

was almost as well known on the other side of the Atlantic as it was on this; and he hoped that, although this was his first, it would not be his last visit among them. (Loud cheers). America was trying to improve her stock, and was glad to send to the mother country to enable her to do so. He was very grateful to the noble Earl for the kind allusions he had made to America. They were brothers in habits and in religion—(cheers)—and if at any time, through spots on the political horizon, assistance should be required of America for the mother country, that would never be wanting (loud cheers); for on the other side of the Atlantic, people looked upon England as the only stronghold of Liberty, and he trusted that between the two countries the most amicable feelings would ever continue to exist."

The *Mark Lane Express* has the following remarks in reference to the above meeting:—

"This is now the twenty-seventh anniversary of the Babraham letting: and we are told by those who have been most frequently in the habit of attending, that it was in every respect one of the best. The proof here, in some measure, must be taken from the auctioneer's book, which gives a lining of seventy-one sheep at a gross return of £1,531. In these are included a ram, one of the prize sheep at the Lewes show of last year, which let at the extraordinary sum of one hundred and thirty guineas! It may appear difficult to many of our friends to justify such a bidding as this—one that reads, in fact, something like that approach to "fancy prices," with which the sober business of farming has or should have little or nothing to do. When it further comes out, too, that the gentleman hiring it was the stranger-visitor from the other side of the Atlantic, the less weight may we feel inclined to attach to such a precedent, as the less likely to see it followed up. No one, as it is now almost proverbially known, goes ahead with so much determination as brother Jonathan, when he has once set his heart upon having "an article." It is his pride, and boast, too, to try the length of his purse against the old country; and so, whether it be a race-horse, a short-horn, or South-down, "the figure" he went to becomes a prominent feature in the report of his bargain. Good judgement and good advice may do much for him; but it is what Sam Slick calls "the speit" that, after all, stamps the value of his Derby winner, his Bates' heifer, or his Jonas Webb's ram.

We should be the last to dispute the real judgement and care evinced by most of our friends from the United States in their purchases of stock. Indeed, as we have already had occasion to state within these few weeks, they are becoming day by day better qualified to make their own selections, and not to trust so much to those "introductions" on which they at first altogether depended. Mr. Roche, in fact, has ample confirmation for the long price to which he extended his offer at the letting on Wednesday. The last bid against him was, we believe, a *bona fide* one, from an English agriculturist, deservedly distinguished as a breeder of some of our best kinds of farm-horses and cattle, though not yet so famous for his flock. Still there is no gainsaying but

that this extraordinary price, standing *per se*, might naturally be regarded with something like a doubt as to its genuine character; and hence the attention we have called to, and the comment we have offered upon it.

There are fewer who have not heard, if not all enjoyed, the pleasures and real "treat" the Babraham day affords to the lover of agriculture and of rural life. Perhaps of all the many scenes and "sights" our visitors from the United States may be called on to witness or to take a part in, none will be calculated to make a deeper impression upon them than this; none can certainly give them a better notion of what the individual exertions of an Englishman may accomplish, or of how liberally his fellows can encourage and enjoy his success. The first to originate gatherings of this description, none has ever essayed on them with better taste, or in a more thorough spirit of national hospitality, than Jonas Webb."

The Agriculturist.

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PROGRAMME OF THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION,

TO BE HELD AT HAMILTON, OCTOBER 4TH TO 7TH, 1853.

As this great annual event is near at hand, and knowing the interest which our readers and the public generally feel in the undertaking, it may serve a useful purpose to sketch in regular order, the principal outlines of the proceedings of the Show week.

The site chosen for the Exhibition, is precisely fitted for the purpose, and the Local Committee are making the most energetic exertions for completing the buildings and arrangements in a satisfactory manner. The *Hamilton Spectator*, in reference to the site for the Show, observes:—

"A more beautiful site for an exhibition of this sort is not to be found in the Province. The ground is finely undulating, interspersed with handsome shady oaks, and covers some of the highest points of land in the city. Upon a natural mound, rising some feet above the others, is to be erected the Grand Association Stand, a building of one hundred and sixty feet long and two stories high, and from this point is presented one of the most enchanting views imaginable. Several capacious tents will be employed. To the south and west we have the bold scenery presented by the mountain front, as it sweeps away in the direction of Ancaster and Flamboro', encircling with its rugged arm this favored spot, and forming an amphitheatre of surpassing grandeur and beauty; while to the east and north the eye is charmed with a panoramic view—embracing the city, the bay, the shipping, the dis-