

and temporary buildings of the commonest kind, made from hemlock half inch boards were erected there, and the contents of most of them were far behind our Exhibition in London two years since. Their show was not equal to ours in Horses, Durhams, Ayrshires, Galloway's or Hereford cattle; Leicester or Cotswold sheep, nor in improved Berkshire hogs. They excel us in Alderney cattle, as we have none that we are aware of; also in Merino sheep they have the advantage and are welcome to it, as we are satisfied that our long wools are a more useful and profitable sheep, both in regard to wool and mutton. The Americans themselves are also satisfied that we have the best, and many would like to get ours, but our prices for really good, well-bred sheep cause them to withhold for a time, although many have purchased, and many more are intending to as soon as they can afford it.

Their show of hogs was inferior to ours, except in the Chester whites. They appear, like the merinos, to be favorites with them. They had a large show of that class, and really fine large animals, but are longer maturing than our improved Berkshires. We have no more fear of their surpassing us in hogs, than of their Marinos surpassing our sheep for profit. Their show of Poultry was not equal to ours in London.

We noticed among the Poultry coops a cage of white cats, marked first prize. We could see no reason why they should be awarded a prize. They looked like common cats but rather dirtier. What advantage the color could be we fail to see.

The Roots, and Horticultural department were poorly represented. The grain to our surprise contained cockle chaff, &c., and still we noticed prize tickets on such samples. There was very little grain shown.

Large quantities of flour, and immense quantities of salt were on exhibition, but we were unable to judge of either. Their great display was in implements—they excel us in this department. American genius and invention is behind none, and the many labor-saving machines to be seen would occupy the whole of our paper for one year to particularize to the satisfaction of all exhibitors. A few we will notice of importance, one which we think will be highly useful to dairymen. It is a small wheel turned by the water that runs from the cheese vat, and causes a light rake to be constantly agitating the milk in the vat—to prevent the cream raising. By this simple contrivance the milk can be kept in the vat over night, or over Sunday.

There were three ditching machines on the ground, two of which were large and expensive, one costing between two and three hundred dollars, and would require a small barn to stow it away in; but to the honor of our country Mr. Carter of Almyer, Elgin County, carried off the diploma from the Americans with a small simple ditching machine worked by two horses, and one man, and costing but \$65. He informed us he had received orders for 30 of them there and as many in Kingston. We also noticed

ploughs and harrows attached to two wheels, whereby the laborer can sit and drive his team and cultivate the soil. There were several potato diggers on the ground, but we should like to see some of them tried before condemning or praising them. As for washing machines, churns, sewing machines, and all manner of small fixings they were legion, and many were highly commendatory. There were some good and useful apple grinding and cider presses on the ground, but Mr. Sells of Vienna had one that appeared to give as much satisfaction as any. We spoke to fruit men about them, and they informed us that the only deficiency in these small machines is, that the screw and frame-work require to be heavier to enable them to put on a greater pressure, then they will excel all others that are yet made. The Stove department was the most complete part of the exhibition. The varieties of cooking and parlor stoves were the best we have ever seen.

On our return we met F. W. Stone of Guelph in the cars. He informed us he had sold six Cotswold sheep at Buffalo for \$900 in gold. We enquired of him about the shipment, duty, &c. He made no complaint about the duty as that was the law, but he justly complained about the neglect, indifference and detestable officiousness of some parties who have the charge of the entry business. \$1 for charges from some, and \$3 50 for others. Parties acting as if they would rather detain a person for a day or two than let them go. We have experienced some of these annoyances and may touch on them when we have more leisure. We think if the duties are paid, that most of these catchpenny dodges practised by some officials should be discontinued, and fair and reasonable charges should only be made, and less detention and hindrance of business.

There were immense bills circulated throughout the country giving notice of the State Fair, which said a procession of prize animals would take place on Friday at 10 o'clock, but the majority of them had left the ground the previous day. The weather was fine and the attendance good, and the fair was considered a success. The horse department monopolized the lion's share of cash and attention.

One little incident while there, caused us to think and much pleased us. While walking along the side of sheds containing the Alderney cattle, a well-dressed lady was a little way in front of us, and one of the Alderney cows put her head over the railing. The lady stroked it two or three times on the side of its face with her gloved hand, saying at the same time, you nice old cow I would like to take you home with me. This little scene contrasted greatly with what we saw in Kingston when the horses were being shown; one female might have been seen, seated in one of the vehicles, riding round the ring, exposing her rolling eyes to the gaze of the multitude—young Canada is bound to be ahead in some things. We could easily place the person admiring the cow as a lady, and one who might be making a selection for her daughter as a marriage portion.

The worst feature that marred the satisfaction of Canadians was the awarding of the second prize to Mr. Stone's Durham bull. It was considered by disinterested parties to be highly deserving of the 1st prize. But our Canadian long-wooled sheep carried nearly everything before them. More at leisure.

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Extract from the *Canada Farmer* of Oct. 15th.

"The New York State Fair held in Buffalo, is very like a Canadian Provincial Exhibition held in London or Kingston. The point is extreme, and too many are inconvenienced, &c."

Truth, fair play and justice is what we want and what the editor of the above named paper does not want us to have. Farmers of Canada, is it right that London should be classed with Kingston? Does this show that justice is intended to the Province, to omit giving credit where credit is due? The editor's ideas cannot extend beyond the city walls in which he is pent up. An attempt is made to center everything in Toronto. We do not say that Toronto has no claims to set up for the Exhibition to be permanently established there, but we say they have greatly abused the power they have, and deserve but little encouragement in their attempt to monopolize the great salaries paid there. We would ask what good is being done by them? One person receives £3,000 per annum from government and for what? We cannot tell you unless it is as correspondent for the *Canada Farmer*. We have never received one cent, and we think our little journal will compare favorably with the *Canada Farmer* for usefulness. We have disseminated more stock and seeds than the whole of the paid officials at the Agricultural Hall.

Middlesex has many claims that should not have been overlooked by the editor of the *Canada Farmer*. The best Agricultural Exhibition ever held in Canada was there; the best horse in Canada is owned there; several fine herds of Durham cattle are there. The largest herd of Devons in Canada, is owned there; good Ayrshire and Galloway cattle are there. No township in Canada can surpass the London Township in numbers of fine Leicester sheep. The best pair of Cotswold ewes were owned here. No county can excel this for improved Berkshire hogs. Our poultry have long carried off the prizes. Seed grain has been circulated this Fall from this County over a greater part of the Province, than from any other. In fruit and roots we can compare favorably with any.

The farmers of Middlesex are already talking of independent action but they wish to act fairly with other sections of the country, but the gross injustice practised has already caused some to withdraw from the Provincial Exhibition; and the *Canada Farmer* is looked upon as a supporter of injustice, and as a detriment rather than an assistant to our Agricultural prosperity. There is undoubtedly some good in the paper, the quality of paper is good,