

CENTRAL EXHIBITION.

We are requested to state that the Judges of horses will not be able to complete their duties till to-morrow morning about 11 o'clock, after which the horses will be exhibited in the ring.

Reform Gathering at Stouffville.

An open air demonstration in honour of the victory achieved by the Reform party in that section in January last, was held in Mr. Brown's grove, near Stouffville, on Wednesday. There was a very large attendance of electors of North York, and although the meeting was professedly of a local character, there were also a considerable number from the adjoining constituencies of East York and North and South Ontario. Mr. Dymond, M.P. for North York, Mr. T. P. White, of Pickering, Mr. Shields, of Mount Albert, and Dr. Widdifield, addressed the electors, and after passing a unanimous resolution, expressing confidence in Mr. Dymond, their member, the meeting closed.

Ontario Poultry Society.

A meeting of this Society, attended by about twenty members, was held on Wednesday evening, at the Queen's Hotel. Among those present were W. M. Thomas, Brooklin, J. W. Buck, Brantford, L. G. Jarvis, London, F. Sturdy, Guelph, Butterfield and Wright, Sandwich, James Dobbie, C. Davidson, John A. Wood and H. Swinford, Guelph, W. M. Smith, Burford, L. Dean, Oakville, Sudbury and Moyes, Guelph, G. J. Baker, Oakville, W. A. Lawrence and Shear, Woodstock, H. Tyler, W. M. Campbell, Brooklin, &c. Rev. W. F. Clarke, President, occupied the chair, and Mr. Geo. M. Ton acted as Secretary.

The Chairman announced that the meeting had been called in compliance with a resolution passed at the meeting held at the time of the poultry show in March last, when the Society was organized. Its objects were to unite breeders and fanciers of poultry in their common interests, to arrange exhibitions, to fix, if expedient, standards of excellence, and if practicable and advisable, to establish a Poultry Journal.

The Secretary read the minutes of the first meeting, and announced the subscriptions to the Society thus far, which amounted to about \$40.

O. motion, it was resolved that the officers be appointed in March last continue in office until the next poultry show. They are as follows:—Rev. W. F. Clarke, President; George Wood, first Vice-President; James Goldie, second Vice-President; George M. Ton, Secretary and Treasurer; and a board of directors numbering twenty-five.

The next show was appointed for Tuesday of the first week in March, 1875, to be held in Guelph, the Secretary and Captain Swinford promising the Society the use of the coops belonging to the Central Exhibition for the purpose.

A discussion arose on the selection of judges for shows, some arguing that they should be chosen from the ranks of Canadian breeders, others being in favor of getting them from the States. In opposition to the remarks in favor of obtaining judges from a distance, Mr. Wright, of the Michigan Association, stated that the plan on one occasion cost their Association \$180 for two judges. It was finally decided to leave the selection to the Executive Committee.

A motion was carried that the American standard be adopted in judging at the next show.

A motion was passed to allow the Secretary \$100 a year for his services; also one directing the President and Secretary to memorialize the Ontario Government, with a view of obtaining a grant of public money in aid of the Society.

After a vote of thanks to the Chairman the meeting broke up.

POLICE COURT.

(Before the Police Magistrate.)

Sept. 17.
Jas. Jones, charged by Constable McCann, with being drunk on Macdonnell-street, was fined \$1 and cost.
John Laner and Joseph Rhinhardt, charged by Constable Lynch, with disorderly conduct on Macdonnell-street, were fined \$2 and costs.

James Ray, charged by Geo. A. Haden, with assault and battery, on the 6th of August last, was fined \$2 and costs.

Alex. Henderson, charged by Constable Lynch, with being drunk on Wyndham-street, was fined \$1 and costs or 10 days in gaol. Committed.

MUSICAL LITERARY SOCIAL.—To-night in the Lecture Room of the Wesleyan Church a literary and musical entertainment will be held. Miss Clowes, of Port Hope, together with the best local talent, will take part in the programme. Admission only 15 cents. Come one and all.

