

Hungarian grass seeds demonstrate mostly that the productions of the field are of general cultivation.

And it will not be without interest to a large number of our people to know that there were some very good samples of tobacco.

THE CLOSE.

Friday, like the fifth act of a melo drama, was the close of the latest and by far the grandest in some respects of all the Exhibitions that have been held in Canada. It is easy to point out in what particular the Exhibition falls short of former ones, namely, in some articles of orchard, or garden, or field production and in this we claim exemption from reproach in the observation that the present was the best Exhibition; for the season, which is not men to arrange, was not so favorable as seasons that have ripened the better crops of other years. But in all articles of manufacture, and wherever the spirit of enterprise, and wealth, and skill enter, there it was plain that this was by far the best of all the Exhibitions on record. Even in the interest taken in this great fair and show, notwithstanding the rival attractions of the Great Central Fairs at Guelph, London, and Hamilton, the attendance here shows a marked improvement. It may be interesting to note the number of total attendance at the Exhibitions during, say the past six years. The total gate money is given which multiplied by four will give the visitors, and it may be allowed that 1 per cent may be added for members and complimentary tickets. In 1869, London, the money was \$15,935, and, in round numbers, 66,000 visitors; 1870, Toronto, \$17,451, 78,000 visitors; 1871, Kingston, \$6,951, and 26,600 visitors; 1872, Hamilton, \$12,563, and 50,200 visitors; 1873, London, \$15,950 and 64,900 visitors, and 1874, Toronto, \$19,260, and 85,000 visitors. And these visitors are, it may be said, also greatly improved; for it is a matter to be proud of, that nearly all the visitors to this Exhibition are land-owners, tenants in their own right, yeomen in the highest sense of the word. And it is a good thing to know that generally the visitors are well pleased with their visit to Toronto itself. But the Exhibition is at an end. At two o'clock the gates were abandoned and the movement to get away became general. The outward march of the live animals had been going on from a much earlier hour; horses and cattle on foot, and sheep and great heavy swine in open cages, and poultry in coops. So the stream went on leaving the ground during all the hours of the afternoon and late in the evening. But long before the evening came the visitors had gone, in all the directions leading homeward, by private conveyances and by rail in long crowded trains. The downfall of all the refreshment booths followed late in the afternoon; and when the evening came on, there was nothing but the dreary, the camp followers, over whom the police exercise wholesome control. It is satisfactory to have it to say that there never was less disorder at any Exhibition than at this, which was owing far more to the general respectability of the visitors than to all the display of moral and physical force on the ground.

Guelph Central Fair.

This show opened on the 15th ult., and continued for three days. The attendance, especially on Wednesday and Thursday, was very large, but on the whole the exhibition was not equal to that of last year. We subjoin brief notices of some of the leading departments:—

HORSES.

In this department the present exhibition is a grand success. Such a show of roadsters as there is only what it is reasonable to expect to find in a portion of the country so celebrated for that class of horses as the section about Guelph. The agricultural and heavy draught horses, too, are of such a character and so numerous that it would seem that with that description of live stock the farmers in this part of the country must be pretty well provided in blood horses there is a considerable falling off from last year's show.

CATTLE.

Unlike the show of horses, that of cattle is a great falling off from last year. This is in part attributable to the fact that two of the principal exhibitors, Messrs. Mr. Snell and Mr. Miller, have in cattle here this year. The cattle which Mr. Snell has imported this season, to replace what he disposed of at his last sale, he is reserving for exhibition in the next show at Toronto next week. Mr. Stoue, too, though he is one of the principal exhibitors

at the present fair, does not show as many beasts as previously, owing to having less stock in his possession than usual, as well as because, like other breeders, he did not care to bring his beasts to the Exhibition during such very warm weather as just preceded it. As has generally been the case at past Exhibitions, the competition on this occasion is confined chiefly to two or three breeders in each class in Durhams—that being the most popular of the breeds—there is a fair number of competitors. Some of the finest animals of that breed are shown by Mr. Stone and by Messrs. J. & R. Hunter, of Alma. The other principal exhibitors are Messrs. J. R. Craig, of Edmonton; James Cowan, of Galt; Joseph Brown, of Galt; and J. & W. Watt, of Nichol.

Of Devons there is not a satisfactory show, either in point of numbers or of quality. Only three or four of the animals are really fine ones; the rest, if not actually poor, are at the most not very good specimens of their breed.

The Herefords perhaps hold their own in this show better than any other class, but the display, with the exception of perhaps half a dozen animals, is entirely made by Messrs. Stone and George Hood, of Guelph.

Of Ayrshires there is a pretty good display, though numerically it is somewhat inferior to that of last year. The Messrs. Jardine, of Saltfleet, are again the principal exhibitors in the class, though Mr. George Huston, of Anderson, enters into competition with them with a considerable number of beasts. Mr. Thomas McCrae, of Guelph, also exhibits a few animals in this class, and Messrs. W. Toward & Co., of Walkerton, several.

Of the Galloway breed of cattle there is a display proportionally much larger than any other in the Exhibition. There are 57 animals of this breed entered, against 42 of last year. Only a few of the beasts are, however, very fine looking specimens. Mr. Wm. Hood, of Guelph, is the largest exhibitor in this class, but Mr. Thomas McCrae also shows a considerable number of animals. Mr. William Dow, of Nichol, is the only other exhibitor of Galloways.

In grades there is a pretty fair competition. Of fat cattle there is a large show. Few, if any, of the beasts in this class have the enormous amount of adipose tissue which renders a carcass finer to look at in the shambles than the meat is pleasant to the taste of most persons, but most of the animals would make good eatable beef.

SHEEP.

Leicesters.

