

be open to visitors. Admission the same as on Monday and Tuesday. The annual meeting of the Mechanics' Institute Association will take place at the Agricultural Hall this evening at 7 o'clock.

Thursday, 24th.—Admission, 25 cents. The prize animals will be exhibited in the ring at 2 p.m. The annual meeting of the Directors of the Provincial Agricultural Association, for the purpose of electing auditors, deciding upon the place of holding the next Exhibition, and other business, will take place at 7 p.m., at the Agricultural Hall, corner of Yonge and Queen Streets, Toronto.

The President will deliver his address at the Annual Meeting.

Friday, 25th.—Admission the same as on previous days, till 2 p.m. At 2 p.m. the Exhibition will be considered officially closed, after which no one will be admitted into the Crystal Palace, and exhibitors may commence to take away their property.

Saturday, 26th.—The Treasurer will commence paying the premiums at 9 a.m. Exhibitors will remove all their property from the grounds and buildings. The gates will be kept closed as long as necessary, and none will be admitted except those who can show that they have business to attend to.

### Boys at the Fair.

We assume that an intelligent boy wishes, when he goes to a county or provincial fair, to have a good time, to enjoy himself, and also to learn what he can, especially in those branches of agriculture in which he is most interested. A good deal of observation enables us to say positively that the best way to gain either object is not by constant, aimless hurrying from one part of the ground to another, by insisting on making one of every crowd that collects, by commencing in the morning and continuing as steadily as possible throughout the day to buy and eat and drink cakes, nuts, fruits, melons, candy, pop-corn, cider, lemonade, etc., etc., or by making a point of visiting every "side show," trying every game, purchasing all the prize packages, etc.

Our two general directions, says the *Western Farmer*, would be:—Don't hurry, and work systematically. Suppose you reach the grounds at 10 o'clock and leave at 4 o'clock. Here are six hours, and in that time an ordinary fair can be very well seen.

It is not to be expected that the average boy or man will set to work to examine each article or department in regular order, refusing to look at anything until it is reached in its turn. It is well enough to take a general look, going over the grounds and getting a general idea of the exhibition, and of where the things are in which most interest is felt; then give such time as is thought can be spared to the examination of each department, of course giving the most time and attention to those in which there is the most interest, but no farmers' boy should be so interested in any one department as to refuse or neglect to try to interest himself and get information about other departments.

Even a boy should look at things with a desire to learn something from it as well as to satisfy curiosity. It will help to use one's ears as well as one's eyes, and fortunately these can generally be well employed without the free use of the tongue. If one can look at objects of interest in company with some older and better informed, and who would give needed information, it is a great help.

We suppose that if a horse, or ox, or piece of machinery were taken from its stall or bench and put in a tent with a big picture of it outside and an admission fee of 25 cents, many more boys would have a strong desire to see it than if it had been left open to their inspection. By this illustration we mean to suggest that it is not at all certain that the curiosities in the side shows are nearly as curious or interesting as many things in the general exhibition. As a rule the boy who does not get the opportunity to see these shows, loses very little.

It is a misfortune that at most large fairs there are opportunities for those who wish to try to get something without giving a full equivalent for it—by buying prize packages, investing in some little lottery, betting on some trick. It is a good thing, however, that as a rule those who do try are disappointed. We are sorry to see any boy lose hard earned money, but it is vastly better that he should than that he should gain money in any of these ways.

### A Veteran Farm Hand.

It is generally supposed, says the *Albany Evening Journal*, that when a man reaches the allotted age—threescore years and ten—he is not capable of doing as much hard labor as a man of forty or fifty years. And when he passes threescore and ten, and even exceeds ninety, it is something wonderful if he retain the full possession of his faculties, and is able even to do a few small chores about the premises.

But the case is told of James Cameron, a farm hand in the employ of Mr. Sloan, about eight miles from Albany, who is now verging on his ninety-fourth year, yet is hale and hearty as most men at fifty. He is now engaged in harvesting, and does a full day's work with the rest, taking his turn at mowing, cradling or reaping, and fulfilling all his tasks with perfect satisfaction to his employer, and, we may say, himself. He fully earns his two dollars per day, the wages that are paid to the most efficient hands, and sustains his declining years by his own exertions, independent of kith or kin.

The old gentleman is blessed with perfect health, a clear understanding, and a vigorous constitution, and will probably yet live to be classed among the centenarians. He belongs to a race of long-lived people, his mother having attained the age of one hundred and eight years at her death.

### United States Fairs.

We publish below a list of the leading United States Fairs now in progress or yet to come off.

#### State Fairs.

California—Sacramento, Sept. 21st to 26th.  
Colorado—Denver, Sept. 22nd to 26th.  
Connecticut—Hartford, Sept. 22nd to 25th.  
George—Atlanta, Oct. 19th to 25th.  
Illinois—Peoria, Sept. 14th to 18th.  
Indiana—Indianapolis, Sept. 7th to Oct. 7th.  
Iowa—Keokuk, Sept. 21st to 25th.  
Main—Lewiston, Sept. 22nd to 25th.  
Maryland—Baltimore, Oct. 6th to 10th.  
Mississippi—Jackson, Oct. 26th —  
Montana—Helena, Sept. 14th to 21st.  
Nebraska—Omaha, Sept. 29th to Oct. 2nd.  
New Hampshire—Manchester, Sept. 29th to Oct. 2nd.  
New Jersey—Waverly, Sept. 14th to 19th.  
New York—Rochester, Sept. 14th to 18th.  
North Carolina—Raleigh, Oct. 10th to 19th.  
Oregon—Salem, Oct. 12th to 17th.  
Pennsylvania—Easton, Sept. 29th to Oct. 2nd.  
Virginia—Richmond, Oct. 27th to 30th.  
West Virginia—Clarksburg, Sept. 22nd to 24th.

