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The Exhibition.

The Hants and King's Counties' Exhibition opened at Windsor on Tuesday last with a goodly display of products usual on such occasions.

At two o'clock in the afternoon Lieut. Governor Ritchey, who had consented to deliver the opening address, arrived, and was escorted to the platform by Warden Gossip, who in a few well-chosen words stated the circumstances under which it was decided to hold this exhibition in Windsor.

The exhibits on the whole were fully up to the average, and some of them exceptionally good. In live stock the best show was in horses, a very large number of which were on exhibition, and among them very many handsome animals.

The lower flat of the main building was principally occupied with the display of fruit and vegetables, and presented a pretty appearance.

The collection of art and women's work was also smaller than at most exhibitions we have visited, but taking into consideration the fact that only two counties were represented, was good.

We are unable to give our readers the prize-list in this issue, but hope in our next to be able to give a full account of the prizes awarded.

The exhibition closed on Thursday. The weather was good and large numbers of people attended every day. The Cornet and Landowne bands, of Windsor, furnished excellent music which was well received.

Taken altogether we feel like congratulating very highly all who were in any way connected with the management, as well as the people of King's and Hants counties generally.

Some utterances before the Nov.-West Agricultural Club by Brother Bussip Boring, preacher, Brother Turned in the chair.

The Mission of the Midge.

From the introductory remarks by the Moderator, it was understood that the subject would not be held to the investigation of one insignificant midge, but treat of those pests from whose annoyance farmers or others engaged in land culture are likely to suffer.

The farmer can count at his finger ends a number of insects, properly so called, such as beetles, weevils, wireworms, turnip-fly, caterpillars, and last but not least, that ornamental Colorado beetle, alias potato bug.

Scientists, for the accommodation of the world's peculiar population, have adopted a dead language in which to express their mode of arrangement in the treatment of such a diversified subject. Modern thought has adopted a lying jargon in which to express local images of the mind—plebeian.

The mission field of the midge is extensive locally. It comprises an area of territory that reaches to the other side of sundown, and is copiously equipped with a fulgent staff of indefatigable workers.

Some knowledge of entomology is very essential to the husbandman in his attempts to mitigate the injuries he is liable to sustain from the attacks of these living, crawling, creeping creatures.

There are seasons with insects generally when they are harmless to crops, and periods when they lay waste and destroy. The white butterfly of the cabbage and turnip plant in that stage is harmless. It is never found consuming a plant. Yet it is the parent of the caterpillar, which riddles the leaves and renders them worthless.

Leaf rollers—a family of beautiful little moths—torricas. The caterpillar of these moths curl up the edges of the leaves of plants into cylindrical rolls open at each end and fastened together by fine soft threads. These curled leaves serve at once for the food and habitation of the insect.

The fly is rather smaller than the horse bot-fly, although it is the production of a much larger larva. Cattle are not unfrequently troubled in early spring—the latter part of the feeding season—with this insect. The young grub is found to occupy a small cavity within the substance of the skin, which gradually enlarges with its growth.

When the time arrives for it to vacate the tenement, the exit is effected through the opening before mentioned. With grazed stock the hide is more or less defective, as afterwards appear under the tanning process. Cattle are much excited and become almost furious when attacked by this fly. The female has the abdomen prolonged, terminating in an oripositor—a sliding gunter arrangement, like the tubes of a telescope.

Stock old and young have an instinctive fear of this "flying duval," and make frantic efforts to escape to some friendly place of shelter. The attack of the fly is sudden. It descends with a whirling noise, strikes the animal's back, and instantly the egg is protruded through the hair to the skin. The natural warmth soon brings it into active life when it

commences to establish a temporary abode. Snapping the back of the animal once or twice, when the fly is in season, with a solution of salt and water, will destroy the grub before it punctures the skin—not greasy pickle because that would do away with the effect a rain would have in melting any salt remaining on the hair.

Farmers, wood choppers, and disciples of Walton can with genuine emotion make solemn declaration to the sociableness of gnats, black-flies and mosquitoes. These dipterous cranks at certain seasons are somewhat active during the day, and at night fly alive to their special business. Black flies and gnats are insinuating, prompting moral sentiment of questionable significance. Like Flewelan's flies, they are all around at once, and with promissorial action suddenly announce their presence. Taken all round personally they are aggressive.

