

the tailor, and you will find it in men in office drowned in debt because their position required them, they fancy, to spend more than they earned. And what is the result of all this? Farms gained by honest toil mortgaged and sold, lives made miserable that ought to have been contented and happy, petty thefts from employers, by and by to swell out into extensive frauds, reckless gambling, debts contracted without any intention of ever being paid, all the sorrows of "shabby gentility" endured from year to year, the country impoverished and the people demoralized.

The cry was raised a few years ago in England, that the young men were grown so self-indulgent that they would not marry on account of the expense. The answer was given, how could they when young ladies were so extravagant and so helpless, that two, three or four hundred pounds a year of income would not begin to keep them supplied with all they reckoned indispensable? To a certain degree, can the same thing not be said of Canada? Can we wonder that clerks or young men struggling to make a position should be chary of setting up house-keeping, when from the very first, they have out of their modest earnings, to keep a "hired girl" to do what their young wives would be all the better for managing in the meantime; or, where even their position is higher, when the tyrant custom and the rage for appearances make the daughters of comparative wealth think it absolutely necessary that they should begin life in the same style in which their parents are now ending theirs.

FINE SAMPLE OF FALL WHEAT.—We received on the last day of July two remarkably fine samples of fall wheat, which had been grown by Mr. Joseph Kean, on his farm, north of Orillia. Most of the heads were fully six inches long, and well filled with plump and heavy berries. Mr. Kean informs us that he expects to harvest between thirty and forty bushels to the acre. The crop has been very slightly attacked by the midge. Most of the crops, we understand, in that fine section of the country are remarkably good, the season having been very propitious, and rains having fallen there much more frequently than in many other parts. This region seems, from all accounts, especially well adapted for the growth of wheat.

Agricultural Intelligence.

Michigan State Fair.

We would again invite the attention of Canadian farmers, and especially of those in the Western section of the Province, to the approaching annual exhibition of the Michigan State Agricultural Society, to be held this year, as we before intimated, in Detroit. The fair is to commence on the 10th of September next, and to continue four days. This arrangement will bring the exhibition within easy reach of very many of our western farmers; and those who have the opportunity of visiting Detroit on the occasion will, no doubt, find much to interest them. The citizens of the border city have made great exertions to render the event attractive and successful, having subscribed over \$11,000 towards the expense of the necessary buildings; and the committee of management are doing all in their power to make the coming fair one of the best that has ever been held in the State. Over \$12,000 are offered in premiums; and every encouragement has been held out to Canadians to compete with their neighbours in this eminently peaceful contest. The society have not only given all the right to enter and become members on the same terms as citizens of the State, but it has also been arranged that live stock and articles of whatever kind, designed for exhibition, are to be admitted duty free. A correspondent in the *Turf, Field and Farm*, gives the following account of the preparations for the exhibition. The extract also includes the names of the officers of the society and managing committee, respecting whom we have received inquiries, and are glad to be able to furnish the desired information:—

The arrangements for the accommodation of visitors are on an extensive scale, and consume nearly four

hundred thousand feet of lumber. Two hundred and fifty stables for horses, each stable six feet wide by fourteen feet in depth, a range of two hundred stalls for cattle, a range of two hundred covered pens for sheep, and a handsome poultry house, a hundred feet in length, are designed for the accommodation of the live stock. A floral hall, extending 150 feet each way, is designed for the exhibition of the fine arts, flowers, music and other collections of a like nature. This immense building is flanked on one side by a hall for agricultural productions one hundred feet long, and a hall for fruit 120 feet in extent; on the other side, by a hall for domestic manufactures one hundred feet long, and a hall 150 feet in length, for mechanics and machinery. In the rear of this hall stands a hall, 120 feet long, for the exhibition of carriages, waggons, and work of that class. In front of the judges' stand, on the opposite side of the track, a range of roofed stands extend 300 feet, capable of holding from 3,000 to 3,500 persons.

The State Agricultural Society of Michigan is noted for the good order and general completeness of its exhibitions, and the excellence of its arrangements. Its president this year is W. G. Beckwith, Esq., of Carropoles, one of the best and wealthiest farmers in the State. The secretary is R. F. Johnstone, of Detroit. The business management is conducted by a business committee, the members of which are J. A. Walter, Esq., of Kalamazoo, a gentleman who not only takes a most active and liberal interest in the conduct of the society's business, as the chairman of its business committee, but is also an active member of the Kalamazoo Association for the improvement of the horses of the State; the Hon. R. C. Barker, of Detroit, who is well known, not only as a successful merchant of this city, but who is a breeder of live stock on a very large scale, and takes a most active interest in agricultural matters, and the Hon. W. J. Baxter, of Jonesville, a gentleman of the legal profession, who has given a large share of his time and talents to the interests of the society for the past six years. These gentlemen are backed up by an executive committee, composed in great part of representatives of the agricultural interest from the several sections of the State.

Meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society of England.

