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on "The best and most practical method of pre-
serving timber used for building and fencing pur-
poses." Essay must be in this office by 20th Dec.

Mr. J. C. Snell, of Edmonton, Ont., has
thrown out a very valuable suggestion for the
directors of exhibitions and exhibitors to discuss.
It is our opinion that Mr. Snell has the interest of
both in view. Should any one object to the plan
of exhibiting owes singly, they have an oppor-
tunity to state their views; also, if any of the
members of the Board of Agriculture, or any
other persons, have any useful suggestions to make
with the object of improving our exhibitions or
advancing the agricultural interests, it would be
well to lay them openly before the independent
farmers, so that the plans might be openly discussed
before too hasty steps are taken. The numerous
and too hasty steps which have been taken now
show their results by the general dissatisfaction in
regard to the management of the herd book, and
many other acts. The real breeders were always
opposed to the change that was made, and now
thousands of farmers who have purchased animals
which they were led to believe were entitled to
pedigreed certificates, find them only grade ani-
mals after all. Question—Who profited by the
change?

Those interested in dairying should read with
interest Mrs. Parsons' remarks in regard to Stilton
cheese. We look on Prof. Arnold as a leading
authority in America on dairy subjects, and
claim that our Canadian dairymen make just as
good as the best American-made cheese. Yet
we must still improve. Our opinion is strongly in
favor of the unbroken curd, and the blue mold so
seldom found in Canadian or American cheese.

Agricultural Exhibitions.

Now the long evenings have set in and the busy
time of harvest, of attending the exhibitions,
and of the fall wheat seeding is passed,
we should devote a little of our time in
looking back, observing what has passed,
and endeavoring to lay our plans so as to
profit by our observations. To do this to the best
advantage is to exchange our thoughts, to impart
to others our ideas and thus hope to hear the
opinions of others. Each one may impart some
useful lesson from which others may learn. All
will not see with the same eyes. Open and full
discussions are the only ways to arrive at correct
conclusions. We purpose making a few remarks.
Every person may not coincide with us, but, al-
though they may not, they have the pages of this
journal open to them to express their ideas on any
agricultural subject that is intended for
developing and advancing the interests of agri-
culture, and those who really desire the agricul-
tural interests to be encouraged cannot ask a better
opportunity and can have no better medium. There
probably may be some that do not desire open dis-
cussions, and they may even use their influence to
supress such discussions; but we cannot believe
that such a course tends to the best results.

Agricultural exhibitions are doubly beneficial to
farmers; they are the farmer's school, and are used
as the farmer's holiday. Farmers require a holi-
day and it is highly beneficial to them to have one,
and in no way can they spend it more profitably
than in attending exhibitions—that is, where exhi-
bitions are properly conducted. This word
"properly" implies much, and to what extent it
may with propriety extend in connection with these
exhibitions is a debatable question, one that we
hope those that take an interest in them will duly
consider and express their views upon. We take
the Royal Agricultural Exhibition of England as
the model one, taking all things into consideration.
We do not pretend to say but that many improve-
ments might be added to it; but it confines itself
to its own business; it is honorably conducted; it
is in no way under Government control; receives
no Government money; has no useless expendi-
tures; no other purpose to serve but the advance-
ment of the agricultural interests. It is honored
and respected, and a prize gained at it implies real
merit and passes like the British gold all over the
world. This exhibition is held under canvas tents
of immense size, and it is perambulating.

Despite the numerous kind invitations sent, we
were unable to attend more than four of these exhi-
bitions. The length of time occupied by the
two largest in Ontario—two weeks each—pre-
vented us from attending more. This arrangement
we believe, will be abandoned. We fear that per-
sons more interested in city interests than in the
interests of farmers or manufacturers had too much
weight in inaugurating this change to two weeks.

A few large exhibitors may still favor this plan, as
it tends to keep small exhibitors away, leaving a
better field for those that exhibit; but we think it
best to encourage the small exhibitors as well as
the large.

At the township agricultural show held at Mt.
Bridges, there was a prize given for the finest
baby. Of course it drew attention, caused fun,
perhaps added to the receipts; but it is a question
if such an exhibit tends to the well-being of an
agricultural exhibition.

We visited the County of Elgin Agricultural
Exhibition, held at St. Thomas, and it was a good
show. One of the directors of another exhibition
met us and said he did not approve of having these
betting showmen, aunt sallies, shooting tubes, etc.,
on the ground. It tended to the demoralization of
the young, and detracted from the utility of the
show. But what appeared most remarkable was
that one of the principal directors of this very
show had made very similar remarks to us but a
few years before, when conversing with us on the
fair grounds in London where the same kind of ex-
hibits had been on view. Perhaps the third com-
plainer might introduce them at his exhibition, but
the question arises—how far should these outside
attractions be allowed? It is claimed that the
dog show, the mermaid show, the female band
show, etc., all helped the funds of the Provincial
Association; but whether they are permanent bene-
fits is a question that may be asked. For instance,
this mermaid exhibition we believe to be only a
skull and arms of a monkey, with wooden or
guttapercha ears; a little red human hair stuck
on the skull, and a fish-skin and tail to represent the
extremities of the body. This exhibit was well
put together and excited the curiosity of thous-
ands, and drew a good sum to the exhibitor. Of
course the members of the Provincial Board may
have thought that by getting a good sum from the
showman for a small space of ground, it was clear
profit; but whether they should descend to such
means is another question. It is said the regatta,
etc., eclipsed the interest in the agricultural exhi-
bition the first week in Toronto. It was also said
that the attention of the directors was more de-
voted to a military and government display at the
first Provincial Exhibition held in Ottawa, and
it was claimed that the said exhibition was a grand
success. But the next time the Provincial was
held in Ottawa the loss was such that it nearly
ruined the credit and honor of the Association,
and gave it such a shock that it still remains a
question whether the present Board will outlive
another sitting of Parliament.

It might be well to discuss this subject. We are
inclined to the plan of keeping pretty close to one
business. There is enough in agriculture to make
agricultural exhibitions a success. We had better
not interfere with Barnum. There is a time and a
place for all things.