

Corner-stone Laying at the O. A. C.

Mr. Walter E. H. Massey, of Toronto, on August 14th, laid the corner-stone of the new Massey Memorial Hall, to be used as a convocation and library building, at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, in presence of a large concourse of people. Dr. James Mills, President, in the chair. The erection of this structure to the memory of the late Hart A. Massey was rendered possible through the gift to the Ontario Government of \$10,000 by the trustees of his estate for the purpose in question, and is greatly re-estimated, owing to the overcrowding of the College with students. The proceedings began by the presentation of a silver trowel to Mr. Massey by Mrs. Dryden, wife of the Ontario Minister of Agriculture. Mr. Massey, in accepting it, said that he was glad to receive it, particularly at her hands. With the assistance of the Masons, he placed the corner-stone in position, saying, "I lay this corner-stone for the foundation of a building to be erected to the memory of the late Hart A. Massey, to be used as a library and hall in connection with the Agricultural College." Addresses were also delivered by Hon. James Young, of Galt; Dr. Goldwin Smith, of Toronto, who, addressing to the fact that he had just entered upon his 79th year, said that "just as he was leaving the world a man was beginning to fly"; Major Nutrie, M. P. P.; Hugh Guthrie, M. P.; Capt. T. E. Robson, M. P. P.; Nelson Monteith, M. P. P.; Rev. Dr. Sutherland, and Warden Springer.

The New Stock Yards.

Work on the new stock yards to be erected at Toronto Junction by the Union Stock Yards Company, Limited, is to be commenced at once, according to a statement made by Mr. Andrew Dodds, manager. It is the intention first to proceed with the yards and pens, and afterwards to put up the general offices and the hotel. The first part of the work will be done by the company, and it is expected they will be in a position to receive transit cattle some time this month. The offices and hotel will probably not be built until next spring. The fully completed and equipped till next spring. The by-law granting them exemption from general taxation for 30 years, and fixing the school rate assessment at \$300,000, has received its second reading in the Toronto Junction Council. The third reading was deferred.

Toronto Markets.

Trade at the Western cattle market was dull, and the offerings heavy. The near approach of the Toronto Exhibition is given as the cause of the extra supply; all sold towards the close of the day. Export cattle higher. Butchers' cattle higher. Hogs steady and unchanged, but there are signs of a lower market in the near future. To-day's receipts were: Cattle, 659; sheep, 1,693; hogs, 1,500; calves, 40. Export cattle—Cattle—Cattle from the Old Country are not encouraging. Space on the ocean steamships is scarce, and against the exporters. Two weeks ago, agents were asking consignments; this week, prices have returned to the old figure. The quality of export cattle was fair; prices remained steady, at \$4.75 to \$5.12½ for choice. Light export cattle from the farm of the Hon. E. J. Davis were sold by Messrs. Kennedy & Patton, to Messrs. Dunn Bros., at \$5.15 per cwt., average 1,239 lbs. per head. These went forward to-day. Mr. Gould shipped 14 carloads of export cattle. Butchers' Cattle—The market was slow, except for choice, picked loads. These were steady, at \$4.40 to \$4.75 per cwt. Choice were steady, at from \$4.00 to \$4.50 per cwt. Poor and medium were slow of sale, at from \$2.75 to \$3.75 per cwt. Mr. Wm. Le-vack bought 300 best butchers' cattle and exporters from \$4.35 to \$5.00 per cwt. Mr. Wm. McClelland bought four loads of butchers' cattle, average 1,115 lbs. each, at \$4.50 per cwt. Feeders.—Messrs. Gooderham's distillery byres will be occupied by Messrs. Dunn Bros., W. Harris, and Sheridan. The prices are advanced per tie-up or stake. The advance in corn is given as the cause. Prices at from \$3.25 to \$4.50 for choice short-keep feeders. Bulls.—Offering only moderate; quality not very good. Prices steady and unchanged, at from \$3.00 to \$3.50 per cwt. Mr. W. Harris purchased two loads of bulls for feeding purposes, at \$3.00 per cwt. Stockers.—The supply of stockers is slightly improved. Prices hold fairly steady, at from \$3.00 to \$3.25. All under 400 lbs., off colors, mixed breeds, are quoted at \$2.25 per cwt. Sheep.—The prices of sheep were steady, at from \$3.50 to \$3.65 for ewes, and \$2.50 to \$3.00 for bucks. Everything sold at the close of the market, but at forced sales. There is a good demand for export sheep. There is some talk of 100,000 being required in the next two months. Lambs.—Prices firm, at from \$4.25 to \$5.00 per cwt. Towards the close of the market prices weakened, and \$4.75 was the top price. Buffalo market is very dull in this line; some sold down as low as \$3.00 per head. Calves.—About 25 calves on offer; very few choice milk-fed veals on offer. These fetched from \$7.00 to \$10.00 per head; all others at prices ranging from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per head. Milk Cows.—Trade dull; very few on offer. Prices ranged from \$25.00 to \$45.00 per head for choice milkers and early springers. Hogs.—Cattle from the Old Country rule strong on all bacon products. Supply does not equal the demand at present. About 1,000 on offer, at \$7.25 for tippertops, best singers, long, lean, bacon sorts not below 160 lbs., not above 200 lbs., live weight, off cars—that is, not fed or watered. Light and thick fat at \$6.75 per cwt. Corn-fed hogs are quoted at \$6.75; not many on offer. The high price of corn is one factor in the shortage of hogs. American corn is quoted at 65c. f. o. b. Toronto. We see prospect of a decline in the price of hogs in the course of the next two weeks, and advise all holders to market their hogs at once. Packers are not making any money, and there must be a let-up shortly.

