

### Sheep at the Toronto Fair.

How an American Reporter Described the Exhibit.

The following rather humorous presentation of the sheep exhibit at the Toronto Fair appeared in the last issue of the *American Sheep Breeder*. Though rather long we give it in full:

Behold there is a city which lieth beyond the lake called Ontario, the citizens whereof issued a proclamation to all the world, saying: "Come ye to visit us, and bring with you your wives and children; also the best of your flocks and herds, your servants, and the captains of your hosts; and it shall go well with ye, with your flocks and with your servants, for we will make thy life a pleasant life, and in games of skill they who wax strong, verily they shall be well treated."

Now, there sojourned in the city of Toronto mighty men, men of renown in the game to be played. They came from the north, from the south, from the east, and from the west. They left their wives and families at home, but with them and their flocks came men of skill in the game called Shearing and Showing, and these were renowned workmen, armored in blue jeans, and carried weapons like unto two swords joined together; these they used with marvellous skill. Others employed an unguent, which caused a foam like unto that found upon the seashore, and they came out of their baths white as snow, and these men used an instrument which was heated in flames of fire many times, and, with the patience and art employed, it made the wool of marvellous beauty, the sheen upon which reminded one of the glistening of the sun upon the ice on peaks of the high hills. Again, others of the skilled magicians anointed their flocks with frankincense and myrrh and with oil from the palm and from the olive.

And behold, amongst the numbers who came to this city was the Laird of Altamont, and with him came the mighty Bradbur, clad in raiment of many colors. He was noted for his skill and knowledge of the game, and the Laird arose and said: "I will hence to the City of Syracuse, beyond the great lake, for I feel tired;" and the captain of his flocks whispered in his sleep: "Tanner for ever."

But who is this clad in purple and fine linen, with a smile upon his face, like unto that of a great conqueror? His talk is of the horse and the hound, and he was a mighty hunter in the land of the great queen. Folly Farm is the resting place for the sole of his feet. With him, of modest mien, was Robert, the son of John the Miller, and they were continually lifting up their voices in praise of Ruddington, its manager and its flocks.

Then appeared "The Campbell." "She was" there, and with him Newton Pippins innumerable. He has found favor in the eyes of many tribunes, and doth wax in wealth, in flocks and herds. In his dreams he has been heard to whisper: "Newton Lord will never die."

And the Hammers were there, with the smell of salt water upon them, clad in armor of the ancient Briton at home beyond the seas. They are skillful with the shears and with the bottle which containeth the milk of the cow, and they were successful in lowering the spears and shields of their opponents.

Beattie and Wright were there, but they possessed their souls with peace and contentment;

The Allen came up from the west, spying out the land. He said, "I will arise and see what these vain boasters are doing, but thy servant will lie low, and then smite them, hip and thigh, when then they are consumed with their own vanity." Verily he departed as one having learned much.

But who are these clad in uncouth garments, the colors of which resemble the sky in May? They are the tribunes who award the prizes, men of wisdom and discretion. But why arrayed like this? Oh, to keep off the oil of the olive and the palm, the frankincense and unsavory spices, for it is only upon the flock that these precious ointments may be used.

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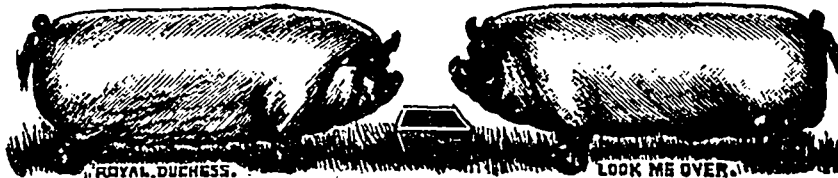
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