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LIVE STOCK AT THE CENTENNIAL, PHILADELPHIA.

A happy solution has been reached of the troublesome problem how to provide adequately for that department of the International Exhibition which comprises horses, mules, horned cattle, sheep, swine, etc. It was manifest that these could not be accommodated in the vicinity of the Agricultural Building of the Exhibition, or within the Park enclosure, since, in the first place, the only available drainage of any such tract must be into the Schuylkill at a point above the Water Works of the city and of the Exhibition; and next, the area of disposable ground in that locality is wholly unequal to the magnitude of the live-stock exhibition to be provided for.

In this emergency the Board of Finance have been fortunate in leasing from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company the stock-yards, above twenty-two acres in extent, which are now used as drove-yards by that company, but from which they intend to remove in December next, and which are situated upon the south side of its main line of tracks between Belmont avenue and Forty-first street, within a few hundred feet of the principal entrance to the Exhibition Grounds. This ground is passed by street railways on both of the bounding streets, as well as by the Pennsylvania Railroad, which will erect a depot upon it for passenger accommodation, and has already sidings and platforms within the enclosure for the unloading of animals, so that these can be brought by rail from any point of transshipment. The existing shedding will be cleared away, and the whole surface handsomely renovated and supplied with stalls of a convenience and neatness unusual at live-stock exhibitions. Many of the important preliminaries are already provided, since, in addition to the essential railroad facilities already mentioned, water is now distributed throughout the entire tract by service pipes twenty-five feet apart; thorough drainage can be secured through the adjacent city sewers; much of the surface is

paved; large numbers of neighboring sheds and barns provide sufficiently for storage of hay, grain, etc.; and hotels hard by, formerly used by the drovers, will accommodate exhibitors and their agents. When it is added that the area of the land is such as to admit the construction of a half-mile track for the exercise of the animals and their examination by the judges, it will be seen that the managers of the Exhibition have provided the means of giving its due prominence to this very important department of the Agricultural Exhibition.

Special series of live-stock exhibitions have been provided for as follows:—Horses, from September 1 to September 15; neat cattle, from September 20 to October 5; sheep, swine, dogs, from October 10 to October 25; poultry, from October 25 to November 10.

Persons who intend making entries for this exhibition should do so without delay, in order that the managers may be able to estimate the number of stalls and extent of other preparations that will be needed. In the large Agricultural Exhibition Building, though it covers ten acres, so many applications for space have been made by exhibitors of agricultural products and machinery as to necessitate an enlargement of the original plan. The display of live stock is likely to be no less popular; and those wishing to participate in it, even though their applications may require future amendment, should lose no time in communicating with Mr. Burnett Landreth, Chief of the Bureau of Agriculture, International Exhibition.

ENGLISH STALLION-PURCHASING SUBSCRIPTION.—Lord Calthorpe has inaugurated a project for raising £10,000 in annual subscriptions of £100 for five years, to accumulate a fund for the purchase of ten or more per annum of thoroughbred sires of sound constitution and good action, such as no private capitalist would find it profitable to purchase. These stallions are to be placed each year in a district to be selected by a judicious committee, and travel through it for the purpose of serving half-bred mares only. At the end of five years, fifty choice stallions, purchased by the association, would have begotten five thousand foals of superior mares. This would have a powerful influence in elevating the breed of horses in the country.