	Extreme comparative prices to-day.	2 weeks ago.	Same date last year.
Export cattle.....	\$ 5.12½	\$ 5.15	\$ 5.10
Butchers' cattle.....	4.60	4.35	4.70
Bulls.....	4.25	4.00	4.00
Feeders.....	4.25	4.25	4.25
Stockers.....	3.25	3.25	3.10
Sheep.....	3.65	3.50	4.00
Hogs.....	7.25	7.25	6.25
Milk cows, per head.	45.00	45.00	45.00
Lambs, cwt.....	5.00	4.50	4.50

Grain Markets.—Receipts of farm produce on the St. Lawrence market were light. The receipts of fruit were heavy, the supply of tomatoes abnormally large; and prices have about touched bottom, at 10c. per basket. Potatoes have advanced: 50c., 60c., and 70c. per bushel by the load for choice. Wheat.—Four loads of new wheat, the first for this

season, sold at 66½c. per bushel. One load of red sold at 70c. One load of goose at 66c. per bushel. Oats.—Two hundred bushels of old oats sold at 41c. per bushel. Five hundred bushels of new oats sold at 37½c. per bushel. Hay.—Twenty-five loads of new hay sold at from \$9.00 to \$11.00 per ton. No old hay on offer. Straw.—One load of sheaf straw at \$10.00 per ton. Fresh Meats.—Abattoir quotations: Beef fore quarters, cwt., \$5.50; beef hind quarters, cwt., \$8.50; mutton carcass, lb., 7½c.; veal carcass, cwt., \$8.50; lamb carcass, cwt., \$9.00; dressed hogs, cwt., \$9.75. Hides, Skins and Wool.—No. 1 green, per lb., 7½c.; No. 1 green steers, per lb., 8c.; No. 1 cured hides, per lb., 8½c.; calskins, per lb., 9c.; pelts, each, 40c. lambskins, each, 40c.; wool fleece, per lb., 13½c.; wool, unwashed, per lb., 9c. August 23rd, 1901.

Toronto Market Notes.

A correspondent writes: Is the present cattle market badly managed; if so, what are the improvements necessary to render it a first-class, up-to-date market? Early in the season a market committee was appointed to visit and suggest improvements. Certain buildings and offices were promised; offices, sheds and building were talked of by the chairman, but up to the present moment nothing has been done. Now, the same gentlemen who so loudly declared that these buildings would be ready for the fall business are particularly interested in another venture, and one of the same committee has the promise of the post of manager for the new concern, at a salary of \$2,000 per annum. Yet, as an alderman of the city council, he has promised to the best of his ability to execute and protect the interests of the citizens of Toronto, and not become a partner, either directly or indirectly, in any interest on behalf of any corporation against the city's interest.

Montreal Markets.

