yours that covers some 38 acres and is entirely of wood construction in good repair and appearance involves quite a large expense. It must also be remembered that lumber and labor have almost doubled in price for both a few years ago.

Free Entry To Grounds

While our policy of giving free entrance to our Exhibition is unusual with fairs, yet we feel that it met with the approval of our people, and we hope to continue it at least while our resources remain intact. Our Association was formed primarily for the purpose of bringing together once a year an incentive to raise the standard of quality of these and thereby increase the wealth of our people. We take considerable pride in that year after year we have carried on when other Exhibitions were closed. We believe considerable of the credit for the showing of our horses, cattle, sheep, pigs and poultry at Exhibitions elsewhere and the sales that have been made in Canada and the United States is due to the facilities for showing that we have provided. We are proud of the continued support of our Old Home Week and Exhibition and to Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, O.B.E., and to the members of the Legislature, without whose support and encouragement we could not function. It is also a great pleasure to have the Breed Associations, our Dominion and Provincial Live Stock Officials and ourselves all working in harmony with the exhibitors. We wish also to thank our City Council for extending help to us by their grant and in other ways and the Charlottetown Guardian and the Charlottetown Patriot for generous press publicity during the Summer and Agricultural, the Pioneer and Island Farmer for press support, C.F.C.Y. and C.H.C.S. for their aid on the air, B. Graham Rogers and the Travel Bureau for their helpful efforts, and the Canadian Bank of Commerce, who assisted us in many ways, and finally to the people of our fair Province and visitors from the mainland and abroad who have so generously patronized us year after year.

Receipts

The Provincial Government gave us a grant of \$200.00 for Old Home Week. Of this some \$104.58 was paid out in connection with our Exhibition expenses. The Provincial Government also contributed \$4,780.00 for the Prize List, which was all paid out, and the Breed Associations \$226.00. The City of Charlottetown gave us \$950.00. The balance of our receipts were made up from license entry fees on horses, part-mutuel, afternoon races and vaudeville, evening shows, restaurant, juke counter, refreshment booths, etc. We found that our cash position was improved to the extent of \$1600.00, and we had also spent \$1260.00 on new building and electrical connections and carried out extensive repairs to the plant. Our admission fees were kept at the same level as previous years notwithstanding that our expenses for racing, vaudeville, labor, material and employees have greatly increased. Here are some of our expenditures, other than repairs, painting, new building and taxes:

Race prizes and freight	\$12,108.08
Amusements, Band, Orchestras, etc.	5,398.18
Watchmen, labor, etc.	6,900.64
Advertising	1,720.42
Insurance	1,573.34
Electrical work and light account, not including new work	978.00
Printing, not including Live Stock printing	787.58
Hay and Straw	742.50
Postage and Telegrams	321.87
Sound System	248.00
And a hundred small items that run into a large amount of money	

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