

Portrait of the Late James Vick, of Rochester, N. Y.

We insert the likeness of this enterprising gentleman, as we know of no individual on this continent who has done so much good in refining the tastes of the inhabitants of this country from actual practice and example. He induced the people to beautify their homes; he presented hundreds of thousands of packages of seeds annually to the public; he gave beautiful designs in his pamphlets, and the best information about their care and cultivation. He was well known to Canadians as a liberal, open-minded and honorable person. We have no hesitation in saying that he has done more towards inculcating fine, beautiful and honorable feeling among the millions of American families than all the millions of dollars that have been expended by the American Government annually for the encouragement of horticulture and agriculture, but more especially to benefit patrons or private individuals. He used to condemn in very strong terms the acts of the Government which tended rather to check than to encourage private enterprise.

Glucose Meal.

As we now have some glucose works in the Dominion it is well that our dairymen should know more of the deleterious effects of feeding it. The following on the subject demands your attention:

"On general principles most dairymen, if unbiassed by the desire for gain, would at once pronounce that an article which becomes so sour in a few days after leaving the factory as to taint the air and be smellable twenty or thirty rods away, must be an improper food for milch cows, and must affect their milk unfavorably. It is universally acknowledged that they should not be fed to cows, on account of the effect it has upon milk, and the same principle is even more imperative in the case of glucose meal. In the use of milk for the household, although no odor can be detected when cows have been fed upon the meal, the moment the milk is poured into coffee it assumes a stringy appearance and becomes an object of suspicion.

"We hear of one milkman who commenced using the meal without the knowledge of any of his customers. They at once began to complain, and threatened to leave him if there was not an improvement in the milk. He stopped the use of the meal and there was no more complaint. But its worst effects are seen in the cheese made from this milk. In the first place it takes about one-third more annatto to color the cheese, which at once shows the presence of an undue amount of acid. In the second place the milk has to be heated much higher than usual, and even then it is impossible to bring the curds to a proper consistency. They remain throughout soft and salvy, and will not cure down firm and solid. A Chicago dealer lately wrote to one of his consigners in regard to his cheese as follows:

"They have the appearance of being finely made, but on inserting the tryer the plug comes out porous and gritty; and on holding them any length of time they seem to rot and get bad. There is something in the milk, in my judgment, that causes these conditions. The cows are fed on something that is sweet, or foreign to their customary feed. The cheese seem precisely like those of a certain factory which I handled last year, which rotted down in thirty days, causing a loss to me after I had sold them. Some of my customers refused to pay at all. After investigation I found the cows had been fed on glucose (meal), which in-

variably produces this kind of cheese."

"This is only a single example of experience which has been repeated in various parts of the country. And it shows that the use of this article is one which is liable to cause serious loss to everybody connected with it. A condensed milk factory, located in a village only a few miles east of here, lost several thousand dollars last season because some of its patrons used glucose meal as food for their cows. The condensed milk prepared from it was sent back to the factory by those who had purchased it, as wholly unfit for any kind of use.

"With facts like these, concerning which there can be no sort of question, our dairymen must see that it would be the height of folly to commence, or, if already commenced, to persist in the use of sugar meal for the mere sake of a little increase in the yield of milk. In the end it will inevitably result in serious loss either to themselves or to the factory to which they send their milk. And if it is discovered that certain patrons are feeding the meal, the factoryman himself should take the matter in hand, and insist that the practice be done away with. It is an injustice not only to himself

exhibition in a well understood order of rotation, immediately following the Provincial, and that owing to the large number of these exhibitions now held, it is highly desirable, in their interests, that the Provincial should be held as early in the season as circumstances will permit. Moreover, your committee understand that the managers of the London and other similar Associations, after kindly awaiting your selection of the date for your exhibition, have or are about announcing their exhibitions for the following or last week of September, and the County and Township Societies have their exhibitions for the first and second weeks of October, and also that the curtailment of the current year's Provincial Exhibition to one week, and the selection of the third week in September, have given very great satisfaction throughout the Province; inasmuch as it will enable the District and Local Associations to complete their series of exhibitions before the last days of October without unduly interfering with one another, or with the Provincial, and your Committee venture to think that it is the duty of the Council of the Agricultural and Arts Association to consult the interests which they represent rather than those of the Toronto Industrial Association.

Your Committee have also to observe that the Council in selecting the week they have done, have only selected the first of the two which their exhibition has covered during the last two years, and that during the last ten years no less than five of their exhibitions have been held during the third full week in September. It is also to be remembered that the Toronto Industrial Exhibition Association fixed the time for their current year's exhibition before your Council had decided that this year's exhibition should be limited to one week, and that in making their selection they selected the second and third weeks of September instead of the first and second weeks which they have always occupied, and to which their exhibition has been limited during the last two years, and that in pursuing this course it was the Toronto Industrial Exhibition which changed the date of their exhibition, not the Council of the Agriculture and Arts Association that of theirs.

While your Committee deeply regret the occurrence of anything calculated to interfere with that harmony which should prevail between the Directors of the Toronto Association and those of the Provincial, yet they feel that they would be lacking in a proper appreciation of the duty which they owe to their constituents were they to consent to change the date fixed for the current year's exhibition in the interests of Toronto and to the manifest injury and inconvenience of all the other exhibitions to be held throughout the Province. The report was adopted.

[The above communication would have been inserted at an earlier date, but from press of matter and a change in this office. It is published at the request of the Board.]

The steamship Brooklyn City, which sailed for London, took five horses destined for that city. They were shipped by James Griffiths, of St. John, who thus becomes the pioneer in this business, in New Brunswick. One of the horses is the black gelding Rowdy Boy, with a record of 2.13½ (made in Rochester, N. Y., 14th, 1.79). The chestnut mare - Jenny, 9 years old (formerly owned by John Fitzpatrick) with a record of 2.41½, sired by Robt. R. Morris, is well known here; ch. mare Lady Garfield, 4 years old, with the same sire, which was bought at the recent sale of A. L. Peters, and is a good mate for Jenny. The bay colt, 16½ hands high, 4 years old, sired by Monarch, and will be a good carriage horse. The fifth is a brown mare, 5 years old, can show a good '50 clip. She is a French bred mare and was brought from the North Shore.



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Transactions of the Board of Agriculture and Arts.

DATE OF EXHIBITION.

Mr. Carnegie presented the following report of the special committee on the letter of the Hon. S. C. Wood, Commissioner of Agriculture:

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Hon. S. C. Wood, Commissioner of Agriculture, beg leave to report that after a careful review of all the circumstances, they cannot recommend any alteration in the date fixed for the holding of the current year's exhibition.

In arriving at this conclusion your Committee would remind the Board that in many districts of the Province it has become the practice of the various districts and Local Associations to hold their