

The *Gazette* estimates by the vote at the late election that there are 36,000 residents in Muskoka and Parry Sound.

A butter factory has been established at Zimmerman, in Halton County. This is the first factory of the kind in that county.

The Imperial Government has consented to the appointment of a Royal Commission to enquire into the cause of the agricultural depression in England.

The Great Eastern is to be used for the direct transportation of cattle between London and Texas. It is calculated that the vessel will take in one voyage 2,200 head of cattle and 36,000 sheep.

The crop prospects in Prince Albert, Northwest Territory, are splendid. The *Free Press* says that the crop reports from the different parts of Manitoba are encouraging though considerable loss has been sustained by heavy rain in certain localities.

A farmer in Holden, Me., states that being much annoyed with crows, pulling up his corn, he placed a large umbrella in his field in order to frighten them away. Imagine his surprise one wet day in finding a good flock seeking shelter under it from the rain. The umbrella is now used for another purpose.

CENTRAL FAIR AT HAMILTON.—The exhibition will present unusual attractions for the present year, 1879. It will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the 24th, 25th, 26th, and 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd October. Competition is open to the world, and the prizes in the aggregate amount to more than ever before offered by the same institution. A committee has been named to make arrangements for the reception of the Governor General and her Royal Highness Princess Louise, during the week of the Central Fair. The presence of these distinguished personages will no doubt add immensely to the attractions of the occasion, and greatly add to the success of the exhibition.

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