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### THE UNIONVILLE FAIR.

The Unionville Fair for 1884 has come and gone and its managers have just cause to feel proud of this year's exhibition. Early in the spring the directors decided to make extensive additions, alterations and improvements, which have been carried out to the satisfaction of all concerned. In taking a retrospective glance to the days when this society was in its infancy, under the present management, and contrasting that position with its standing to-day, we think no fair in Canada can boast of such a record. In 1871 when the fair was removed from Brockville to Unionville the whole available assets were \$13,000 and an old tin box filled with supplies, which probably were worth only \$500. To-day the society owns 100 acres of land and buildings worth at least \$25,000, and we believe that this year's balance is strong. They can show nearly a clear sheet. The last year that the fair was held at Brockville the receipts for admission were less than \$400. This year the receipts alone are over \$500, this with the fees collected for stands, shows, games, etc., and new memberships, will foot up to nearly, if not quite, \$700, and if the counter attraction of the Delta Fair and Forepaugh's circus, which have interfered the receipts from other sources would have realized \$850 & \$900.

We wish here to digress only that the plea put forth by the Gleaner is that the dates for the Unionville Fair were fixed after the dates for the Delta Fair were decided on is not correct. Our fair has always (since its removal to Unionville) been held in the third week of September and should by this time be sufficiently known as to prevent other fairs from fixing dates that would conflict with ours.

On Thursday morning last as we stepped inside the gate our heart swelled with pardonable pride at the sight presented to our gaze. A hasty run over the grounds and through the buildings revealed the fact that the exhibition of 1884 far exceeded anything ever before seen in connection with the Brockville Electoral District Society. Directly in front of the main entrance stands the large hall, a building 28x108 with two wings of 28x40 feet each. On entering we found the front wing completely filled with the finer articles of ladies work and domestic manufactur-

ers. A table extends down the whole length of this wing, while overhead strong wires were suspended on which were displayed in endless variety the crazy quilts, pieced and patch quilts, and other articles in that line, while on the tables were piled rolls of carpeting, flannels, etc. The first object that drew our attention was a large and choice collection of stuffed birds and animals, the property of Mrs. R. E. Cornell, Dickins. We understand that these specimens were prepared by Mrs. Cornell, and certainly the selections and arrangements of this collection would have done credit to a provincial exhibition. The left hand side of this wing was completely filled with pictures from the brush and pencil of C. C. Slack, Farmersville; Miss Lou Wiltsie, Dickins; and Messrs. C. B. Taggart, Wm. Saddaby, Murray & Son, and R. Eastman, Brockville. The picture gallery was much admired, and while we have no desire to favor any place or person, we were entirely satisfied with the award of the judges, which gave the special prize offered by the editor of the Reporter, for the best collection of paintings by amateurs, to our young and talented townsman, C. C. Slack. Passing on to the centre of the building we found an immense flower stand nicely filled with house plants and flowers. Feels were entertained at one time that this department would be a failure this year, owing to unforeseen circumstances which prevented R. H. Heath, of Brockville, from making the display arranged for. However, the Misses Brown, of Dickins, and Mrs. Wm. Mott, of Farmersville, were induced to assist the directors to fill up this department, and right nobly did they respond, for the display made by the ladies mentioned were admitted by all to be the best collection ever exhibited at our fair. Turning to the right we entered another wing, occupied in the centre by 18 or 20 sets of as fine looking harness as was ever shown in this part of Canada. G. A. Rudd, Brockville; M. J. Wiltsie, Smith's Falls; and W. A. Acton, Gananoque, were the principal manufacturers exhibiting. Rudd succeeded in carrying off all the red tickets and also selling out his entire exhibit. This speaks volumes for George for in Messrs. Wilson and Acton he had good and keen competitors. On the right of this wing, behind a picket railing, were placed the display of small articles of dairy produce, consisting of bread, honey, molasses, sugar, vinegar, canned fruits and a thousand and one other articles. On the opposite side was a fine display of apples, grapes and other small fruits, in all a splendid collection. The principal exhibitors in this department were James Bullock, Lyn, and J. McEathron, representing the Renfrew Fruit and Floral company. We understand Mr. Bullock was so well pleased with his success here that he intends taking his collection to Ottawa to the Provincial Exhibition. Passing round to the north wing we found a raised platform extending down each

