

NOVA SCOTIA'S EXHIBITION.

The prize list for the Nova Scotia exhibition has been issued, and the large sum of \$18,000 is offered in prizes. Heretofore the Nova Scotia exhibition has been open only to the Province, but this year competition is open to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island, and manufacturers to the world, which should make unusually attractive exhibits. No change is made for space or entry of exhibits.

All the stage attractions will take place in front of the grand stand, as well as the big spectacles at night,—The Siege of Sebastopol.

A feature of other fairs will be introduced—a parade of prize animals, which will be held on the track. Cattle will be paraded in the morning on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, at 10 o'clock, horses at 11 same day.

The greatest difficulty has always been experienced by those visiting exhibitions to obtain any information about the various animals shown. A regulation has been made this year that exhibitors must place name and address, and the name of the particular breed to which the animal belongs; the name and age of each animal as far as known, posted in a conspicuous place on their respective stalls on a card which will be furnished by the secretary, so that a person can see at a glance just what the animals are, and all information pertaining to them.

The trains will land all exhibits on the grounds. The difficulty at the old grounds was obtaining water for the stock, but in the new sheds the animals can be watered without being removed from their stalls. Expert judges will be provided for as far as possible. All judging of live stock will be by scale on points. It is expected the expert judge in the live stock departments shall give an address, setting forth the points required in the different classes, using for that purpose a subject taken from the prize winners, which will be a new and important feature for those interested in stock.

A most important change has been made in regard to competition. In previous exhibitions, a person who for instance had the only cattle of a particular breed in the Province could enter three animals in each section, and thus take every prize without any competition whatever. The regulations this year, however, provide that no individual exhibitor can take more than one prize in any one section, unless there is competition, or, in other words, he cannot be a competitor against himself.

The prize money has been largely increased in all the live stock classes. In the horse list there is a prize offered for a foal of the year of exhibition and diplomas are offered for the best stallion, brood mare and three of her get. Prizes are offered for tandems, ladies' saddle horses, best high jumpers, ponies, single, double, four in-hand, and draft horses are placed on a better footing than ever before.

In the cattle classes, among the new prizes are for calf over 6 months and under 1 year, calf under 6 months, and a cow 4 years old and upwards, all for the first time. There are also prizes for a Breeder's Young Heifer, to consist of one bull under 2 years, two heifers 1 year old and under 2 years, and two heifers under 1 year; all except the bull to be bred by the exhibitor. This has never been introduced there before, but is very popular in the West. There are also more prizes for grade and fat cattle than heretofore, and a new feature will be a milk test. The special prize, gold medal, value \$25, to be given for the Thoroughbred or Grade Cow, being the largest producer, quantity and quality to be considered, judged by weight of milk butter fat and other solids. Test to be conducted on Tuesday, Sept 30th.

In the sheep classes, prizes are offered for registered, pure bred, unrecorded and grade sheep. New classes have been added in swine, and special amounts for fat pigs.

A special department has been made for fisheries and fishing gears, including prizes for cod-fish, haddock, hake, pollock, ling, herring, mackerel, shad, salmon, alewives, oils, canned fish, finnan haddies, troutling gear, dories, fishing boat models, oars, nets, trawls, packages for exportation, etc.

Machinery, manufactures, etc., embrace all kinds before the public. Another new department is the fine arts. Prizes are offered for oil paintings, water colors, drawings in outline and shading. Photography is also new; the amateur list includes lantern slides, landscapes with or without figures, marine views, interiors, bromide enlargements, not less than 10x12, instantaneous and photo-micrographs. There are separate classes for professionals and amateurs.

The ladies' department is much more extensive than before, and a Children's Department is something new. Prizes are offered for work by children under 12 years of age, and for work by children under 15 years.

JULY MAGAZINES.

HARPER'S.