DYNAMITE.—We learn that Mr. Young, of Toronto, who in Guelph this latter part of this week to give an exhibition of the explosive properties of Dynamite, a new combustible possessing greater power than any other now known. It will experiment in the gas-holder tank now being built for the Company by Mr. Dobbie. We shall endeavor to give our readers the time when Mr. Young will be present.

HERNDON'S OPERA COMPANY.—A larger attendance than any previously was noticeable at the Dr.'s Shed last night, when "Fanchon, the Cricketer," was put upon the boards. The audience, if we may judge from the applause elicited at every stage of the play, went away well pleased. Mrs. T. J. Herndon, as "Cricketer," appeared in one of her best moods, while the repressible T. J. Herndon—a host in himself—evoked uproarious applause at every stage of the play. "All that Glitters is not Gold," followed by the screaming Irish farce of "Patrick O'Miles," is to be put on the board to-night.

No dull times at Day's bookstore. Day's low prices and large stock brings the customers; they are sure to be suited in goods and prices at Day's bookstore.

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. Stoves of all kinds can now be had of him. Farmers and all others requiring any would do well to call at Mr. Horsman's and see his immense stock of superior stoves with all the latest improvements. He assures that he will keep none that cannot be fully recommended as the best to be had in this country or elsewhere. He has also engaged careful and experienced workmen and is prepared to execute all orders for cast-iron, conductor pipes and every other kind of tinmith's work.

THE CENTRAL EXHIBITION.

THE THIRD DAY.

Great Crowd on Wednesday.

The Success of the Show assured.

Thursday 17th,
The day opened cloudy and dull, and a slight drizzle threatened to end in rain, but it was not very heavy, and the day so far, was enjoyable enough. By eight o'clock the streets presented a very lively appearance. Hundreds of teams kept pouring in from the country, and long lines of vehicles were thickly piled along each other in front of every Hotel. When the earlier trains came in the crowd was greatly increased, and a constant stream of people kept pouring into the Exhibition. Ticket sellers and gate keepers were busy enough, and all was life and bustle about the gates and in the grounds. Those judges who had not finished their duties resumed work at an early hour, and by noon most of them had finished.

The judges of horses had by far the heaviest task. The large number of entries in all the classes, and the superiority of many of the animals in each class made the work of judging tedious and difficult. It is not probable they will be through before night. The show of heavy draught stallions was remarkable both in regard to the number and superior quality. In this class we have not had anything like it in Guelph. Agricultural and general purpose horses were not much behind the heavy draughts. Some splendid heavy draught teams were shown. Carriage and buggy horses and hacks made a fine display, and their feats in the ring both on Wednesday and to-day were witnessed by a large and admiring crowd of spectators. Altogether the display of horses was unprecedented.

It is calculated that there were about 12,000 people on the grounds yesterday. There was no crushing, however, the objects of interest being so many, and occupying as they do such an extended space, that all had ample opportunity of seeing every object of interest. There was a little crowding in some parts of the building, especially about the ladies' work, which offered great attraction to the fair sex. During the afternoon Lawrence's band was again on the ground, and their excellent music was highly appreciated by the thousands who "stayed to it."

DOMESTIC MANUFACTURES.

In white and dyed woollen yarn there is a very good assortment. In flannel there is a small but very creditable display.

The department of blankets filled and unfilled, is well filled up. That of Mary A. McIntyre, in the flannel class, is especially fine. J. Shaw, Hespeler, in the unfilled class, carries off the first prize.

In winery, there is a good display, P. Wilson, of Eden Mills, taking a first prize.

A Scotch shepherd's plaid, shown by Mrs. Thos. McCrae, and which is awarded a first prize, is deserving of special mention.

The department of socks and mitts is well filled up, the workmanship of many of which reflects great credit upon the taste and skill of the manufacturers. Mary A. McIntyre, Morrison, and Mrs. Pickard, Guelph, are the principal prize takers in this class.

Two straw hats—the handwork respectively of J. Morrell, Peel, and Mrs. Wm. Young, Erin, are very neatly got up. There are also a considerable number of specimens of plaited straw, for making hats.

