

THE CENTRAL EXHIBITION

THE FOURTH and LAST DAY.

The Horse Ring and Show of Prize Animals.

The President's Address and Close of the Exhibition.

Friday, Sept. 18.

The steady rain which set in yesterday afternoon, though of immense benefit to the country, cast a damper on the Exhibition, and no doubt prevented many from going to see it.

Since the year is now crowned with goodness, and peace and plenty abound in our land, let the heartfelt gratitude of all rise to Him who giveth all things.

The attendance yesterday was not much less than on Wednesday, which, considering the rain, is very gratifying.

To-day the attendance was much better than was expected, and the weather cleared up beautifully.

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In the earlier history of our country we were content to meet in our several townships, and there compete with our own neighbours.

Such being the desire of the promoters of our Central Exhibition, they have now with the valued assistance of supporters from all parts of the Province, successfully held their fourth annual Exhibition; and while admitting that in some branches there has been on this occasion a slight decrease in the entries, there has been an increase of the most valuable description marked increase, so that as a whole the Exhibition has been a success.

I may be permitted briefly to reflect in passing on the design of this our annual gathering. It is not simply that the farmer or small exhibitor should have an opportunity to test his stock or products, and compare them with the productions of others.

Returning to the present Exhibition, let us look first at the farmers' department. The display of horses, the entries are unusually large, and the superiority of the animals a marked character.

Looking then at the great variety of labor-saving machinery and implements for farm use, we are at once struck in noticing what perfection has been attained.

A glance at the several articles exhibited shows that the skilled hand of the mechanic, combined with the fertile and comprehensive brain, has produced such work as may challenge competition from any part of the world.

In noticing other branches of mechanical skill, if the quantity is not as large as could be desired, everything in its class is of the most perfect workmanship, reflecting credit on the maker.

Among the extra entries, Alfred Armstrong shows a washing machine, wringer, reversible clothes horse, tub, drier and mop combined, step ladder which does away with the use of ropes, also folding wash bench—all useful domestic articles.

Thomas Scott, Elliott, shows a new washing machine—a new invention. It does away with rubbing the action on the clothes being simply by motion—reversible—which is turned round once and three-quarters by means of a lever. It is simple, yet seems to be effective.

By Telegraph to the Mercury. New York City Politicians. Wellsboro Robbers Tracked. Old Probabilities Predictions. The Carlist Insurrection. Death of Baron Fermo.

New York, Sept. 17.—Mayor Havellyer gave to the press this evening a communication, in which he styles the Hon. John Kelly a hypocrite, who is swindling the public under the garb of religion and honesty.

Washington, Sept. 17, 11 a.m.—Weather probabilities over the lower lake region: south-east to south-west winds, falling barometer, cloudy and clearing weather.

Madrid Sept. 18.—Several small engagements between Republicans and Carlists have occurred lately, in all of which the latter were defeated.

London, Sept. 18.—Edmund Roche Burke—Baron Fermo—is dead. Wm. Leonard Macabe, the author, is a passenger on board s. s. Oceanic, from Liverpool to New York.

Town and County News. The Wilnot Agricultural Society will hold its Annual Exhibition at New Hamburg, on the 8th of October.

BASE BALL.—A match will be played on Wednesday next, on the Maple Leaf grounds, Guelph, between the Etinas, of Toronto, and the Silver Creeks of Guelph.

GOOD THRASHING.—Last week John David and James Tennant, thrashed with their machine over 700 bushels of oats in one short day, for Mr. John Cole, of the 9th concession of Beverly.

THE CROPS UP NORTH.—The crops in the vicinity of Arthur has been splendid. In the Townships of Arthur, Peel, Garafraxa and Luther, some farmers have thrashed from 38 to 40 bushels of spring wheat, and all other kinds of grain in proportion.

THE LISTOWEL FR' RACES will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 22nd and 30th. Liberal prizes are offered in eight different races.