side of the building on which were placed four nicely finished organs made by I. J. Mansell & Co., of Brockville. Mr. Mansell was present in person and gave any desired information in regard to their instruments. A little further down and we found a large space occupied with the furniture exhibit of Stevens Bros., of Farmersville. Their display consisted of a parlor and bedroom suite put up in the latest style and drew marked attention. We understand that the firm were well pleased with the result of their experiment in exhibiting, having taken several orders for their goods, as well as getting more thoroughly acquainted with the people of the surrounding country. On the opposite side of this wing were ranged the different makes of sewing machines. Our old friend, N. H. Beecher, with C. A. Wood as an assistant, was as lively as a bee explaining the merits and good qualities of "that star that leads them all," "The Domestic." Jos. L. Gallagher, Newboro, with an able assistant, was also to the front with the high arm Davis. We should judge that this firm anticipated a large increase in the population of these united counties during the next year as they seemed to be particularly anxious to show the ladies how easily their machine would do all the finer sewing required by the younger portion of the community. In fact we were told that Joe must have made at least half a hundred caps for children. "Just to show easy it can be done, you know." On emerging from this wing we found ourselves in the Roots and Vegetable Department. Here were piled up an immense quantity of roots of all kinds. One enthusiastic Irishman was heard to exclaim, "Begorra, but the loikes of thim pittaties I never saw, short of ould Ireland!" The president, Mr. Neilson, of Lyn, showed us a new variety, which he claims is very prolific. He proposes dividing this year's crop among the members of the society for seed. Stepping from the main building we soon found ourselves in the old floral hall which is now used for the grain and seeds, butter, cheese, etc., a fair display was made. The display of carriages was small. A very fine hearse shown by Stevens Bros., Farmersville, attracted a good deal of attention. The display of machinery was good, there being no less than three self-binding harvesters on the grounds. A trial of these machines took place at 4 p.m. on Thursday and the universal opinion was that the "Little Brantford" done the best work. There was a splendid show of poultry, John Bellow, Brockville; R. E. Foster, Greenbush, and Whitney, Gananoque, being the principal exhibitors. The cattle were about the same in quantity but better in quality than on previous years, one exhibitor remarking that it was no use to bring an inferior animal to Unionville Fair. The show of horses was the best ever seen at Unionville. Finally, in conclusion, we are pleased to say that the fair passed off quietly, no disturbance of any kind.

### THE TEMPERANCE CAUSE

Interesting Items of the Prohibition Movement.

At the recent session of the fall assizes held in Brockville the grand jury, with Samuel Simpson, foreman, in the chair, the following resolution was moved by R. R. Phillips, Esq., seconded by Rainy Loucks, Esq. That in the opinion of the gentlemen composing the grand jury, the liquor traffic is a great evil and that in order to repress such evil we trust that the Temperance act of 1878 may be adopted in these united counties of Leeds and Grenville. Carried unanimously.

We see by our American exchanges that the Brewers' association of the United States have resolved to vote solidly against any party that will not protect the interest of the brewers and other manufacturers of drink. These opponents of prohibition can be counted upon to act as a unit. The wording of their resolution (passed a short time ago at a brewers' convention), is that, "In this matter we will act together as a unit no matter how strong our individual party affiliations may be." Party leaders have been notified that they must heed these men or feel the weight of their votes in opposition. We think that the time has fully come for the advocates of temperance to make politicians of both parties distinctly understand that they too are a numerous body of men who have also the courage of their convictions, a class of voters politicians dare not any longer ignore when framing platforms and nominating candidates. The rumbling of the coming storm is heard in the distant and already the temperance people are awaking to the necessity of protecting their interests by soliciting sober and reliable men to represent them at the Dominion and Provincial capitals, as well as at the council boards.

### The Scott Act in Halton County.

Editor Reporter.  
Sir,—During the past week my business called me through the county of Halton, which has now become a household word all over this land, and I felt anxious to have an opportunity of seeing, conversing with some of its inhabitants regarding the past contest which has resulted in such a glorious victory to our cause, and also to hear of the practical working of the Scott act. The general verdict is that "prohibition does prohibit," and that the social drinking, which I believe to be one of the most frightful causes of drunkenness, is a thing of the past there. It is a great exception when a drunken man is seen in the streets. With such results do you not think, Mr. Editor, we ought to take courage and work with a will in the coming contest and victory will surely crown our efforts.  
D. F.