Our recent English exchanges devote considerable space to the meeting and exhibition of the Royal Agricultural Society, held during the third week in July, at Bury St. Edmunds, one of the principal towns of the county of Suffolk; and all agree in reporting it to have been in many respects a very successful gathering. The town of Bury possesses many points of historical interest, having been the scene of important events in the earlier period of christianity in England, and the site of a monastic institution, of considerable influence and splendor under royal patronage, and of which some interesting remains are still standing; but the special honor which it claims is having been associated as much as the celebrated Runnymede with the granting of Magna Charta. It was here the English nobles met and bound themselves together in a solemn league to wrest from the tyrant king the great charta of their rights and liberties, which were afterwards confirmed at the same town when the king met his nobles there. Bury St. Edmunds, therefore, was a fit scene for the annual meeting of this great English society, and would bring into strange association some of the earliest memories of the British people, with the evidence of the vast progress and grand achievements of modern civilization and science.

The exhibition covered an area of between forty and fifty acres. In the animal department, it is hardly necessary to say, there was a magnificent display, such as no other country in the world could bring together. The show of horses, however, was considered inferior to that held some time since in Islington. Cattle, in accordance with the existing regulations were absent. Sheep in nearly all the classes were remarkably excellent, and swine, though not very largely represented, formed altogether a first class collection of the most approved modern breeds. As might be supposed from the locality, Suffolks predominated. In regard to the show of implements, which alone covered an area of forty acres, all the

papers characterize it as the largest and the best that has ever been held. Two new features marked the present exhibition: one was the introduction, or, as we believe we should say, the re-introduction, of poultry into the classes exhibited, thus recognizing their importance as a part of agricultural business; and the other was the establishment for the first time, in connection with this great annual event, of an horticultural exhibition by the London Royal Horticultural Society. On the whole, the various departments of agriculture were never more completely represented.

Sale of Thorough-bred Stock in Halton.

On Wednesday, the 24th of July, Messrs. Kirby & White, near Milton, in the County of Halton, disposed of a large number of thorough bred stock by auction. The animals consisted of Durham cattle, and sheep of the Leicester, Cotswold and Lincoln breeds—some of which Mr. Kirby imported from England. Several eminent stock-breeders, residents of Halton, as well as many from various and remote parts of the Province, were present at the sale. The following were disposed of:—

BULLS.—"Candidate," four months old, sold to William Colwell, Halton, for \$85; "Confederation," 3 months old, sold to D. Sturton, at \$75; "Blair Athol," 2 months old, sold to Alex. Waldie, Halton, at \$65.

COWS AND HEIFERS.—"Florence," aged, sold to F. Huston at \$95, "Bracelet," yearling, to John Snell, at \$90; "Modesty," six months old, to John Snell, at \$140; "Melody," 5 months old, to John Arthur, at \$86; "Rosebud," yearling, to John Snell, \$150; "Butterfly Bloom," 2 months old, to William Colwell, \$60; "Virtue," one month old, to William Colwell, \$66; "White Rose," 11 months old, to D. McNair, \$110; "Young Duchess," 23 months old, to Wm. Elliott, \$170; "Duchess Bloom," 3 years old, with calf at foot, to Wm. Colwell, \$240; "Mersey Cow," 7 years old, to Mr. Hardy, \$290; "Phoebe," 6 years old, to Wm. Colwell 205.

SHEEP.—Ram, imported, 2 years old, sold to Robert Stevenson, \$72; ram, imported, 2 years old, to D. Sturton, \$80. Some 10 or 12 shearling rams were sold at prices varying from \$30 down to \$15—the purchasers being mostly from the neighbouring township of Nassagaweya. Mr. Robert Kirby, of Puslinch Plains, purchased three shearling ewes at the respective prices of \$50, \$46 and \$44. The sale, as a whole, was very successful, and the treatment tendered to those attending it was of the most praiseworthy character.—*Guelph Mercury*.

New York State Agricultural Exhibition.

UNUSUAL opportunities will be afforded this year to Canadians for visiting and taking part in some of the most important agricultural competitions of our neighbors across the lines. As already notified, the Michigan Agricultural Society will hold their annual exhibition in Detroit; and that of the New York State Agricultural Society will be held in another border city, Buffalo, within easy reach of a large section of this country. The fair is to commence on October the 1st, and to extend over the 4th. Every facility, we understand, will be afforded by the various railway companies for the transport of stock and articles for exhibition, while the authorities at Washington have directed that all such articles should pass duty free. In addition to the usual attractions in various departments, it has been resolved to hold discussions during the fair, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. The subjects for discussion are, 1st. Whether the culture of the apple has not employed as much of our State as is profitable to a State. 2nd. Cooking and cutting food for stock—its importance. 3rd. Soiling cattle—is it profitable?

We hope many of our farmers and others interested in the progress of agriculture will avail themselves of this excellent opportunity of paying our neighbors a visit, as well as enter the lists with them in peaceful and friendly competition.

The corresponding Secretary of the Society is Benjamin P. Johnson, of Albany.