The mosquito, also spelt musquitto—family name, memocra. Mosquito, a derivative or corruption of mooterper. This insect, in actions, is open and above board—brave, active, pugnacious, prolific—lives by suction—a sort of water nymph. Being bred in an ark, she "paddles her own canoe" over the placid surface of the sedgy shallow. When weary with aquatic sports she spreads her tiny wings and flies away to join the "social circle, announcing her presence with a villanous natural harmony. They would invade a tenement and eject the occupant quicker, and with less parade, than the best-organized police force—no witness wanted to prove that statement. They belong to the order diptera, meaning two-winged. In Mohawk dialect—"dip in and help self." We are told to go to the ant for wisdom—no reference to mosquitoes. Possibly their mission is to compel folks to pack up their duds and clear.

The Bermudas nitas Somers's Islands.

The town of St George, situated at the eastern extremity of the island, was formerly the capital; but in the year 1815 the Government was moved to Hamilton and since that time the parliament has met in that town.

St George presents many attractions to visitors in its immense forts, large churches and superb gardens. On the north-east shore at Building's Bay it is supposed that Admiral Sir George Somers built his cedar craft after being shipwrecked on these islands, when striving to carry help to the impoverished colony of Virginia. His fame has been preserved for the generations following by a white marble tablet inscribed—"Near this spot was interred in the year 1616 the heart of the heroic Admiral Sir George Somers, Kt., who nobly sacrificed his life to carry succor to the infant and suffering plantation, now the state of Virginia. To preserve his fame for future years, near the scene of his memorable shipwreck, 1609, the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of this colony, for the time being, caused this tablet to be erected 1876."

The gardens are the admiration of the many visitors who flock there in the winter. The season is most delightful; for while King Ice reigns supreme in the north, mild zephyrs play around and a cloudless sky is overhead, and the gardens of this sunny home are crowded with the choicest roses, lilies, gladioli and other rare flowers, besides the stately palm, cedar and many varieties of oleander. The town has many fine stores and residences and can boast of three churches—Episcopal, Reformed Episcopal and Methodist, besides the Garrison church. The walks in and about the town, being in such proximity to the harbor, are delightful.

The parish church, St Peter's, is the oldest in the islands and occupies a very commanding site. The tablets on the walls bear some very strange inscriptions and in spite of good resolves a smile and even a laugh is often provoked by the reading of them. The communion service, of massive silver, was the gift of King William III.

Where the Post Office now stands there was formerly a jail, made memorable by the imprisonment of Rev. John Stephenson, the first Wesleyan missionary, for preaching to the colored people.

On the opposite side of the harbor is island of St David, principally visited on account of the lighthouse on the headland. It stands 280 feet above the sea level and is a white octagonal building, 55 feet from base to lantern. The light is a fixed white of the second class. The view from the gallery of the lighthouse is one of the finest in the island and is only second to that from the lighthouse at Gibb's Hill. The whole group lay in a perfect panorama at your feet and on a clear day a very great distance is commanded.

We now turn our steps to the interior of the island and in leaving St George we pass over a fine iron swing bridge and commodious causeway which joins various islands, thus giving a continuous and well-made road for the unpleasant and inconvenient passage of the old-time ferry. This causeway is nearly two miles in length and was finished at a cost of about two hundred thousand dollars.

As we traverse this road we have the Castle Harbor to the south with coopers, Nonnuch and Castle Islands at its extreme end. The harbor is a most interesting place to visit as it is full of coral, sponges, brainstones, sea-fans, weeds of every variety of marine specimens. On a plain day with a cloudless sky, the water takes every hue, from a pale green to a

deep ultramarine. With this as a surface picture, and a water glass to steady the view of the corals etc., one sees a perfect garden—one that has not been marred by man—a faithful presentation of God's work. A like enjoyment can be secured in a visit to the northern reef.

Cooper's island is the resort of the shell-gatherers, for here every variety of shape and color, from the minute conch and pincta to the large pinna, spirifer and territes, can be had.

Nonnuch is the quarantine station and commands a magnificent view of the south coast.

The Castle Islands once boasted of a fort, but that was long ago abandoned and the place is now uninhabited.

Tucker's Town, which is adjacent, will be visited in the course of our journey.

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