Armstrong, McCrae, & Co., have a very large and creditable assortment of goods manufactured by them, consisting chiefly of woollen underclothing, stockings and yarn. As usual they carry off all the first prizes in the classes in which they exhibit.

Winger and Hickie, Elmira, show a very creditable assortment of blankets, flannels, and yarn, and take several prizes.

Of rag carpets there is almost an endless variety. The first prize goes to Malcolm Clarke, Paslinch.

Fred B. Knowles, Guelph, has a very fine assortment of furs, comprising a set of men's furs, a set of girls' furs, a collection of sleigh robes, besides other minor articles.

H. Ferdinand, of the Waterloo Grove factory, makes a very good display of gloves and mitts of different kinds, made at his establishment. He has also a collection of sleigh robes, for which he takes a first prize.

J. W. Anderson of Elora, shows a very neat little spinning wheel, called "Dyke's Improved." It is very easily worked, and seems to give good satisfaction to those who try their hand at testing its qualities.

C. Cuggisberg, Preston, has a very fine assortment of wall brackets and looking glasses, the workmanship of which is very superior.

FRUIT.

G. G. Miller, Virgil, Niagara Township, is a very extensive exhibitor, showing in all the collections of apples.

Messrs. Thos. McNeillough, Eramosa, Charles H. Stock, and Robert Beattie, Paslinch, are extensive exhibitors, showing in nearly all the variety classes. John Mitchell, Guelph, has some fine specimens of fall and winter apples.

W. Stevenson, Guelph, has some very fine dessert and cooking apples. In Astracans there are numerous exhibitors, all showing some fine specimens.

Snow apples are fair, but not so large as in former years.

Some very fine St. Lawrence apples are shown.

In Duchess of Oldenburg there are several good specimens. Pippins also are very creditable.

There is an almost endless array of smaller kinds, embracing all the varieties grown. It is impossible for us to enumerate these. It is impossible for us to particularize, the entries are so numerous.

In the class of large apples there is a splendid display. J. McCrone, Normandale, and C. Stock, Brantford, have some of enormous size. Joseph Grant, Paslinch, has also a nice lot.

In pears the Niagara District again beats us. Mr. Miller, of Virgil, shows 12 different varieties entered for one class, and three varieties in another entry. He has six of enormous size. Those known as the Beurre Bosc and the Bartlett are very superior, also the Glout Moreau, Messrs. Baker, Pallister, Sunley and

Binney—local exhibitors—showed some excellent pears.

The crab apples are not numerous, and most of them not remarkable for size. Chas. McDougall, Eramosa, has some superior ones.

There is a very fine display of grapes. Those grown under glass by J. Rowe, Brantford, are beautiful specimens. Wm. Stevenson has some very good bunches, and so have Messrs. Allen and Caldwell, Galt.

Chas. Stock, Brantford, has an excellent assortment of grapes, grown in the open air.

There are about 60 entries in plums, the red variety predominating, though we think some of the blue and yellow kinds are perhaps on the whole the best. A. A. Baker shows one plate of very large blue plums, and L. Parkinson has some very little less. Thos. Tansley's yellow ones are very large and fine, as are also Geo. Elliott's.

There are only five lots of peaches, and these are shown by G. J. Miller, Lincoln Co. They are excellent.

VEGETABLES.
The extent to which the past season has had a telling effect upon the display in this class, and it is consequently smaller and less meritorious than last year. Wm. Roper, W. Binney and Wm. Benham, senr., of Guelph, exhibit some excellent specimens in red and white carrots.

In celery—George Sleeman shows a bunch each of red and white, very healthy looking. Chas. Davidson, Chas. Coffee and Wm. Benham are the other exhibitors. The display of cabbage is made by G. S. Armstrong, Fergus, Joseph Parkinson, Eramosa, David Caldwell, Galt, Geo. Sleeman, John Little and W. Roper, Guelph. Turnip radishes are not numerous, but the display is comparatively good. The collection of winter radishes is of good quality, though there are only four entries. There are five collections of cabbages, the largest being that of Edward Berger, Guelph.

