

## Agricultural Intelligence.

### The Coming Short-Horn Convention at Toronto.

S. F. Lockridge, Greencastle, Ind., Secretary of the American Association of Breeders of Short-horns, has issued the following circular calling attention to the forthcoming Convention of Short-horn Breeders which will be held in Toronto on Wednesday, Dec. 1st:

Your attention is respectfully called to the Fourth Annual Convention of the American Association of Breeders of Short-horns, to be held at Toronto, Province of Ontario, beginning Wednesday, December 1st, 1875, and continuing two days.

An interesting programme will be arranged, consisting of essays and discussions on matters of interest to the Association, to be participated in by the ablest writers and speakers in the States and Provinces. The Conventions of the Association have, so far, been liberally attended, and prove how earnestly the breeders of the country second the efforts that are being made to increase and disseminate the knowledge of the "Science of Short-Horn Breeding." And in no other way, perhaps, can this be accomplished so effectually as through these annual gatherings of the men immediately connected with the profession. There are no better educators, so to speak, than these Annual Conventions where the practical experience of men grown old in the service, as well as the less matured opinions and theories of younger men are related, sifted and discussed, and finally, together with the verdict of the Convention, are carried, by means of the press, to the first of every breeder in the country.

As the forthcoming Convention will be held near the borders of the two countries, it is hoped this fact will contribute to an unusually large attendance, and aid in making it more important than any yet convened.

The breeders of Canada have kindly signified their intention to make the event one of special interest, and to extend a warm welcome to their friends, and it is hoped that the breeders of the States will reciprocate these efforts, both by a large attendance at the Convention, and also by laboring to make it a successful one, and thus promote a proper feeling in the Brotherhood of Breeders, as well as between the two countries.

A general invitation is herewith extended to breeders to prepare essays and addresses for the Convention; and they are requested to notify the Secretary of the subjects selected, that a proper programme may be prepared.

### Toronto Fall Exhibition.

The Fall Show of the Toronto Electoral Division Society will commence on Tuesday Sept. 28th, and continue till 2 o'clock on the following Friday. The Directors are sparing no pains to render this Exhibition a success. The Prize List is a liberal one, and of a varied character. The railroad and steamboat companies have agreed to carry stock and articles for exhibition at one fare for both ways, and will carry passengers at greatly reduced rates. Live stock for Exhibition must be on the grounds not later than noon on Tuesday, 28th; other articles on the Saturday or Monday previous. Members and members' goods for exhibition will be admitted free. The Exhibition will close on Friday, Oct. 1, with an address from the President, Mr. Philip Armstrong.

We are certain that no appeal is necessary to induce the farmers to support the Exhibition. A bounteous harvest has been gathered in, prospects are favorable for remunerative prices, and farmers are feeling cheerful all round. They have articles to exhibit of which they may well feel proud. Nothing but unusually vile weather can prevent our Exhibition being successful.

### The First Prizes at the English Shows.

*Bell's Messenger* takes off in a humorous manner the late awards of first prizes at the English Shows. It is getting to be quite well known over there that the direction in which the prize will go, depends more on who is the judge than on the merit of the cattle. Says our English friend:

All the world opened its eyes very wide when at the Gloucestershire show the other day Mr. Stratton's Protector was placed before the veteran Royal first prize-winner, Mr. Outhwaite's Royal Windsor. Protector had been beaten by Duke of Aosta, a few days before, at Taunton. It did seem humiliating that the former champion bull of England should yield place to one from not quite the front rank of this year's Royal show. An exhibitor of less self-possession than "The Invincible" might have stormed under the defeat. He who can afford to wait, is a happy and a strong man. Mr. Outhwaite's turn of triumph was not long in coming round, and victory was received with the same characteristic complacency that had met a temporary reverse.

The up and down judging of the past few weeks is really very encouraging, if considered in the spirit of sage philosophy. It is just the thing to give every one a chance. If one has a shorthorn at all presentable before judges, no doubt it will win somewhere, if repeatedly exhibited; and see what a weight of honor comes when he does win! Protector has beaten Royal Windsor, who has beaten Duke of Aosta, who has beaten — no need to trace Jack's house-building any further. An infinite array of medals and rosettes may be considered as forfeited to Protector, the conqueror of conquerors. This holds good for ever, for catalogue annotation or private boast. Then what shall we say of Royal Windsor, who surpassed himself in beating the bull that had beaten the bull that had beaten him. The same argument applies to Duke of Aosta.

Again, Winsome 16th, the Bedfordshire best in the yard, twice succumbs to the attractions of Zvezda, but is after all declared to be a better than the Royal winner, who had beaten Mr. Kennard's Olga, who had beaten, &c., &c., and the partisans of Booth and Bates have alternately their claim recognized, like the rival tobaccoists, Mr. Farr and his opposite neighbor, the latter drawing all the customers by a notification that he sold "the best tobacco," until the other filled his shop and coffers by advertising "the best tobacco by Farr;" whereupon the first house successfully displayed the offer of "far better tobacco than the best tobacco by Farr."

