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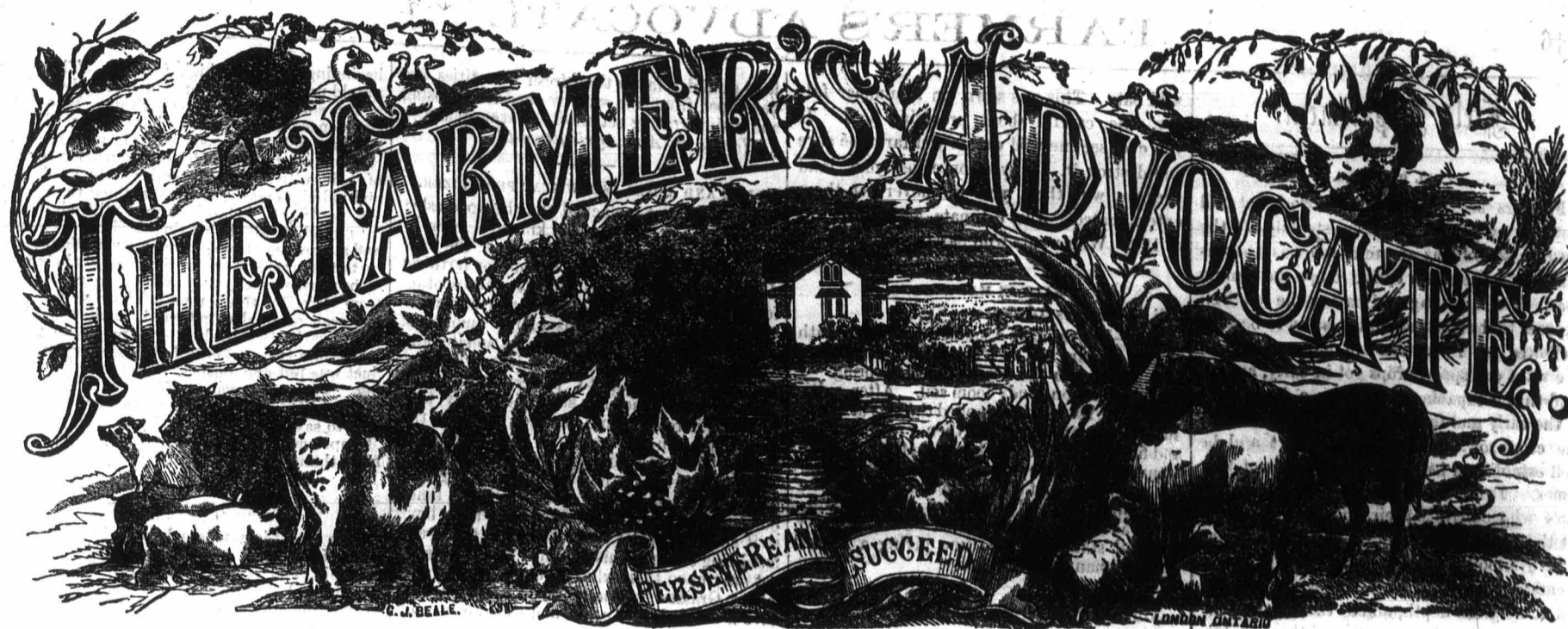
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**To Our Patrons.**

We are pleased to inform you that we have secured the services of Mr. J. Mackelcan—late leading editor of the *Canada Farmer*, and for several years, correspondent of the *Country Gentleman*—to aid us in editing and managing the *FARMER'S ADVOCATE*.

Mr. Mackelcan has long been known to the agriculturists of America as a practical farmer, and one of the best writers on agricultural matters in Canada. His knowledge of live stock particularly, is greatly appreciated among breeders. Our aim will be to make this journal equal to any agricultural paper on the continent, and to give our patrons a really first-class paper, thoroughly devoted to the interests of the cultivators of the soil.

As we shall be put to a heavy additional expense in securing a continuation of such services, we must look to our patrons to lend us a helping hand in maintaining our position and increasing the usefulness and popularity of the *FARMER'S ADVOCATE*, by largely increasing its circulation for 1872. We hope that by the 1st of January, 1872, our subscription list will at least be doubled. The arrangement just made will leave us more at liberty to attend to the *Emporium*, and to devote more of our time to visiting our friends and obtaining information.

Mr. Mackelcan will attend to all matters concerning the purchase and sale of thoroughbred stock, and, being a first-class judge, his recommendation can be relied upon.

**Co-operation Among Farmers.**

Farmers need a little better understanding of the advantages to be derived from co-operating together with one another. Farmers' Clubs should be organized this fall in every ward or section of each township, and some place of meeting appointed where they can assemble together of an evening, say once or twice a week, to discuss matters generally, regarding the crops, markets, stock, etc. Efforts should be made to counteract the doings of the speculators and middle men in forming combinations to cheat the hard-working producer out of a portion of his earnings,

for their own benefit, by working into each other's hands to lower prices in local markets, in order that they may sell at a heavy margin in more distant ones. Money should be subscribed sufficient to obtain at least half a dozen of the leading agricultural papers, known to be favorable to the farmers' interests and opposed to speculators, and in these the market reports should be closely scanned. Arrangements might be entered into for the purchase of choice male animals, to be used by the members of the Club and kept where they can be easily accessible by one who has every convenience for doing so to advantage, and at a moderate expense. Discussions of a general nature should take place, bearing upon all that is likely to affect the farmers' interests. We believe that by a proper system of co-operation and unity of interests, farmers might be greatly benefitted every way.