The question which is now before the Senate is, in essence, shall the United States enter upon a career of colonial expansion? And before answering it in the affirmative, the Senate ought to be satisfied that the time has come for us to take our place among the nations that are constantly on the verge of war. If it be for our advantage to take Hawaii, how much more advantageous would it be for us to take all the Spanish possessions in the Caribbean Sea? If we need outlying posts and strategic points, we need them more in the Atlantic than in the Pacific, and if we are to take what we need, without regard to the claims of European powers, how can we consistently adhere to the Monroe doctrine, which denies to Europe the right to interfere in American affairs largely because the United States refrain from interfering in European affairs? The Senate, which refuses to consider the most important question of our domestic policy, and which is clearly unable to cope with the currency problem, should not ratify this treaty unless it be convinced that in some mysterious way the addition of the task of colonial government to the present duties of Congress will simplify our home problems. Most of us think these home problems are beyond the power of our politicians, and that there are opportunities enough for our "heelers" and "strikers" to disgrace us without providing more offices for them in distant lands. The Senate should also be convinced that our present attitude of hostility to foreign commerce is wrong; and if it be willing to increase the area of free trade in re-

turn for spoils, it must be satisfied that peace commerce with Hawaii will be actually increased by annexation. Finally, when the United States are facing a war with socialism stimulated by discontent with present financial conditions, is it the time to enter upon a which may result in doubling taxation and enormously increasing our international responsibilities?

These are some of the serious questions which are at once suggested by Mr. McKinley's treaty.—Harper's Weekly.

The persons recommended for office by Senators, Representatives, or other party leaders ordinarily, as Harper's Weekly remarks, belong to one of two classes—those to be provided for, or those to be got rid of. Those to be provided for are usually persons who have been and may still be useful to the party or to the political potentate who recommends them. Those to be got rid of are office-seekers who, like mosquitoes, persistently buzz around the man of influence and make his life more miserable until they get what they want or are rudely shaken off. One of the Senators representing a commonwealth not very far distant from the District of Columbia is reported to be pestered by hundreds of women in his State for comfortable places in the Congressional Library with such furious vehemence and such indomitable tenacity that he, although not at all friendly to civil service reform, secretly prays to have the library put under the civil service rules, simply to save him from the mad-house. Everybody who has had any experience of executive office in the national government knows what kind of argument is now employed with the Librarian by men of political influence who wish to unload upon the library their persons to be provided for or to be got rid of. "Here is a man," says the Senator, "for whom I must have a place in the Library with a good salary—not less than so much." The Librarian mildly inquires about the qualifications of the candidate, and explains that taking care of the great library is a science, and that assistants to be of service must possess considerable professional knowledge and experience. The Senator grows impatient. "I am very tired of this eternal talk about qualification," says he. "Do you mean to say that a man presented by me is unfit? I must have that place for this man, and that is all there is of it." And the Librarian may consider himself lucky if the Senator does not give him to understand that unless that appointment be forthcoming the Librarian's own position may be in danger.

TOPEKA, KANSAS, June 26.—The worst hailstorm known in the history of Kansas struck this city last night. Hail stones weighing 12 to 16 ounces stripped the trees of their foliage, smashed windows, including the finest plate glass store fronts, cut down telegraph and telephone wires, riddled awnings and inflicted unprecedented damage throughout the city. Dogs were struck in the street and instantly killed and horses were knocked to their knees. When the fury of the storm had passed dead birds were found everywhere. Frequent and terrific lightning accompanied the storm. Topeka looks like a city that has withstood an artillery siege. There are not a dozen buildings in the town that are not almost windowless and many roofs were caved in. The damage wrought can better be imagined when it is known that the hail stones ranged in size from that of a hen's egg to that of an ostrich egg, and that thirty minutes after the storm one hailstone was picked up which measured 14 inches in circumference. Surgeons are busy dressing the wounds of persons caught in the storm, and reports of injuries continue to be received.

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HAD NO EAR FOR MUSIC.

As General Grant Could Not Appreciate a Daily Serenade.

In The Century General Horace Porter in "Campaigning With Grant" relates the following anecdote of Grant:

Birthdays had been thrown across the neck of land upon which City Point is located. This intruded line ran from a point on the James to a point on the Appomattox river. A small garrison had been detailed for its defense, and the commanding officer, wishing to do something that would afford the general in chief special delight, arranged to send the band over to the headquarters camp to play for him while he was dining. The garrison commander was in blissful ignorance of the fact that to the general the appreciation of music was a lacking sense and the musician's score a sealed book.

