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SHOW DATES.

Sherbrooke, August 31st to Sept. 5th, 1896.
 Toronto, September 3rd to 11th, 1896.
 Montreal, September 14th to 18th, 1896.
 London, September 14 to 19th, 1896.
 Guelph, September 15th, 16th and 17th, 1896.
 Ottawa, September 21st to 25th, 1896.

ENTRIES CLOSE

Sherbrooke, August 24th.
 Toronto, August 22nd.
 Montreal, August 31st.
 London, September 9th.
 Ottawa, September 14th.

NOTES AND COMMENTS



HON. SYDNEY FISHER.

THE NEW MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE DOMINION.

THE farming community of the Dominion—and it is a great one—is to be congratulated on the appointment of a practical man in the person of Sydney

Fisher, Esq., of Knowlton, P.Q., to the important portfolio of Agriculture in Mr. Laurier's newly formed cabinet. We hope for progress in all the undeveloped branches of agriculture. We sincerely trust that the long neglected poultry interests of the Dominion will receive attention, at last. None will make a surer or swifter return. The new minister will find many petitions from the leading poultry associations of the country among the papers of his predecessors, suggesting practical lines of action. No later than last year an important petition was sent in to the Department of Agriculture showing how the poultry interests of the Dominion could be developed to the immediate benefit of the farmers in all parts of the country. We are sure the Hon. Mr. Fisher will not be slow in showing practical sympathy with this important branch of agriculture. Hon. Mr. Dryden has done much for the poultry interests of Ontario. Hon. Mr. Fisher can do a great deal for the same interests throughout the Dominion.

THE FALL SHOWS.

The fall campaign opens at

SHERBROOKE

where the Eastern Exhibition will be held from August 31st to September 5th. The classification is very extended and all varieties are fully provided for, the first money being \$1.50 and second 50c. in old fowls and \$1 and 50c. in chicks. Breeding pens are also catered to with \$2 and \$1 offered. In addition to the regular classes a long list of specials is offered in addition. Entries close August 24, "Count Bismarck von" Butterfield will place the cards.

TORONTO INDUSTRIAL

is the next on the list and we would once more remind intending exhibitors that the birds must be in by noon on Thursday of the first week of the exhibition, not on the second Monday as heretofore. An immense amount of cash is offered besides the valuable medals of the Association for