Montreal, Aug. 26.—There were about 600 head of butchers' cattle, 75 calves and 500 sheep and lambs offered at East End Abattoir to-day. Cattle.—There was a larger proportion of pretty good cattle to-day than has been the case lately, and all kinds, except the best, were rather lower in price. Mr. G. Martel bought ten of the best, beeves at from 4½c. to 4¾c. per lb.; pretty good stock sold at from 3½c. to nearly 4½c. per lb.; common dry and thrifty young stock 2½c. to 3c.; canners paid from 1½c. to 2c. per lb. for small bulls, and from 1½c. to 2c. per lb. for old cows. Calves from three to four weeks old sold at from \$1 to \$5 each, or about 4½c. per lb. Calves two to three months old bring \$8 to \$12 each, or about 4c. per lb. Sheep.—Shippers paid 3½c. per lb. for good large sheep, and the butchers paid from 3c. to 3½c. per lb. for the others. Lambs.—The supply of lambs is not equal to the demand, and prices are firm. Fair to good lots of lambs sell at from \$3 to \$3.75 per head, with a few choice ones at from \$4 to \$4.50 each, or about 4½c. per lb. Hogs.—Fat hogs sold at from 6c. to 7½c. per lb., the latter for selects.

Buffalo Markets.

East Buffalo, Aug. 26.—Cattle.—Receipts, 150 cars; good demand and higher; good to fine finished steers, \$5.65 to \$6; medium to choice shipping steers, \$5.30 to \$5.60; coarse rough, \$4.15 to \$4.65; fat smooth, \$5 to \$5.25; green steers, \$3.85 to \$4.50. Hogs.—Receipts, 60 cars; excited and higher; heavy grades opened at \$6.35 to \$6.40, closed at \$6.50; mixed, \$6.30 to \$6.35, closed at \$6.40; Yorkers, common to best, \$5.15 to \$6.25, closed at \$6.35; grassers, \$6 to \$6.25, as to weight and quality; pigs, \$5.80 to \$5.90; roughs, \$5.40 to \$5.70; stags, \$4.50 to \$4.75. Sheep and lambs.—Receipts, 51 cars; market steady to firm for lambs; top, \$5.60 to \$5.95; one load fancy corn-fed, \$5.85; culls to fairly good, \$3.25 to \$3.50; sheep, top mixed, \$3.30 to \$3.50; wethers, \$3.60 to \$3.90; yearlings, \$3.75 to \$4.

Chicago Markets.

Chicago, Aug. 26.—Cattle.—Receipts, 22,000; butchers' stock firm; Texans strong; westerns slow; good to prime steers, \$5.30 to \$6.30; poor to medium, \$3.60 to \$5.25; stockers and feeders steady, \$2.25 to \$4.25; heifers, \$2.50 to \$4.85; canners slow, \$1.25 to \$2.35; steers, \$4 to \$5.25; Texas grass steers firm, \$3.40; western steers, \$3.75 to \$4.35. Hogs.—Receipts to-day, 32,000; top, \$6.50; mixed and butchers, \$5.75 to \$6.40; good to choice, heavy, \$5.90 to \$6.50; rough heavy, \$5.70 to \$5.85; light, \$5.70 to \$6.25; bulk of sales, \$6 to \$6.25. Sheep.—Good to choice wethers, \$3.25 to \$4; fair to choice, \$3 to \$3.40; native lambs, \$3 to \$5.25; western lambs, \$3.90 to \$5.10.

Toronto Market Profits.

Commissioner Coatsworth, in defence of the management of the Toronto cattle market, has prepared a schedule showing profits to the city of \$67,000 since 1896, as follows:—

	Receipts.	Expend.	Balances.
1896.....	\$25,223	\$6,816	\$ 8,407
1897.....	26,836	19,986	6,850
1898.....	33,848	15,466	18,382
1899.....	34,137	17,363	16,773
1900.....	35,208	18,065	17,143
Total.....	\$155,254	\$87,591	\$67,656

British Markets.

London (Eng.), Aug. 26th.—Canadian cattle, 6d to 6½d; sheep, 6d. Liverpool.—Canadian cattle, 6d to 6½d; sheep, 6d. Glasgow.—Canadian cattle, 6½d.

SHOWS AND SHOWING.

Live Stock Exhibits and Meetings at Buffalo, N. Y.