#### Industrial Fairs.

American Institute—New York, Sept. 9th to Nov. 14th.  
Annsville and Leo—Taberg, N. Y. Sept. 16th to 18th.  
Cincinnati—Cincinnati, O. Sept. 2nd to Oct. 3rd.  
Franklin Institute—Philadelphia, Oct. 6th to 31st.  
Kansas City—Kansas City, Mo. Sept. 14th to 18th.  
Louisville—Louisville, Ky. Sept. 10th to Oct. 7th.  
Worthington, Ind.—Worthington, Ind., Oct. 5th to 9th.

#### Horticultural Fairs.

Horticultural—Concord, N. H. Oct. 6th to 8th.  
Maine Pomological—Portland, Sept. 22nd to 25th.  
Massachusetts Horticultural—Boston, Sept. 15th to 18th.  
Michigan Pomological—East Saginaw, Sept. 14th to 19th.  
Newburgh Bay—Newburgh, N. Y. Sept. 22nd to 24th.  
Pennsylvania—Philadelphia, Sept. 15th to 19th.  
Worcester Hort—Worcester, Mass. Sept. 29th to Oct. 2nd.

The fifth number for 1874-5, of F. K. Phoenix's *Descriptive Catalogue* of hyacinths, tulips and other spring flowering bulbs, is before us—neatly printed, and full of precisely the sort of information necessary to successful floriculture.

### Fall Exhibitions.

Blenheim—Drumbo, Sept. 25th.  
Bothwell—Thamesville, 5th and 6th Oct.  
Brock—Sunderland, 16th and 17th Sept.  
Barford—Harky, Oct. 13th.  
Caledon—Charleston, Oct. 8th and 9th.  
Cardwell—Mono Mills, Sept. 29th and 30th.  
Centre Wellington—Fergus, Oct. 2nd.  
Cramahe—Colborne, Oct. 16th.  
East Garafraxa—Marsville, Oct. 13th.  
East Oxford—Oxford Centre, Sept. 18th.  
East Nissouri—Kintore, Oct. 13th.  
East Wawanosh Branch—Belgrave, Sept. 30th.  
East York and Markham—Markham, 1st and 2nd October.  
Ft. Snodgrass—Holstein, Oct. 9th.  
Gama and Wallace—Lastowel, Oct. 7th and 8th.  
Eramosa—Rockwood, Sept. 29th.  
Erin—Erin Village, Oct. 7th.  
East Zorra—Strathallan, Sept. 26th.  
Esquering, Oct. 2nd.  
Euphemia and Dawn—Florence, 9th Oct.  
Grey Branch—Brussels, Oct. 6th.  
Guelph Central—Guelph, 15th to 18th September.  
Haldimand—Centreton, Oct. 4th.  
Hamilton Central—Hamilton, 6th to 9th Oct.  
Harwich—Blenheim, 14th Oct.  
Howick—Wroxeter, Oct. 7th.  
Hullet Branch—Clinton, Sept. 15th and 16th.  
Kent—Chatham, 7th and 8th Oct.  
Luther—Little Toronto, Oct. 7th.  
Mitchell, Oct. 6th and 7th.  
Minto—Harriston, Sept. 30th.  
Monck, Electoral—Wellandport, 9th and 10th Oct.  
Mono—1st and 2nd Oct.  
Nassagaweya—Haltonville, Oct. 7th.  
Niagara Electoral Division—Niagara, Oct. 1st and 2nd.  
North Bruce—Port Elgin, Oct. 2nd.  
North Riding Brant—Paris, Oct. 8th and 9th.  
North Norwich—Norwich, Oct. 2nd and 3rd.  
North Huron—Blyth, Sept. 17th and 18th.  
North Ontario—Port Perry, 28th and 29th Sept.  
North Simcoe—Oct. 13th and 14th.  
North and West Oxford—Ingersoll, Sept. 22nd.  
North Riding Oxford—Woodstock, Oct. 6th and 7th.  
North Waterloo—Berlin, 13th and 14th October.  
North Wellington—Drayton, 9th Oct.  
Normanby—Ayton, Sept. 30th.  
Puslinch—Aberfoyle, Oct. 9th.  
Provincial Exhibition—Toronto, Sept. 21st to 25th inclusive.  
Raleigh—Charing Cross, 6th Oct.  
South Riding Huron—Exeter, Oct. 5th and 6th.  
South Ontario—Whitby, 17th and 18th Sept.  
South Riding Oxford and South Norwich—Otterville, Oct. 8th and 9th.  
South Grey—Durham, Oct. 7th.  
Stanley Branch—Bayfield, Sept. 25th.  
South Waterloo—Galt, 29th and 30th Sept.  
Tilbury East—Town Hall, 6th Oct.  
Tuckersmith Branch—Seaford, Sept. 17th and 18th.  
Turnberry Branch—Wingham, Oct. 2nd.  
Welland—Welland, 1st and 2nd Oct.  
Wellesley—Crosshill, Oct. 3rd.  
Western Fair—London, Sept. 29th and 30th, and Oct. 1st and 2nd.  
Wilmot—New Hamburg, 8th Oct.  
Woolwich—Elmira, Oct. 7th.  
West Durham—Bowmanville, 1st and 2nd Oct.  
West Flamboro—Dundas, Oct. 1st and 2nd.  
West Garafraxa—Douglas, Oct. 8th.  
West Northumberland—Cobourg, 20th and 21st October.  
West Riding County and Township of Hamilton—Cobourg, Oct. 20th and 21st.  
West Zorra—Embry, Oct. 9th.  
Zurich Branch—Sept. 28th and 29th.