

Ottawa Central Fair.

The first prize list to come to hand is that of the Central Canada Fair, to be held in Ottawa September 22nd to October 1st. The enterprise and energy of the directorate have made this Fair one of the best in Canada. An agricultural exhibition nowadays will not live long on past reputation. Nothing but a live management will succeed when competition is as rife as it is to-day. This applies to fairs particularly. This fact is well known to the directors of this exhibition, and most practically have they met the difficulty, by giving a particularly attractive prize list, which should, and doubtless will, draw exhibitors from long distances. Without a good exhibit there must be a small crowd; without a crowd receipts diminish until the exhibition is held at a loss.

Among the special prizes are no less than fourteen gold medals, besides others equally valuable given by gentlemen in and about Ottawa. Thoroughbred or blood horses are catalogued first on the list, as is usual at all our shows. A full class is given. The prizes are liberal. Standard-bred horses have a class to themselves, and non-standard mares and fillies have a class given them also, so that virtually there are two classes for horses of trotting families, with another (numbered fifth) class for roadsters, which include either of the foregoing. Only two sections are given for Hackneys, with three prizes each for stallions and mares. Saddle horses and hunters are both included in the next class. Clydesdales and Shires are also placed together, and good prizes offered in both stallion and mare sections. In cattle the usual classification for the beef and dairy breeds is observed. In sheep the more recently known Dorset Horns, as well as the older breeds, are recognized. The prizes offered are reasonably liberal. In swine five classes are given, including Berkshire, Suffolk, Chester Whites, Improved Yorkshires and Poland Chinas.

Judging from the prizes offered this year, together with the courteous treatment received by exhibitors last season, the coming exhibition will be the best yet held at the Capital City.

A Prominent English Show.

The Bath and West of England Show is considered in England second in importance to that held by the Royal Agricultural Society. For many years Canadian breeders have been in the habit of attending, in order to select specimens of sheep and pigs that may be heard from later on at our fall shows.

The recent show was held at Swansea, Wales, and more than held its own in point of numbers as regards the display of sheep, 246 being the number catalogued.

In Cotswolds, R. Swanwick, G. Bagnall & Son, W. Thomas and T. R. Hulbert were all successful exhibitors.

Southdown prizes were won by specimens from the flocks of A. de Murréta, E. Ellis, J. Blythe and C. Y. Lucas.

Shropshires were an exceedingly good show, and in numbers constituted one-third of the whole. T. & S. Bradburn, Astwood Hill, Redditch, England, carried off prizes in shearing rams, ram lambs and shearlings, their sheep being exceedingly stylish, and of extra good quality. Mr. G. Thompson, Wroxall, Warwick, was also a successful competitor. He had a lot of neat, compact sheep of capital character. Messrs. G. Graham, G. Jervis, H. P. Hyland, A. E. Marshall, J. Bowen-Jones and J. Howell all had good specimens that were more or less noticed by the judges.

Oxford-downs were a very small class, in which A. Brassey, G. Adams, R. W. Hobbs were the principal exhibitors.

In Somerset or Dorset Horns, Culverwell Bros., Bridgewater, Somerset, won all the principal prizes, winning first in every class.

The Western Fair of 1892, Sept. 15th to 24th.

The interest displayed throughout Canada in the Western Fair of London increases year by year. The directors have, by their untiring energy and careful attention to its many arrangements, placed it in the foremost rank as a live stock and agricultural exhibition. The enviable record gained by this exhibition is known far and wide, and it has become a matter of the greatest concern to the directors and citizens of London that being a meritorious undertaking it should receive the support from all that it so richly deserves.

We have received the prize list of the nineteenth annual exhibition, to be held by this Association on the above dates, and find several important changes have been made for the improvement of the live stock departments. Perhaps the most noticeable are the excellent purses offered in the speeding classes, which fact will be well received by the importers and breeders of fleet-footed animals, and at the same time please the majority of the patrons of the Fair. The prizes are nearly double those of last year, and range from one hundred to three hundred dollars for each event, comprising a well arranged programme of races, viz.:—For trotters there are two three-minute classes, 2.50 class for stallions, 2.50 class open, two-year-olds, four-year-olds, farmers' and open trots. For trotters and pacers there is an open and 2.35 class, and an open for pacers only. For runners there are one mile heats open, and three-quarter mile heats open. Trial stakes any age, trial stakes for three and four-year-olds, farmers' butcher boys' and carters' flat races, also a two-mile steeplechase. Entries have been made in some of these classes already, and the prospects are most promising. The additions to the prizes offered in the exhibition sections of horses and cattle, and the introduction of a complete class for the Dorset Horned sheep and another for Tamworth pigs have improved the appearance of the list very much. No doubt the number of entries will be larger than heretofore. The special prize given by Mr. Adam Beck for the stallion best calculated to produce saddle horses and hunters from Canadian mares, is a good idea. The judges should weigh carefully all the points before giving their decision on such an important matter, owing to the ever increasing demand for these classes of horses. The English Shropshire and the American Berkshire Associations' prizes should call out a large exhibit of the Shropshire sheep and Berkshire pigs. Some of the very latest special attractions have been secured, and more are now being engaged.