### Registry of Bulls with only Four Crosses Colors.

At a late meeting of the Short-horn Society of Great Britain and Ireland, a committee reported:

That applications having been received from Mr. Outhwaite, Mr. Jameson, and others, asking for the insertion of bulls with only four crosses in the Herd-book, notwithstanding the rule of the Society to the contrary, and it having been represented that much hardship will arise if such bulls be excluded, inasmuch as the breeders used them while Mr. Stratford's rule was in operation, and before the Society's rule was adopted, in the expectation that they would be entered as theretofore, the committee recommended that in all such cases the bulls be accepted for entry in the forthcoming volume, but that they be given in a special list, and that this exception to the Society's rule shall not apply to any future volume.

The committee also recommended that descriptions in the Herd-book as to color be confined to white, roan, red, and red and white, all sub-varieties of these colors being omitted.

This report was received and adopted.

At the same meeting, Mr. Beauford gave notice that at the next meeting of the council he should move "That the council enter into an arrangement with Mr. Thornton in reference to his *Quarterly Circular*, and continue the publication of the same."

### Coming Agricultural Shows.

Name of Shows.	Place where held.	Date.
Morris.....	Blyth.....	Sep. 14, 15.
Finch.....	South Finch.....	Sep. 14.
South Grenville.....	Prescott.....	Sep. 15-17.
West Hastings.....	Belleville.....	Sep. 16, 17.
Brockville & Elizabeth-town.....	.....	Sep. 16, 17.
Provincial.....	Ottawa.....	Sep. 20-24.
South Waterloo.....	Preston.....	Sep. 21, 22.
Hullett.....	Clinton.....	Sep. 21, 22.
Reach and Seugog.....	Port Perry.....	Sep. 21, 22.
West Huron.....	Seaford.....	Sep. 23, 24.
Bentineck Ag. Soc.....	Hanover.....	Sep. 23.
East Elgin.....	St. Thomas.....	Sep. 23.
Wilmot.....	New Hamburg.....	Sep. 23.
Normandy.....	Neustadt.....	Sep. 23.
Biddulph.....	Granton.....	Sep. 24.
Howard.....	Ridgetown.....	Sep. 24.
Yarmouth.....	Yarmouth Centre.....	Sep. 24.
Trenton Hort. Ex.....	Trenton.....	Sep. 25.
East Zorra.....	Tavistock.....	Sep. 27.
Owen Sound Hort. Soc.....	Owen Sound.....	Sep. 28, 29.
Toronto.....	Toronto.....	Sep. 28-Oct. 1.
Western.....	London.....	Sep. 28-Oct. 1.
Turnberry.....	Wingham.....	Sep. 28.
Hibbert.....	Staffa.....	Sep. 28.
Oswegatchie.....	Ogdensburg.....	Sep. 28-30.
Turnberry.....	Wingham.....	Sep. 28.
Minto.....	Harriston.....	Sep. 28.
Union.....	Hamilton.....	Sep. 28-Oct. 1.
Elma and Wallace.....	Listowell.....	Sep. 29, 30.
Peterboro' Central.....	Peterboro'.....	Sep. 29-Oct. 1.
Muskoka.....	Bracebridge.....	Sep. 29.
East Tilbury.....	Town Hall.....	Sep. 29.
South Grey.....	Durham.....	Sep. 29.
East Wawanosh.....	Belgrave.....	Sep. 30.
East Huron.....	Brussels.....	Sep. 30-Oct. 1.
North Ontario.....	Uxbridge.....	Sep. 30, Oct. 1.
Mara.....	Mara.....	Sep. 30.
West Gwillimbury.....	Bradford.....	Sep. 30, Oct. 1.
Pickering.....	Brougham.....	Sep. 30, Oct. 1.
North Ontario.....	Uxbridge.....	Sep. 30, Oct. 1.
Osnaburck.....	Osnaburck Centre.....	Sep. 30.