Other vegetables are shown in great variety in color and shape. In blood beets, there is a good competition, those shown by Jas. Matthews, Acton, being the largest. Table turnips are shown by Jas. Hower, Arkell, Chas. Foster, East Flamboro, J. Woodhouse, Guelph Township, and John Marriott and Edward Burke, Guelph. George Sleeman, Guelph, makes an excellent display of a collection of vegetables distinct from other entries, among which a red and white squash, in the shape of a Turk's cap, and so named, attracts principal attention. Other features are: an immense musk melon, a sample of egg fruit, and a good specimen of vegetable marrow: a collection of seedling potatoes from the Model Farm, likewise attracts considerable attention.

In onions there are some very good specimens, the red being in the predominant. The latter are particularly fine, although the display is not so extensive as in the other vegetable classes. The top and potato varieties are also well represented. [The exhibitors of pickling onions are all but one residents of Guelph, there being four entries of equal merit.]

The display of tomatoes is large and well arranged. The entries for collections are by J. Woodhouse, Edward Burke, Geo. Sleeman, John Marriott and Thos. Pallister, Guelph, and Jas. Hower, Arkell. Plain red tomatoes are also of good quality.

In water melons there are numerous exhibitors, those of Messrs. Stock & Hay, Watertown, and C. H. Stock, Brantford, being by far the largest.

E. Burge and Geo. Elliott, Guelph exhibit melons of different varieties. There are also some very good specimens from the Model Farm.

In squashes there is a good display, the exhibitors being principally the same as in the melons.

STOVES.
Wm. Buck, Brantford, exhibits seven heaters, two of them being London's Patent—for wood—and the remaining five Radiant Home base burners, for coal. To the former, the first prize has been awarded for parlor stove, and second for hall stove, and on the latter Mr. Buck has also taken first prize for hall and first for parlor stove. The London heater is made on the principle of the revolving flue, the flames passing completely around the stove between tin walls.

Wm. Sunley, Guelph, exhibited four specimens of stoves of various patterns, and for different purposes. As agent for E. & C. Gurney, Toronto, he exhibits a coal cooking stove, which takes first prize; two cooking stoves for wood, one of which takes second prize; a hall stove, first prize; and two hall stoves for coal. As agent for James Stewart, Hamilton, he shows a cooking stove with copper furniture, which takes first prize. A portable range from Jewett & Root, Buffalo, shown by him, is highly recommended. From the Oshawa Stove Works there are four hall stoves, one of which takes second prize, and a parlor stove which also takes second prize. A dining room coal stove, from the same place, is highly recommended.

Beecher Bros., of London, exhibit three hot air furnaces, one of them, called the "Fifteen Times," being constructed on the self-feeding principle, and arranged with cylinders which confine the heat and economize the fuel. It is built so as to be set in brick. The second is of the same kind, but portable. The third is the "Cove" furnace, intended principally for churches.

BOOTS AND SHOES.
W. Tawse & Son, of Guelph, are the largest exhibitors. They have an excellent assortment of home-made boots and shoes. Their English water-tight boots are a splendid sight. The whole display reflects great credit on the taste and enterprise of the manufacturers.

Chas. Ross & Son, Galt, exhibit a good collection of boots and shoes.

DAIRY PRODUCE.
In the class of salt butter, there is a very good display, considering the drawbacks of the season. The color and quality are generally superior, but not up to what it was last year. The same remark applies to fresh butter.

In Cheese we have some of Mr. Parsons, famed Stillon, and some excellent samples of home-made. The factory cheese manufactured for John Pisk, makes a fine display, also that shown by H. Gordon, Harrison.

BOOKBINDING, PRINTING, &c.
John Anderson, book-seller, exhibits a large case of nicely assorted fancy goods, including albums, writing desks, portfolios, stereoscopes, concertinas, ink stands, &c., also some beautiful stereoscopic views; also an assortment of beautiful gilt mouldings for pictures, manufactured by E. D. Edgar, Guelph.

They are most creditable specimens of work, and the making of them is a new branch of manufacture in Guelph, which we hope will continue to flourish.