As the time approaches for the live-stock show at the Pan-American Exposition, the indications are that one of the largest and best shows ever brought together will be seen at Buffalo, the dates for which are as follows:

Aug. 26th to Sept. 7th.	Cattle.....
Sept. 29th to Sept. 21st.	Swine.....
Sept. 23rd to Oct. 5th.	Sheep.....
Oct. 7th to Oct. 19th.	Horses.....
Oct. 21st to Oct. 31st.	Poultry.....
Oct. 21st to Oct. 31st.	Pet Stock.....

During the time of each exhibit, arrangements have been made for the holding of meetings of breeders of the various classes of live stock, and through the courtesy of the New York Commission, the meetings will be held in the audience room of the New York State Building, as follows: Swine Breeders, September 4th; Cattle Breeders and Dairywomen, September 19th and 20th; Sheep Breeders, October 3rd; Horse

Breeders, October 17th; Poultry and Pet Stock Fanciers, October 25th. An interesting programme is in course of preparation, and invitations have been extended to the officials of the South and Central American countries to participate in the deliberations, as well as to all those of the United States and Canada who are interested in live-stock meetings. These meetings are a result of an anxiety expressed on the part of live-stock men to get in closer touch with the live-stock interests of not only our own country, but of South and Central America as well. A general invitation is extended to all stockmen to be present at these meetings.

F. A. CONVERSE,
Superintendent of Live Stock.

Royalty at the Ottawa Fair.

The Central Canada Exhibition, at Ottawa, Sept. 13th to 21st, in addition to all its other attractions this year, announces an unprecedented feature in the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York during the exhibition. The visit of the future King and Queen of the British Empire is attracting widespread attention, and thousands of dollars will be spent in decorating the city in a manner befitting the Capital of Canada. The grounds will come in for their share of embellishment, and a visit to Ottawa during Fair week will be a show in itself.

Last Call for London.

Secretary Nelles, of the Western Fair, to be held on Sept. 5-14, reports all arrangements more than up-to-date, and feels confident that the initial show of the century, in the beautiful Queen's Park of the "Forest City," will be one of which Western Ontario can well be proud. As usual, the live stock and other substantial features will be exceptionally strong, meriting the careful study of the multitudes of visitors; and besides the afternoon entertainments, there will be four evenings of grand fireworks display, including "Fall of China" and "Relief of Pekin," a most brilliant spectacular representation of recent events.

Fall Fairs.

CANADA.