### West Durham and Dar-

lington.....	Bowmanville.....	Sep. 30, Oct. 1.
Bexley, Laxton & Digby.....	Norland.....	Sep. 30.
North Grey.....	Owen Sound.....	Sep. 30.
Dufferin.....	Orangeville.....	Sep. 30, Oct. 1.
Lucknow.....	Lucknow.....	Oct. 1.
Elma.....	Newry.....	Oct. 1.
Somerville.....	Cobocok.....	Oct. 1.
Lucknow.....	Lucknow.....	Oct. 1.
Oro.....	Oro.....	Oct. 1.
Osprey.....	Feversham.....	Oct. 1.
Esquesing.....	Georgetown.....	Oct. 2.
South Victoria.....	Lindsay.....	Oct. 4, 5.
East Kent.....	Thamesville.....	Oct. 4, 5.
Bexley and Carden.....	Victoria R'd St'n.....	Oct. 4.
Sydenham.....	Annan.....	Oct. 4.
Zurich.....	Zurich.....	Oct. 5, 6.
Peel.....	Brampton.....	Oct. 5, 6.
East Riding of Simcoe.....	Orillia.....	Oct. 5.
Smith's Hill.....	Smith's Hill.....	Oct. 5.
South Brant.....	Brantford.....	Oct. 5, 6.
So. Riding Perth.....	St. Mary's.....	Oct. 5, 6.
North Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	Oct. 5, 6.
East Lambton.....	Forest.....	Oct. 5.
Mitchell.....	Mitchell.....	Oct. 5, 6.
Wellesley.....	Crosshill.....	Oct. 5.
North Middlesex.....	Ailsa Craig.....	Oct. 5, 6.
Thorold.....	Thorold.....	Oct. 5.
Markham & Whitechurch.....	Stouffville.....	Oct. 5, 6.
West Elgin.....	Wallacetown.....	Oct. 5.
Nassagaweya.....	Nassagaweya.....	Oct. 5.
East Flamboro'.....	East Flamboro'.....	Oct. 5.
Midland Central.....	Kingston.....	Oct. 5-7.
Edwardsburg.....	Spencerville.....	Oct. 5, 6.
Hy Branch.....	Zurich.....	Oct. 5, 6.
McDora and Wood.....	Port Carling.....	Oct. 5.
Essex.....	Thornton.....	Oct. 5.
Centre Wellington.....	Elora.....	Oct. 5, 6.
Derby.....	Kilsyth.....	Oct. 5.
Egremont.....	Holstein.....	Oct. 5.
East Grey.....	Flesherton.....	Oct. 5.
Stephen and Osborne.....	Exeter.....	Oct. 6, 7.
St. Vincent.....	Meaford.....	Oct. 6.
Rawdon.....	Rawdon.....	Oct. 6.
North Victoria.....	Glenarm.....	Oct. 6.
North Brock.....	Cannington.....	Oct. 6.
North and West Oxford.....	.....	.....
and Cheese Show.....	Ingersoll.....	Oct. 6, 7.
McDougall, Foley and Carling.....	Parry Sound.....	Oct. 6.
West Huron.....	Dungannon.....	Oct. 6, 7.
Haldimand.....	Cayuga.....	Oct. 6.
West Kent.....	Chatham.....	Oct. 6, 7.
Ancaster.....	Ancaster.....	Oct. 6.
Winchester.....	Chesterville.....	Oct. 6.
Howick.....	Gorrie.....	Oct. 6.
Holland.....	Arnot.....	Oct. 6.
Arran.....	Tara.....	Oct. 6.
West Wellington.....	Mount Forest.....	Oct. 6, 7.
South Bruce.....	Teeswater.....	Oct. 6, 7.
Watt Ag. Soc.....	Dee Bank.....	Oct. 7.
North Brant.....	.....	Oct. 7, 8.
North Riding of Perth.....	Stratford.....	Oct. 7, 8.
Welland.....	Welland.....	Oct. 7, 8.
East York.....	Markham.....	Oct. 7, 8.
Trafalgar.....	Trafalgar.....	Oct. 7, 8.
South Brock.....	Sunderland.....	Oct. 7, 8.
North Hastings.....	Near Luke's, Huntingdon.....	Oct. 7.
South Simcoe.....	Cookstown.....	Oct. 7, 8.
Thorah.....	Beaverton.....	Oct. 8.
Algoma.....	The Sault.....	Oct. 8.
Western Branch.....	York.....	Oct. 8.
West Zorra.....	Embro.....	Oct. 8.
Nottawasaga.....	Collingwood.....	Oct. 8.
Tyendinaga.....	Shannonville.....	Oct. 9.
Ameliasburg.....	Ameliasburg.....	Oct. 9.
Artemisia.....	Priceville.....	Oct. 11.
Prince Edward Co.....	Pictou.....	Oct. 12.
East Nissouri.....	Thamesford.....	Oct. 12.
North Waterloo.....	.....	Oct. 12, 13.
Fullarton.....	.....	Oct. 12.
Blanchard.....	Kirkton.....	Oct. 12.
Lincoln.....	St. Catharines.....	Oct. 12, 13.
Raleigh.....	Town Hall.....	Oct. 12.
Harwick.....	Blenheim.....	Oct. 12, 13.
Halton.....	Milton.....	Oct. 12, 13.
Stamford.....	Drummondville.....	Oct. 12.
Burford.....	Harley.....	Oct. 12.
Murray.....	Wooler.....	Oct. 13.
Walpole.....	Stage Road.....	Oct. 13.
Dunn and South Cayuga.....	Rainham Road.....	Oct. 13.
North York.....	Newmarket.....	Oct. 13, 14.
Eldon.....	Woodville.....	Oct. 13.
Somerville Ag. Soc.....	Kinmount.....	Oct. 14.
Logan.....	Bornholm.....	Oct. 14.
Monck.....	Wellandport.....	Oct. 14.
Beverly.....	Beverly.....	Oct. 14.
Lennox.....	Napanee.....	Oct. 14, 15.
East Hastings.....	Thrasher's corners, Thurlow.....	Oct. 14.
South Ontario.....	Whitby.....	Oct. 15, 16.
North and South Norfolk.....	.....	Oct. 15, 16.
Caledonia.....	Caledon.....	Oct. 15.
Mornington and Elma.....	Milverson.....	Oct. 15.