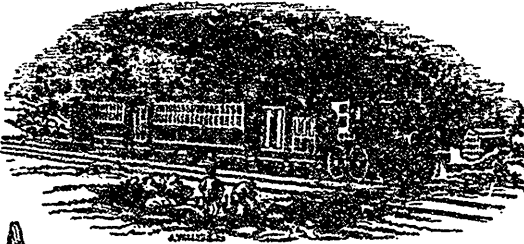


on this point because farmers do not pay sufficient attention to the subject. In a country like this, where every farmer is his own landlord, hundred of thousands should be present on each occasion, and no doubt the recults that would follow would greatly benefit both the rural community and the country at large. This year we certainly expect an unusual large crowd at Sherbrooke; but this is not enough, the Toronto Exhibition which takes place the following week should be attended by every one of our leading agriculturists. They will be then able to judge for themselves of the boasted productions of Upper Canada farming and we have not the least hesitation to say that we doubt not that every department of the Exhibition will fully realize the most sanguine expectations. The presence of the Governor General, the neighbourhood of the world renowned scenery of Niagara Falls and cheap trips, will doubtless be thought a very good occasion for many of our extensive farmers and families to indulge in all which is worth seeing in Upper Canada in the short period of a week.

#### SHERBROOKE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.



ALL our expectations with regard to the Provincial Exhibition at Sherbrooke have been so far fully realized. The Eastern Townships have come in the field with a strong force of well-known names, and have now challenged the whole agricultural community in the contest for superiority about to take place. From all we know of the competitors, we have a decided presumption in favour of the Townships. Still it will be a well disputed victory, for most of our best agriculturists, in every part of the Province, have entered for competition some of their best animals. A fortnight hence, thousands of visitors will be crowding the Exhibition Grounds, eagerly looking for the first prizes in each class, and admiring those animals which will represent, to the best advantage, our native and foreign breeds. For many who have but of late left the shores of England to seek a new home on American land, the happy thoughts of the past will flow to their minds at the sight of our imported breed, of cattle. The Durham, the Hereford, the Devon, the Ayrshire, and the Galloway, will bring to the remembrance of the emigrant times of old, when these noble breeds were first seen, in his days of boyhood, pasturing the green slopes of old England. The Leicester and the Cotswold, with their heavy fleece, long wool and large frame, will favourably compare with the native breeds, and even with the South Down, which have not yet, in this country, given entire

satisfaction. And why, we are at a loss to say. At home they are quite favourites, and justly so, for their remarkably good shape, and above all for the de ided superiority of their hind quarters. Again, their short fleeces and their black face and legs, give them a particular and very pretty appearance, which in England contribute greatly to their preference to any other breed.

Next the swine department will have numerous representatives of our most improved foreign breeds. The Suffolk, small and white, will come into competition with the black Essex, also a small breed. Although the public generally have a decided admiration for anything large and heavy, in the shape of a living animal, regardless of perfection or form still we very much apprehend that the desirable points, which are most prominent in those two breeds, will give them a decided superiority over the white Yorkshire and the black Berkshire, which will mainly represent the large breeds. At the last International Agricultural Exhibition of London there was a decided superiority in favour of the small breeds. Their perfection of forms at a few months' old was the admiration and astonishment of every one present.

Poultry will be well represented and the feathered tribe will no doubt attract the greatest attention from fanciers and the public generally. Agricultural productions will be the best that have been seen for some years. Crops are generally good, and the samples of grain will be very creditable to the country.

For native breeds and crosses the Eastern townships are well known to be superior to any other part of the Province. Their pasture lands are well attended to, extensive, well shaded and naturally well drained by a gravelly subsoil. To these very favourable circumstances must be added constant improvement in the stock through a careful selection of breeders and thorough-well calculated crossings with imported stock. Roots and hay during winter complete the treatment. We shall witness with the greatest interest the results of good care and feeding, demonstrated in a practical way by the superiority of the cattle exhibited by the Eastern townships. The working oxen of themselves will be quite a display; in no country, do we believe, better oxen can be shown than by our Eastern farmers. After giving several years of hard work they are ready to turn into beef and fetch on the Montreal and Quebec markets the highest prices offered for first class meat. Indeed, summing up the prospects of the Sherbrooke Exhibition, it promises to be one of the greatest successes, if not the greatest of our Provincial Gatherings.

The buildings are now completed and they are a credit to the local committee, who have entirely accomplished all which was expected from them. On no other occasion will the different departments of the Exhibition have been housed more comfortable and with better regard either to space or general arrangement. The new market has been successfully turned to advantage on this occasion and greatly contributed to the elegant appearance of the build-