About the third evening after the band had begun its performance the general, while sitting at the mess table, remarked, "I've noticed that that band always begins its noise just about the time I am sitting down to dinner and want to talk." I offered to go and make an effort to suppress it, and see whether it would obey an order to "cease firing," and my services were promptly accepted. The men were gorgeously uniformed, and the band seemed to embrace every sort of brass instrument ever invented, from a diminutive cornet-a-piston to a gigantic double bass horn. The performer who played the latter instrument was engaged within its ample twists and looked like a man standing inside the coils of a whisky still. The broad belted bandmaster was puffing with all the vigor of a quack medicine advertisement, his eyes were riveted upon the music, and it was not an easy task to attract his attention. Like a sperm whale, he had come up to blow, and was not going to be put down till he had finished. But finally he was made to understand that, like the hand organ man, he was desired to move on. With a look of distaste on his countenance, he at last marched off his band to his camp.

On my return the general said: "I fear that bandmaster's feelings have been hurt. But I didn't want him to be wasting his time upon a person who has no ear for music." A staff officer remarked, "Well, general, you were at least much more considerate than Commodore —, who, the day he came to take command of his vessel, and was seated at dinner in the cabin, heard music on deck, and immediately sent for the executive officer and said to him, 'Have the instruments and men of that band thrown overboard at once!'"

THE WIFE OF NANSEN.

Romantic Manner in Which the Arctic Explorer First Met Her.

Of Dr. Nansen's wife not much information has found its way into print. She seems to have a very imperfectly developed taste for publicity, but what is known of her is interesting and indicates that she is an uncommon woman both in talent and character. It is recorded by Dr. Nansen's biographers, Brogger and Rolfsen, that his first meeting with his future wife was in the woods about Frogner Sæter, where one day, observing the soles of two feet sticking up out of the snow, he approached them, with natural curiosity, in time to see the head of Eva Sars emerge from a snow bank. Dr. Nansen was married in 1859 after his return from his successful expedition across Greenland. When he started in the Fram in 1893, his wife, left at home at Lysaker, near Christiania, with one child, turned for occupation to the development and use of her gifts as a singer, and with notable success.

King Oscar of Sweden is one of her admirers, and especially likes her singing, which he has often heard, and since she has been in England the compliment has been paid her of asking her to sing before the queen. She is a staunch backer of her adventurous husband, whose departure on his perilous errand cost her anxieties and misgivings about which she said little at the time. Since her husband's return she has sometimes spoken in conversation of her fears, and has said that careful comparison of Dr. Nansen's diary with her record or remembrance of her own sensations bears her out in the belief that the times when she was the most concerned about him were the seasons of his greatest peril. That implies a telepathic communication born of intense sympathy and solicitude, the possibility of which science seems no longer disposed to deny.—Philadelphia Times.

Famous Battle Steeds.

The most celebrated battle steeds of the civil war were Cincinnati, Traveler and Winchester, the favorite chargers of Grant, Lee and Sheridan. When the hero of Vicksburg visited Cincinnati a few months after the close of that brilliant campaign, he was requested to visit a dying man, who was exceedingly desirous of seeing him. When they met, the invalid said: "General Grant, I wish to give you a noble horse, who has no superior on the continent, as a testimony of my admiration for your character and past services to our country. There is a condition attached to the gift—that you will always treat him kindly." Grant accepted the magnificent bay, of course, faithfully keeping his promise, and named him Cincinnati. He was a son of Lexington, with a single exception the fastest four mile thoroughbred that ever ran on an American course. The general was offered \$10,000 for the horse, as he had a record of speed almost equal to that of his famous half brother Kentucky. Cincinnati was a superb and spirited steed of great endurance, Grant riding him almost constantly during the Wilderness campaign, and passing from end to end of our long line. The noble horse was retired soon after the close of the war, enjoying "an old age of dignified leisure" on a Maryland estate, where his master frequently saw him, and where he died and received honorable burial in September, 1874.—Outlook.

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