

halls, for the display of machinery and manufactures of various kinds, each nearly or about 200 feet in length and 50 in breadth, the dairy hall, a shed for carriages, and the vegetable hall for the exhibition of grain, roots, &c. Further to the left is the poultry shed. North-west of these buildings, and running north-east, are seven long sheds for cattle, parallel with each other, each about 200 feet in length, and capable of accommodating about 40 head of cattle. In addition to all this accommodation for stock, all around three sides of the enclosure there are stalls or boxes for horses and bulls, to the number of some three hundred, or thereabouts. The implements are displayed between the mechanics' halls and the front and south-east side of the grounds. All the buildings described are slight temporary erections, of mere rough boards and scantling, which will, no doubt, answer very well with such fine weather as we have at present, but which, in case of a wet and tempestuous time, would expose the property exhibited to great damage. We have long come to the conclusion in Canada that such buildings are not good enough, or safe enough, for our Provincial Exhibitions, where property is exposed to all the risks of the weather for several days. The general plan of the grounds and buildings here, however, is excellent, affording plenty of room and convenient divisions for the proper arrangement and classification of animals and articles on exhibition. The ground itself is beautifully situated, and is in excellent condition for the purpose. It rises with a gentle ascent from the front or South-east towards the back or North-west; the view in the back ground being terminated by a range of hills, crowned here and there with trees. Looking in the other direction, the view beyond the front of the grounds, across the river, is charming, consisting of undulating fields, hills and slopes, adorned by groves and clumps of wood, now brilliant with all the gorgeous and changing tints of autumn.

The exhibition is extensive and excellent. The following is an abstract of the entries:—Cattle, 362; Horses and Mules, 517; Sheep, Swine and Poultry, 603; Agricultural Implements and Machinery, 495; Grain, Seeds, Vegetables, Sugar and Honey, 360; Domestic Manufactures, 364; Miscellaneous, 601; Fruits and Flowers, 253.—Amounting in all to 3,555.

It is estimated that there were about forty thousand people on the ground to-day. The total receipts were over \$5,000. The total receipts up to this (Wednesday) evening, are \$7,800. They will probably be greater to-morrow. Amongst the visitors from Canada I noticed the Hon. David Christie, Mr. Denison, Treasurer, and Mr. Thomson, Secretary, of the Agricultural Association of Upper Canada. Mr. Snell of Chingunacousy, and Mr. Jeffry, of Vaughn, are here as exhibitors. Mr. Snell has sold a Liecester ram for \$300.

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THURSDAY, October 6, 1859.

I now propose to give a brief general notice of the several departments of this great "Fair," as this and similar exhibitions are somewhat incorrectly termed.

In the class of horses there was a very large display, the entries as I stated yesterday being over 500, and the several committees of judges have been occupied nearly the whole of yesterday and to-day in examining the merits of the animals in the various subdivisions. The ring in which they show their paces, some three-eighths of a mile in circuit, is constantly surrounded by a closely packed hedge of interested spectators, from three to ten in depth. I do not admire the system of showing horses at an agricultural exhibition in trotting sulkies and buggies, but here it is carried so far as to be almost universal, even with stallions, breeding mares and two year olds, and appears to suit the taste of the people better than any other mode. As to the quality of the horses exhibited, one does not see here the large, showy, slow-going draught and coach horses, which predominate at our own exhibitions. The moderate sized, active, compactly built and spirited Morgans and Black Hawks appear to be the favorites, and are here in great force. Some of the stallions of these breeds are of beautiful symmetry and action, and are held at high prices. A greater sprinkling than we have of these breeds of horses would be very useful in Canada. Amongst the "horses of all work," I noticed "Toronto Chief," bred in Canada, and sold by Mr. R. A. Goodenough, of Toronto, last spring for \$6,000, and now the property of Mr. L. R. Bowne, of Flushing. The Chief was looking in good condition, and was the centre of an admiring crowd. It would be impossible for me to specify particular animals.—Although there are a great many very fine specimens, there are on the other hand, a great many others very inferior.