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must be abridged as much as possible.

### Guelph—The Agricultural College, F. W. Stone's Farm, &c.

It is our intention, as time and means afford, to  
visit places that are of interest to our readers. On  
Monday, the 15th of May, we left this city with  
the intention of visiting the Government Farm in  
Guelph. A gentleman offered us a ride. We went  
as far as Mr. Stone's farm, which is a little fur-  
ther than the Government Farm from Guelph. Mr.  
Stone sold his old stock farm to the Government,  
purchased another one adjoining, and still carries  
on importing and breeding on as large a scale as  
ever. There is a marked difference in the appear-  
ance, cost and value of the stock on these two  
farms. Any person interested in this department  
should not fail to see, enquire and compare these  
two farms and their stock. They are both of very  
great advantage to Guelph, as they must draw  
visitors and purchasers from a long distance.

The most remarkable animal we noticed was  
Mr. Stone's old cow "Sanspareil." She is between  
16 and 17 years old; she has been a regular breeder,  
has raised three bulls and one heifer, successively for  
many years; she is now in calf. Every time we have  
seen her—that has been for many years—she has  
been rolling fat. She now carries about six inches  
of solid fat on her rump and about three inches on  
the loin. We could hardly have believed that a  
cow could have lived to this age and be a regular  
breeder, and carry such an amount of fat on her  
all the time. She is a large, fine animal. You  
must judge of her constitution from the above  
facts.

There is a large number of fine animals of this  
stock on the farm, some of which are being fitted to  
send to the Centennial. Mr. Stone has 70 breed-  
ing Shorthorns, besides young stock. The 3rd  
Duke of Springwood, a very fine red bull, stands  
at the head of his herd. He is a son of the 7th  
Earl of Oxford. There is also another bull of high  
pedigree in use on the farm, namely, Baron Berk-

ley, a good animal, bred by Earl Bective. This  
bull was imported last autumn; his pedigree is  
A 1. A J Cow, Queen of Weston, and a Craig's  
heifer, are among his importations for '75. Mr.  
Stone is importing seven more Shorthorns; they  
are expected in a few days.

We left Mr. Stone's, and then visited the  
Government Farm. The grounds in front of the  
College have been much improved in appearance.  
A new Mansard roof has been put on the College;  
a large building has been erected for the veterinary  
school. We met Mr. Barnes, the gardener. He  
appears to be making the best use of everything at  
his command to beautify the grounds. A new im-  
plement shed has been erected for him. We next  
met Mr. Brown, a gentleman who has been ap-  
pointed to superintend the farm management. He  
showed us some steers on which he was trying ex-  
periments in feeding turnips in different ways;  
also, sheep on which he had been trying different  
kinds of treatment. Mr. B. said he would send  
us the reports of the results.

Mr. Brown also showed us the stock, sheep and  
thoroughbred cattle. We cannot speak satisfac-  
torily in regard to them. A poultry house is being  
erected, having a hot air flue through each depart-  
ment.

At the time of our visit the Principal, Mr. W. John-  
stone, was delivering his lecture to the students. It  
was raining hard while we were there; having a  
cold and being wet, we did not call on this gentle-  
man this time, as we did not wish to sit or stand  
about while wet. We had previously seen him.  
He appears to be giving much greater satisfaction  
than the previous managers have done.

There are about thirty young men staying at the  
College. They are supposed to pay for their board  
by their work; they receive ten cents per hour  
while working on the farm, their time being di-  
vided, part of which is devoted to the study, and  
part to manual labor.

The next time we pay a visit to this farm we  
hope to have a finer day, and give fuller reports of  
its progress. The farm is a fixed fact. It has  
been established through much opposition, and  
there will be good and bad results and effects.

The Government has granted \$2,000 towards es-  
tablishing a library; also, \$10,000 for the purchase  
of stock.

Preparations are being made in Guelph for a  
number of new buildings to be erected. In fact,  
Guelph bids fair to outstrip most other towns and  
cities in the amount of improvements to be car-  
ried on there during this season.

Mr. Levi Cossitt, an enterprising manufacturer  
in this town, has a gang plow of which he has a  
very high opinion. He says he will send it to any  
farmer who has a gang plow or cultivator, or that  
needs one. He will guarantee it to do better work,  
to be easier worked by men, and easier on the team  
than any similar implement made; that the con-

struction is the simplest, and at the same time the  
most durable, that it will kill foul weeds better,  
that better crops will be raised by its use, that  
land will be much cheaper and better cultivated;  
and to clench his statement, he says he will send  
the plow free of cost, and take it back again if it  
does not in every way give satisfaction to the  
farmer ordering it.

Mr. Cossitt is a live Yankee, and the Guelphites,  
although boiling with the lion's blood on the least  
occasion, hail with pleasure Mr. Cossitt's achieve-  
ment in introducing and manufacturing this im-  
plement in their town.

We examined the plow. It has three plows,  
with steel mould-boards and wrought iron frame.  
The coupling is for elevating and lowering, and it  
is very complete. It has no tongue, which is also  
considered an advantage. Wrought iron handles  
are also used for guiding it. The cost is \$30. We  
consider it well worth the money, in fact the  
cheapest farm implement we have yet seen. We  
are pleased to see that our American cousins  
should manufacture their implements in Canada.

### Centennial Exhibition Notes.

Canada, we are pleased to hear, makes a very  
creditable display in the various departments. In  
fact, this Exhibition will show to the world that  
our country can compare favorably with any coun-  
try for progress and for productiveness, whether  
from the sea, forest, earth, machine shop or art  
departments.

We notice that some of the papers are complain-  
ing bitterly because the railroad companies will  
not make a greater reduction than one-third for  
the round trip. Railroad companies expect to  
make a haul. They might find it advantageous to  
act liberally.

The Live Stock Department promises to be of  
great interest. It is supposed about 1000 prizes  
will be awarded, but what amount or in what way  
is not yet generally known. A steamship is fitted  
specially to bring stock from Europe. The stock  
exhibition will take place from October 10th to the  
18th. Applications for exhibiting may be made  
until the 10th of June. We have not yet heard  
whose stock has been selected, except in a few in-  
stances. F. W. Stone will send seven Herefords  
and nine Cotswolds, and nine Southdowns. Mr.  
G. Rudd will send six Devons. Mr. G. Hood, six  
Galloways and four Herefords. Mr. J. S. Arm-  
strong, Mr. J. Hunter and Mr. Watt, we hear,  
will send Shorthorns, but the exact selection in  
this class we have not heard.

We hope Canada will be fairly dealt with at the  
hands of our cousins this time. We never yet  
have been. The Americans owe us a debt of  
courtesy and gratitude for the aid we have given  
them to reconcile bitter feelings. Canada has done  
her part well to make their great show a success.  
We hope it may be such.