Should any of our readers wish a prize list address Mr. Thos. A. Browne, who assures us he will be pleased to forward the same.

Live Stock Entries Received by Ontario's Commissioner to the World's Columbian Exposition.

The Ontario breeders have made the following entries of live stock:—

HORSES.
Thoroughbred, 7; Standard-bred, 20; Coach, or Carriage, 17; Clydesdales, 68; Shires, 4; Hackneys, 12; Suffolk Punch, 6; Saddle horses, 1.

CATTLE.
Shorthorns, 58; Herefords, none; Aberdeen-Angus, 14; Galloways, 26; Downs, none; Jerseys, 9; Holsteins, 11; Ayrshires, 56; Guernseys, 3.

SHEEP.
Cotswolds, none; Leicesters, 10; Lincolns, 30; Southdowns, 94; Shropshires, 59; Oxfords, 6; Hampshires, none; Merinos, 12; Dorset Horns, 41; Southdowns, 5.

SWINE.
Berkshires, 26; Poland-Chinas, 10; Chester Whites, 10; Yorkshires, 9; Suffolks, 8; Tamworths, 16.

The entries of poultry are very numerous.

The Mercer Company (Limited).

The farmers will be pleased to see the advertisement of the fine line of implements manufactured by the Mercer Company (Limited), of Alliston, Ont., which will be found on another page of this number.

The saying that nothing succeeds like success is fully exemplified in the case of this Company, whose works are running night and day, to supply the demand for their implements. Three years ago, when the firm of Mercer Bros. & Co. commenced the building of the Mercer Binder without canvas, of which they are the sole inventors, manufacturers and patentees, there were not prophets wanting who predicted as speedy a downfall to the Mercer binder as all other firms who endeavored to build a binder which would work satisfactorily without canvas. In this case, however, their prediction was far from being fulfilled, for, as an instance of Canadian inventive genius and energy, the firm have gained for themselves during the short time mentioned above a world-wide reputation for their Mercer binder, which is to-day a household word in the principal grain-growing countries of the world, having branches in the following places: London, England; Padstow, Cornwall, England; Glasgow, Scotland; Kelso, Scotland; Ballarat, Australia; Dunedin, New Zealand; Cape Town, South Africa; Winnipeg, Manitoba, and local branches throughout Ontario.

Owing to a great demand for these goods during the season of 1891, and to compete with the larger firms, it was deemed advisable to enlarge the Company, and accordingly a charter was applied for and granted on the second day of April last, under the name of Mercer Company (Limited), instead of as heretofore, Mercer Bros. & Co. Their friends will kindly notice the above change in the name of the Company. It is worthy of note that the Mercer Company (Limited) are the second largest builders of binders in Canada this year, which must speak for itself as to what their machine has done in the past. The most flattering testimonials have been received by the firm from farmers in all parts of the world, and in trials with the leading canvas binders of the world the "Mercer" has held its own in the severest competitions.

It is a noteworthy fact that at Smeaton, Victoria, Australia, December 18th, 1891, the "Mercer", both in the experts' and farmers' classes were the only machines which cut their plot from start to finish without a stop. So pleased were the Australian farmers with the magnificent performance of these binders, that orders were taken for forty-five before leaving the trial ground, and it must be borne in mind that the crop on which the trial was made was so badly tangled that several canvas machines threw up the sponge disgusted, acknowledging their inability to cope successfully with the crop. We must also call attention to the Mercer Knotted, which is said to be the simplest and most complete in the market, consisting of only four working parts, thereby doing away with disk wheel, plunger bolt and knife arm. The makers claim that the machine saves fully an inch of twine on every knot tied, over the majority of other knotters, thus saving, much as every twelve sheaves means one band.

Five Months' Immigration.

Mr. Alex. Smith, of the Manitoba Government Immigration Office, Winnipeg, furnishes the following statement of the arrival of settlers for Manitoba and the Northwest during the first five months of this year, together with the number of cars of stock and effects, by C. P. R. via Ft. William and Gretna:—

1892.	Via Ft. William.		Via Gretna.	
	Number settlers.	Cars effects.	Number settlers.	
January.....	307	25	January.....	30
February.....	379	53	February.....	26
March.....	4,480	599	March.....	59
April.....	4,157	221	April.....	187
May.....	2,652	31	May.....	40
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Total number of settlers... 12,317

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