The show in this class is said to be fully equal, both in quantity and quality, to at least the average of former years. The principal exhibitors are Messrs. Wm. Whitelaw, of Guelph township, Adam Liver, of Downie, and the Messrs. Parkinsons, of Ramosa, Messrs. Waldie and Smith, of Acton, and a few others also show some very fine animals. The principal prizes were about equally divided between Messrs. Whitelaw and Oliver.

Cotswolds.

The entries in this class are not so numerous as we have seen them on some former occasions, but the animals, in most instances, show unmistakable evidences of good and careful breeding. The leading exhibitors are Mr. J. R. Craig, Edmonton, who shows a pair of very superior imported shearing rams, and Thos. Waters, of Ramosa, whose four pens attract general attention. Messrs. T. McDonald and D. McRae, of Guelph and a few others are also successful exhibitors in this class.

South Downs.

The number of entries is large, and the entries generally so superior and nearly matched, that it must have given the judges in some instances no small trouble to arrive at conclusions. Mr. John R. Craig shows a magnificent, imported shearing ram, and two pairs of fine shearing ewes as perhaps never crossed the Atlantic. Mr. James Anderson, of Peshinch, has four very fine pens, and Mr. Douglas, of Dunmurry, the same number—all fine looking animals.

Lincolns and other Long-Wools.

The leading exhibitors in this class are Messrs. Wright and Butterfield, of Sandwich. Mr. Darling, of Middlesex, and Mr. Thomas Easton, of Nassagaweya, also show some nice animals. The show, on the whole, is more than usually good.

Fat Sheep.

The first, second, and third prizes for "aged wethers" go to Mr. Hood, of Guelph; the first prize for shearing wethers and fat ewes, as also the wethers for "best fat sheep" has been awarded to Mr. Whitelaw, of the same place. Most of the animals exhibited are in grand roasting condition.

PIGS.

Barkshires.

There is a very fine display of this famous and favorite breed, and the pens allotted to them appear to be the chief centres of attraction in this department. W. A. Bookless, Guelph, takes first prize for his magnificent boar, "John A. Macdonald," imported by Mr. Roach, of Hamilton. The other exhibitors are Mr. James Cowan, who carries off the first prize for boar under one year old; Robert Ford, Limehouse; J. & R. Miller, Guelph, first for breeding sow; Geo. Rudd, Pashinch, first for boar one year and under; John Bunyan, Guelph, first for sow under one year; John Hewer, Guelph, first for pigs dropped during 1874; and a few others.

Essex.

There is a large number of entries in this class also, but owing to the tickets having in most instances been removed, and in the absence of the owners, we are unable to give particulars. The principal exhibitors are Messrs. Wright and Butterfield, James Anderson, Thos. McRae, and J. Featherston.

Suffolks.

There are but few representatives of this class on the ground, but we observe that the quality of those exhibited is fully up to the standard. James Mair shows, among other fine animals, a very nice sow, under one year, which deservedly carried off the first prize. Messrs. Wright and Butterfield take the ribbons for sow, one year old and under, and for a boar, both very choice animals. Mr. J. Hunt and Mr. West also exhibit in this class.

Yorkshires.

Mr. Solomon Gooding, of Guelph, takes first prize for a very handsome young sow, and Messrs. Wright and Butterfield the same for an equally fine boar. John Tuck, Guelph, J. & R. Miller, W. West, J. Mair, J. Featherston, and a few others, also make a good display.

GRAIN, &c.

The show of grain, field seeds, &c., is scarcely as large as was to be expected from the good accounts which have been received of the year's crops.

The white winter wheat shown is decidedly fine, large, plump, and clear in the berry. For the premium for the best two bushels there are seven competitors. Mr. William Tuck, of Waterdown, takes the first prize with a splendid sample, while the second prize goes to Mr. Robert Tuck of the same place, and the third to Mr. W. M. Smith, of Fairfield Plains.

Thirteen bags of the Treadwell variety are shown. This is also very fine grain. For the best two bushels Mr. Samuel Sugg, of Clifford, takes the first prize; the second prize in the same section is taken by Mr. George Short, of Salem, and the third by Mr. James Auld, of Ramosa.

Of red winter wheat two bags comprise the entire display. With one of these Mr. Wm. Whitelaw, of Guelph, takes the first prize, and with the other Mr. Richard House, of Pilkington, carries off the second.

Of Fife wheat there are eight bags on exhibition. The first prize is taken by Mr. John Turner, of Garafraxa, the second by Mr. Simpson Rennie, of Milliken, and the third by Mr. Isaac Anderson, of Ramosa.

The spring wheat shown is generally of about average quality; perhaps it is somewhat darker than usual. Altogether there are about fifty bushels of it shown. On two bushels of "any kind" Mr. John Turner takes the first prize, Mr. Isaac Anderson the second, and Mr. Robert Tuck the third. On the best ten bushels Mr. Anthony Turner, of Garafraxa, takes the first prize.

Of barley a large quantity, comparatively, is exhibited, almost all of it six-rowed, and, without exception, it is splendid grain.

The oats shown, of which there are quite a number of bags, are also, with the exception perhaps of a couple of bags of black, beautiful grain, being very full and clean. With the rest there are five bags of the Norway variety shown.

Peas seem scarcely up to the standard of former years, narrowfats in particular.

Of flax seed a considerable quantity is shown. Of grass seed there are only two bags, and of clover seed only one.

Hops are shown to the extent of five bales and are of unusually good quality. Mr. C. S. Smith, of Acton, takes the first prize, Mr. John Allan, of Erin, the second, and Mr. George Moore, of Waterloo, the third.

POULTRY.

In this department at any rate the exhibition is decidedly one of the finest ever held in the Province, as it is one of the largest. So numerous are the