J. W. Lyons, Guelph, shows a superb collection of Family Bibles, in splendid and substantial bindings. He is agent for the sale of these Bibles.

Charles Chapman, of London, shows some nice specimens of binding, in cloth, calf and half calf, also in ruling. John Anderson shows a lot of blank

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BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MERCURY.

The Louisiana Trouble.

Politics in France.

Investigation into Bazaine's Escape.

Conference of Old Catholics.

International Postal Congress.

More Labourers for Canada.

The Bolton Strike Settled.

London, Sept. 16.—A despatch from Born says the Old Catholic Conference has come to an agreement on all the important points of the Dogma. The Bishop of Pittsburgh, on the behalf of American Protestants, thanked Dr. Dollinger for the manner in which he had conducted the deliberations, and presented written statements congratulating the Conference on the harmony manifested and agreement accomplished. The Dean of Chester and others spoke in similar terms.

Berne, Sept. 16.—The International Postal Congress has resolved to recommend uniform rates of postage on all territory embraced by postal union.

Liverpool, Sept. 16.—S. S. Polynesian, which sails to-morrow for Quebec, takes three hundred agricultural labourers, who go to Canada for work and homes.

The differences which caused the great strike of mill operatives at Bolton have been at last referred to arbitration.

Paris, Sept. 16.—M. Berger, Bonapartist candidate for Assembly for department of Maine Et Loire, who stood the lowest in the polls last Sunday, has written a letter to the Minister of the Interior withdrawing his nomination from the list of candidates. He attributes his failure to the Minister's assertion that he deserved prosecution for his electoral address. He says he intends to re-publish his address, and challenges the Government to prosecute him.

At the trial of Bazaine's accomplices to-day, the public prosecutor addressed the Court. He maintained that Bazaine escaped by rope, and could have succeeded only through the complicity of Col. Villette and negligence of the wardens. The counsel for the defence argued that the number of wardens is insufficient and their duties difficult, because of the prisoners' allowed Bazaine. The Marshal was permitted to receive visitors, and one or more of them must have assisted him to escape.

Washington, Sept. 16.—At the Cabinet meeting this afternoon there was unanimity on the point that the recent movement of the opponents of the Kellogg administration in deposing him from office, was an armed interference, contrary to law, and calculated to have dangerous influence on other Southern States. Therefore, it becomes important to adopt means to maintain, if not de jure, at least the de facto Governor in the State of Louisiana.

BIRTHS.
STEPHENS.—At Rockwood, on the 17th inst. the wife of Mr. William G. Stephens, of a daughter.

MARRIED.
REDMOND.—HILLS.—In Guelph, on the 17th inst. by the Rev. J. E. Lansley, Alton Redmond, of the Township of Garafraxa, to Sarah Ann, daughter of Mr. Frank Hills, of the same place.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
BUFFALO ROBE LOST, on Wednesday, between the Exhibition grounds and Hefferman's Hotel, Guelph. Robe lined and in good condition. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at the Museum Office. 817-421 wit.

BLACK SHAWL FOUND ON WYNDHAM STREET Saturday. The owner can have it by calling at this office and paying for advertisement. d2-w1

M. O. MACGREGOR, Attorney-at-law, Solicitor in Chancery, Conveyancer, &c., Guelph, Ont. Office, Brownlow's Buildings, Douglas street. d2-w1

POCKET BOOK LOST.
\$5 REWARD.
Lost between Guelph and Rockwood on Sunday night last, a black pocket book with red lining, containing \$25 in one \$10 one \$5, one \$4, and three \$1 bills, also two pieces of paper. Any one returning it to me, or leaving it at the Mercury Office will receive the above reward.