THE HERNDONS.—This troupe appeared last night in the laughable comedy "A' that glitters is not gold," followed by a side splitting farce, entitled "Patrick O'Miles."

FIRE.—BARN BURNED IN EAST GARAFRAXA.—The bush fires in this part of the Township have resulted in serious losses. No less than five barns were burned in East Garafraxa on Monday, the 14th.

ROBBERIES.—On Thursday forenoon, about eleven o'clock, Mr. Donald McKay, Paisley Block, was the loser of about \$75, under the following circumstances:—While he was absent from the house, his wife, seeing the horses of Mr. Solomon Dawson, of the neighbouring farm, going into the orchard, went to drive them out.

NEW GOODS at Anderson's Bookstore, east side Wyndham street: wallets, steel pens, ladies' purses, in mother of pearl, morocco, calf and Russian leather.

FOR SALE.—A splendid chariot for a Market Garden. Brick house and five acres land, 5 miles from town. Apply to R. W. Roberson, Flour and Feed Store, Guelph.

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To the Editor of the Mercury: Sir, Our Central Exhibition is nearly over, and while it is on the whole a great success I notice a falling off in some classes.

Now anything that tends to weaken the confidence of the public in the administration of justice and fair play ought by all means to be avoided.

Both last year and this, it was patent to anyone that great errors were made in the awards by the Judges on Cabinet Ware, Musical Instruments, Carving &c., and I could it be otherwise, when an individual acted as Judge in one of these classes who was in the employ of a firm interested in the award, and who last year acted in an outsider to assist, telling him that he did not know what constituted good or bad work in the department over which he was appointed to act as Judge, and this year he decides (which he did not know last year) of course in favor of the firm by whom he is employed.

A Judge of Cattle ought certainly to be acquainted with the different breeds, their peculiar points of merit and demerit. A Judge of agricultural implements surely ought to know what constitutes a good plough, reaping machine, or root cutter, while a Judge of the decorative arts ought to have a technical knowledge of the laws of perspective, the harmony of lines, color, and artistic anatomy.

I know it is very difficult to find properly qualified persons, but surely disinterested ones could be had. "A word to the wise is sufficient." Trusting the Directors will accept my remarks in the friendly spirit in which they are given, Yours &c. ONE WHO KNOWS. Guelph, Sept. 17, 1874.

Fire in Erin—The Bristol House Burned.

At an early hour on Thursday morning, the Bristol House, Erin, owned and occupied by Thomas Leeson, was discovered to be on fire. The fire seemed to break out in the turret on the roof, as flames were first seen coming out from that point. From thence it caught fire to the roof, and in a short space of time the whole building was in flames.

POLICE COURT.

Sept. 18. Geo. Hudson, for vagrancy, was dismissed. Geo. Dean, for selling indecent pictures was committed to goal for six weeks at hard labor.

John Harrison, for the same offence, was dismissed. John Harrison, for the same offence, was dismissed.

Stoves, Stoves.—Mr. John Horsman, the enterprising hardware merchant of this town, has added stoves and tinware to his establishment making it the most complete in Ontario.

DEATHS. McQUEEN.—In Nassagaweya, on the 10th inst. Christina Rutheben, beloved wife of Alexander McQueen, Esq., of Eramosa, aged 55 years.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. BULL DOG ROBE LOST, on Wednesday between the Exhibition ground and Hotel, man's Hotel, Guelph. Robe lined and buttoned. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at the Mercury Office. \$17-22-11.

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New Advertisements.

STOVES AT WHOLESALE PRICES. Stoves usually sold at \$32, now at \$26. All others at the same reduction.



Also: GREAT REDUCTION IN TINWARE. Give us a call before buying elsewhere, as we are determined not to be undersold. Our stock is the largest west of Hamilton and Toronto.

MILLS & GOODFELLOW. Guelph, Sept. 9, 1874. dw11

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ARTHUR McBEAN, Jr. Guelph, Sept. 1st, 1874.

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