**Attend the Fair.**

The number of Agricultural Fairs to be held this year is larger than ever before. In addition to the usual County and Township Exhibitions, we have some already on a larger scale, with premium lists amounting to from \$6,000 to \$8,000, located at leading central points, such as London, Hamilton and Guelph have been organized. These will prove peculiarly attractive, as such liberal prizes will induce a large attendance of stock breeders and implement makers, with their animals and implements. Railways have reduced the costs of travelling, as well as abridged the time required so greatly, that there is no excuse for the farmers to stay at home during these stirring times. Many new ideas will be gained, many friends made, and all will tend to advance our agricultural interests.

**Northern Ohio Fair.**

Editor *Farmer's Advocate*.  
SIR,—In the September number of the *FARMER'S ADVOCATE*, I observed a notice of the Northern Ohio Fair, to be held at Cleveland on the 12th to 16th of Sept., and, being a little desirous to see something of Yankee Land, on Monday the 11th, I, together with one of my boys and a little three year old Durham Bull calf, which weighed 2250 lbs., started for the Buckeye State. We arrived at Cleveland on Tuesday, and immediately made for the Fair Grounds, five miles distant.

As you invited your Canadian friends to give you a description of the Show, (provided you were not there) I shall now endeavor to do so, at least to give you some idea of a Yankee Fair.

The Fair Ground comprises some 90 acres of beautiful rolling land, soil, sandy loam. It is beautifully interspersed with shade trees, and is admirably adapted for the purpose. The Cattle and Horse Stalls occupy nearly two sides of the field, while the Sheep and Hog Pens occupy a very considerable space in the Grounds. As to the Show as a whole, it was a splendid affair, although coming behind our Provincial Show in one or two departments. In most others it was far in advance. In Short Horns, the animals exhibited were splendid specimens. One herd, shown by Mr. Jesse Waglen, Washington, were as near perfection as it is possible almost to be; his bull, which obtained the first Prize and the Sweepstakes, was the most beautiful animal I ever saw; he was not very large, weighing at three years of age, 2000 lbs., but he was a perfect picture. There was not a very large quantity exhibited, but the quality was excellent. The Herefords made a very good show. Ayrshires, Devons and Alderneys were pretty well represented. Of the horses, I need only say that they were splendid, especially the Carriage horses, fine, noble animals, 16 and 18 hands high. As a whole, I never saw a display of horses like it in Canada. In Sheep, the Merinoes, of course, were the most numerous, but some very good flocks of Longwools were shown. The best of these however were from Canada, William Jeffrey, of Whitby, and Geo. Mitchell, of Darlington, showing some very fine sheep. In hogs there was a very fine display, the large breeds however seeming to be most prevalent. The Lincolnshires are beginning to be introduced, and there was some inquiry for Berkshires.

But it was not so much in Live Stock that the Show was such a complete success, as in the other departments; all of which, with the exception of Farm Products, were splendid. With the single exception of cheese, in the Farm Products, any ordinary Township Show in Canada would far outstrip it. As an example, there were only 23 bags of grain, all told, and half bushels at that. I could only count seven tubs of butter. In cheese, however, the display was very fine, one cheese weighing 1850 lbs. The flowers and fruits were magnificent, filling an immense hall, 140 by 60 to its utmost capacity, almost every variety of each being displayed. Perhaps, how-

ever, the Mechanical Hall, together with the various implements for labor-saving purposes were the most attractive and useful portions of the Exhibition. From the powerful steam engine down to the latest invention—a machine for catching Potato Bugs—every kind and variety of labor-saving implements were on hand; one large building was filled entirely with sewing machines. With all these machines, implements and inventions, there were, of course, the usual amount of talkers, setting forth the merits of their wares, and claiming their's to be the only ones perfect. I can not, however, pretend to give any detailed statement of the different departments; suffice it to say, that in the general arrangement of the Grounds, the immense capacity and value of the Buildings, and the display of all the various mechanical, scientific, and ornamental portions of the Exhibition, it was far ahead of anything I ever saw at our local or Provincial Fairs in Canada. In the necessary and more immediate products of the farm, however, we are far ahead, their farm products being insignificant. Their cattle though good, were not plentiful, at least to one who had ever been at our Provincial Fairs. I may say that the animal I took with me did not disgrace Canada, as he took the second prize in the aged class, being only three years old and being beaten only by a bull that had taken the Sweepstakes at three Shows previous to this one. Messrs. Mitchell and Jeffrey also took the principal prizes in the Longwooled classes of sheep.

The officers of the association treated us very kindly, doing all in their power to render our visit agreeable. Many inquiries were made for Mr. Miller, who was there last year with stock and there seemed to be considerable regret that he had not this year put in an appearance with some of his fine animals.

As to the number of people on the grounds, it was simply immense. On Thursday alone, 50,000 tickets were sold. The weather was beautiful, and the display well worth a trip across Lake Erie to see. There was one feature that was extremely pleasing; during the five days that I remained upon the show ground, I did not see one single individual drunk, or even tipsy—of course nothing intoxicating was allowed on the ground. As to the horse racing I can tell you nothing, as I did not visit that part of the grounds. I believe, however, that the horses ran well, the people hurrahed loud, and the winners went home well pleased.

Hoping you will have a splendid Western Fair at London, I am, dear sir,  
Yours truly,  
ALPHA.