THOS. FORRESTER.
Sept. 16th, 1874. d2-w1

COOKING WANTED.—To do general housework. Good wages will be paid to a good hand. Apply to Mrs. John Crowe, Norfolk street. d2-w1

WANTED.—By Mrs. Lemon, a cook and housemaid. d2-w1

FOR SALE.—A good horse and harness. Apply to Mrs. J. McGar, Quebec street, Guelph. d2-w1

HOT AIR FURNACE.—For sale, the Smith's 200 Wood Furnace, as well as new and second hand stoves and ranges. This may be had on reasonable terms. A. Benson, Guelph, Sept. 8, 1874. d2-w1

WANTED.—By the 1st of October, a Cook in a small family. Apply to Mrs. Blouin, Woodville street. d2-w1

COTTAGE TO LET.—To let, a new stone cottage containing six rooms in a good locality, within five minutes' walk of the market house. Apply to N. Burns, at Jackson & Hallett's. d2-w1

CAID.—Col. Kingsmill not finding it possible to call upon all his friends and acquaintances in order to solicit them to become subscribers to his forthcoming work "Life at St. Helena during the exile of Napoleon," begs to inform them that he has left lists for signatures at the bookstores of Messrs. Day and Anderson, respectively. Guelph, Sept. 7, 1874. d2-w1

FOR SALE.—A splendid chance for a Market Garden. Brick house and five acres land, 5 miles from town. Apply to R. W. Robertson, Flour and Feed Store, Guelph. d2-w1

WANTED.—A nurse and housemaid, with good references. Apply to Mrs. W. W. Station. d2-w1

FARM FOR SALE.—The subscribers offer for sale that most desirable farm property, five miles from Guelph, being composed of the southwest part of Lot No. 12, in the seventh concession of the township of Paslinch, 100 acres, 80 acres of which are under cultivation and 15 good hardwood trees on the farm are a frame house and very large barn. This property will be sold cheap, and on easy terms of payment. Apply to DUBAR, McBRIDE & BISCOE, Solicitors, Guelph. d2-w1

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. d2-w1

CARD.

The Subscriber would beg leave to intimate to the inhabitants of Guelph, and surrounding country, that in the course of this month he intends opening a Hardware Store in Mr. John Hogg's New Block, Wyndham Street.

I will give my personal attention to the purchasing of the Stock, and have determined to buy nothing but the best Goods, and at the lowest possible prices, thereby enabling me to meet the requirements of the people, and make it an inducement for them to favor me with their patronage.

I have therefore respectfully to request the public to kindly make an inspection of my Stock.

ARTHUR McBEAN, Jr.

Guelph, Sept. 1st, 1874. d2-w1

Co-Operative Store.

On reference to all our advertisements since commencing business in Guelph seven years ago, it will be seen that we never offered "To Slaughter Goods," "To Sell at Half Price," "To Sell at a Great Sacrifice Irrespective of Cost," "To Sell 50 per cent. under other Houses," "To Keep the Largest and Best Stock in the Dominion."

We have carefully abstained from exaggeration, giving facts and figures only, leaving it to the buyers to judge for themselves.

Our aim has been to buy low, sell cheap to increase our sales, to allow no house to undersell us, to give our customers a share of profits, and make only one price.

The result has been that we have done a steady, prosperous, and increasing business, retaining old and obtaining new customers. Some left us to obtain goods "at half price," but soon returned, as "actions speak louder than words." Hence we will continue to conduct our business on the same principle.

J. C. MACKLIN & Co.

GUELPH, Sept. 7, 1874. d2-w1

NOW THEN, BURR & SKINNER,

Upper Wyndham Street,

Are ready to supply all comers with every description of

FINE FURNITURE!

Spring Beds, Mattresses, etc.,

At the shortest notice, and at the very lowest prices.

We are preparing and expect to do THE FURNITURE TRADE OF THE TOWN & FALLS, by keeping just what people require, and selling at the lowest prices, giving satisfaction to all.

Wanted---GESE FEATHERS;

Best prices paid for a good article.

BURR & SKINNER,

sold by Manufacturers and Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Furniture

GUELPH CLOTH HALL.

SHAW & MURTON

JUST RECEIVED

A CHOICE LOT OF

SCARFS,

Silk Handkerchiefs,

TIES, &c.

Shaw & Murton,

MERCHANT TAILORS.

GUELPH, Aug. 6, 1874. d2-w1