Eastern, Sherbrooke, Que.....	Aug. 31-Sept. 7
Toronto Industrial, complete.....	Sept. 2-7
Western Fair, London, Ont.....	Sept. 5-14
Kingston, Kingston.....	Sept. 9-13
Brome Corner, Que.....	Sept. 10-11
Bowmanville Fair.....	Sept. 12-13
Nova Scotia, Halifax, N. S.....	Sept. 14-21
Central Canada, Ottawa, Ont.....	Sept. 14-22
E. Zorra, Tavistock.....	Sept. 16-17
Lennox, Napanee.....	Sept. 17-18
Scugog Agricultural Society, Pt. Perry, Ont.....	Sept. 17-19
South Lanark, Perth, Ont.....	Sept. 17-19
Strathroy Fair, Strathroy, Ont.....	Sept. 17-19
East Elgin, Aylmer, Ont.....	Sept. 17-19
South Grenville, Prescott, Ont.....	Sept. 17-19
Guelph Central, Guelph, Ont.....	Sept. 17-19
North York, Newmarket, Ont.....	Sept. 17-19
Northern, Walkerton, Ont.....	Sept. 18-19
N. Middlesex, Ailsa Craig.....	Sept. 19-20
N. Leeds, Merrickville.....	Sept. 19-20
North Waterloo, Berlin.....	Sept. 20-21
Russell County, Metcalfe, Ont.....	Sept. 20-21
Welland Fair, Welland, Ont.....	Sept. 21-25
Haldimand, Cayuga.....	Sept. 21-25
Palmerston.....	Sept. 21-25
South Huron, Seaforth.....	Sept. 21-25
Uxbridge.....	Sept. 21-25
Central Bruce, Paisley.....	Sept. 21-25
Victoria Road.....	Sept. 21-25
Atwood, Ont.....	Sept. 21-25
North Lanark, Almonte, Ont.....	Sept. 21-26
Prescott, Vankleek Hill, Ont.....	Sept. 21-26
Peterborough Central, Peterborough, Ont.....	Sept. 21-26
Great South-western and Union, Essex, Ont.....	Sept. 21-26
Great Northern, Collingwood, Ont.....	Sept. 21-27
Preteville.....	Sept. 21-27
Prince Edward County, Picton, Ont.....	Sept. 21-27
Centre Simcoe, Barrie.....	Sept. 21-27
Kamloops, B. C.....	Sept. 21-27
North Brant, Paris, Ont.....	Sept. 21-27
South Renfrew, Renfrew, Ont.....	Sept. 21-27
Central Wellington, Fergus, Ont.....	Sept. 21-27
East Grey, Flesherton.....	Sept. 21-27
North Brant, Paris.....	Sept. 21-27
Mornington, Milverton.....	Sept. 21-27
Amabel and Albemarle, Wiarton.....	Sept. 21-27
Halton, Milton.....	Sept. 21-27
Whitby.....	Sept. 21-27
Central, Lindsay.....	Sept. 21-28
York Township and Weston Fair.....	Sept. 21-28
Tyendinaga, Shannonville.....	Sept. 21-28
Carleton, Richmond, Ont.....	Sept. 30-Oct. 2
Peel, Brampton.....	Oct. 1-2
Great North-western, Goderich, Ont.....	Oct. 1-2
Huntley, Carp, Ont.....	Oct. 1-2
N. R. of Oxford, Woodstock, Ont.....	Oct. 1-2
Stayner.....	Oct. 1-2
Orillia.....	Oct. 1-2
Arran, Tara, Ont.....	Oct. 1-2
South Waterloo, Galt.....	Oct. 1-2
S. Perth, St. Mary's.....	Oct. 1-2
New Westminster, B. C.....	Oct. 1-5
Victoria, B. C.....	Oct. 1-4
North Grey, Owen Sound, Ont.....	Oct. 2-4
East York, Markham, Ont.....	Oct. 2-4
E. Huron, Brussels.....	Oct. 3-4
North Renfrew, Beachburg, Ont.....	Oct. 3-4
Bolton.....	Oct. 3-4
S. Oxford, Ottaville.....	Oct. 4-5
World's Fair, Rockton, Ont.....	Oct. 8-9
Elmvalle.....	Oct. 8-9
Beaverton.....	Oct. 8-9
North Perth, Stratford.....	Oct. 8-9
Peninsular, Chatham, Ont.....	Oct. 8-10
Caledonia, Caledonia, Ont.....	Oct. 10-11
Georgina and North Gwillimbury.....	Oct. 10-11
Sutton.....	Oct. 10-11
Ashfield and Wawanosh Branch, Duncannon.....	Oct. 10-11
Orford, Highgate.....	Oct. 11-12
Norfolk Union, Simcoe, Ont.....	Oct. 15-17
Woodbridge, Woodbridge, Ont.....	Oct. 16-17
Bradford and West Gwillimbury.....	Oct. 22-23
Ontario Winter Fair, Guelph.....	Dec. 10-14

UNITED STATES.

Iowa, Des Moines.....	Aug. 23-31
Ohio State, Columbus.....	Aug. 26-Sept. 7
Minnesota, Hamline.....	Aug. 30-Sept. 6
N. Y. State, Syracuse.....	Sept. 8-14
Wisconsin, Milwaukee.....	Sept. 9-14
Missouri, Sedalia.....	Sept. 16-21
Indiana, Indianapolis.....	Sept. 16-21
Interstate, Louisville, Ky.....	Sept. 23-Oct. 5
Illinois, Springfield.....	Sept. 30-Oct. 5
Kansas City Show and sales.....	Oct. 7-11
St. Louis.....	Oct. 7-26
Chicago International.....	Nov. 30-Dec. 7
Buffalo (Pan-American)—Dogs, Aug. 27-30; swine, Aug. 28-Sept. 7; cattle, Sept. 9-21; sheep, Sept. 23-Oct. 5; horses, Oct. 7-19; poultry and pet stock, Oct. 21-30.	
National Live Stock, Chicago.....	Dec. 3-6