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In proportion to the cost, we should consider this exhibition to be doing quite as much good as the larger ones, and consider that these township shows should receive quite as much support as the larger ones that are more for the benefit of other citizens than farmers. Perhaps the most important part of the exhibition was the walking match for general purpose horses. We believe there were 13 entries; all did not start, but the display was a praiseworthy feature, and one that should receive greater attention at other agricultural exhibitions.

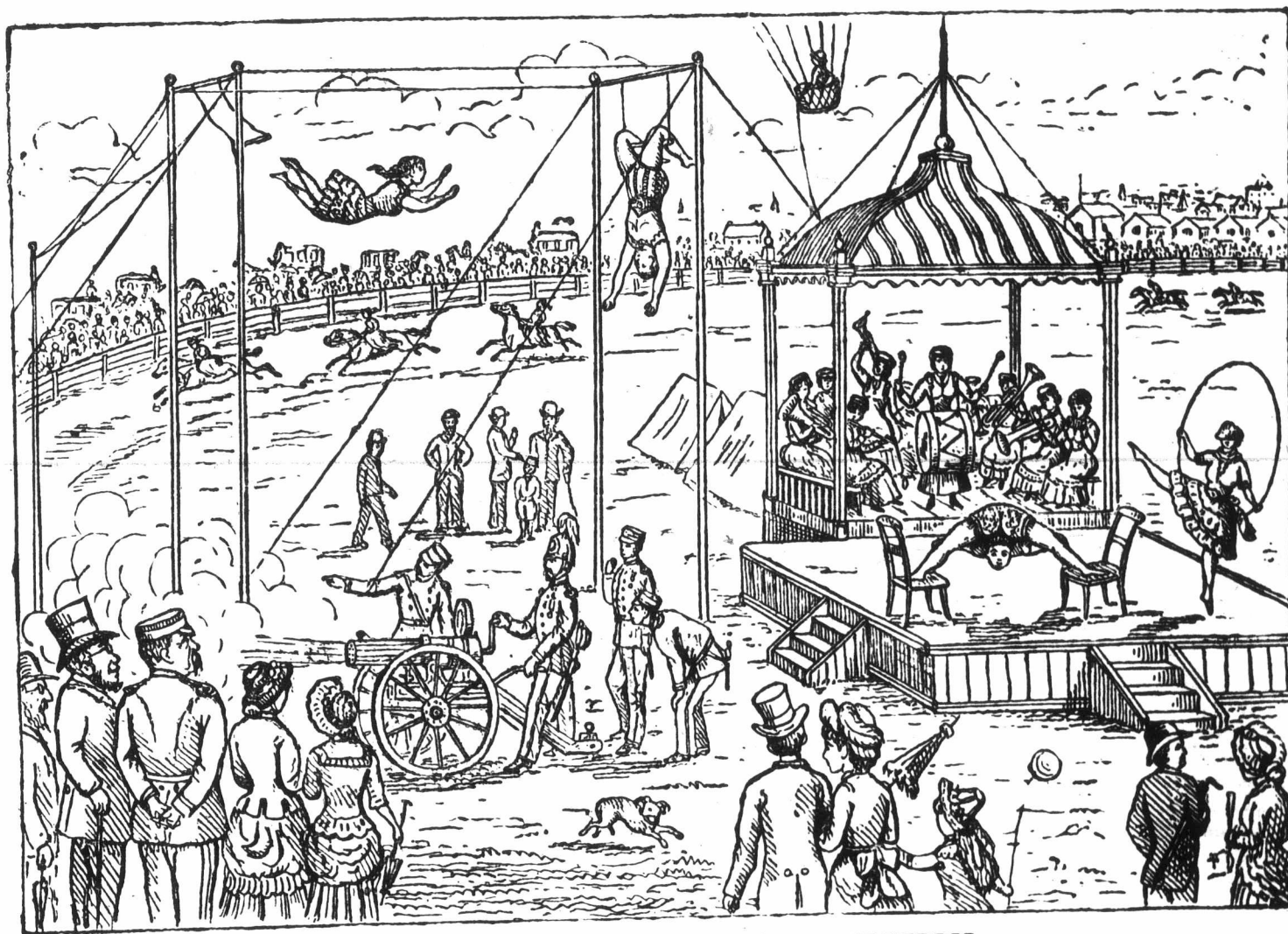
THE OXFORD COUNTY EXHIBITION
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which was the display of traction engines; three very efficient engines were exhibited. The attendance was good.

Dominion and Provincial Exhibition.

After arrangements had been completed for the holding of the fortieth Provincial Exhibition in this city, the Dominion Government, at the fag end of its session, granted \$10,000 for the purpose of causing the Fair to partake of a Dominion character. The catalogue of the Agriculture and Arts Association had already been issued, so that the unexpected Dominion

sentatives of royalty with dazzling retinue were so loudly heralded. Level-headed prophets did not expect many farmers, or others who were bent upon seeing something useful; much of the harvest was still out, and great anxiety was manifested with regard to its security. However, there was a fair attendance of farmers after the heavy rains of the fore part of the week, caused by their being unable to prosecute their harvest operations. The cause of the financial failure of the Exhibition has been laid to the charge of the unfavorable state of the weather, but this view is only approximately correct. The last two days were exceptionally fine, and yet the



MODERN AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION.

there was no speeding of horses. Perhaps the cause of this proper omission was more of a necessity than a virtue, as we presume the cause of its not being on the programme was because the grounds were not large enough to allow of the necessary space. We would advise them not to enlarge if they want the exhibition to be a moral, educational institution, and one that will stand when the hippodrome shall have become disgusting, if not extinct.

THE HAMILTON EXHIBITION

surpassed all others in the fine supply of fruit, and the order in which the roots were placed, these exhibits being placed in rows, side by side of each variety, thus every one could judge them at a glance. The display of stock, particularly the horses, was very good. A fair display of implements, the most conspicuous of

grant necessitated a special meeting chiefly for the purpose of revising and enlarging the prize list. The lateness of this grant, coupled with the earliness of the exhibition, had a depressing effect, the time for advertising and preparing having been too short, and there were indications of too much bustle throughout the whole affair.

We have never seen success and failure so completely jumbled up. So far as the exhibits were concerned, either in number or quality, the show was a grand success. But it failed to draw. The managers had made up their minds to shut out all objectionable attractions, but these have become so thoroughly incorporated with the concern that the powers are no longer able to resist them. Accordingly, the seekers of pleasure were numerical and enthusiastic, especially on the opening day, when the repre-

attendance was meagre. The truth of the matter is that farmers have now become thoroughly convinced that their interests are being ignored and that the ringleaders are contriving for the interests of speculators. So long as the Western Fair remained under the control of farmers, it proved a grand success, both financially, morally and educationally, and the citizens of the city had no reason to complain. Now confidence is lost, and it is questionable if the London Fair can, agriculturally, ever be re-suscitated. Farmers have lost all sympathy with the whole concern, and even the citizens of the city are now opening their eyes to the fact that they are not benefited as a body, all the profits being thrust into the pockets of the wire-pullers. The most notable feature was that the Exhibition was a total failure as a Dominion concern. Apart from the Manitoba horticult-