

The Coming Fairs.

CANADA'S GREAT EXHIBITION — TORONTO INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL EXPOSITION FOR 1890.

Only two months from now and the time for the holding of the fall exhibitions will be here. Among the first, and undoubtedly the most important, of these will be the Great Industrial Fair, which is to be held at Toronto from the 8th to the 20th of September. The Manager and Directors of the Toronto Association have been working like the energetic beavers for months past revising the prize list and preparing the foundations for their next fair, which they are determined to make excel all previous ones, and if they succeed in doing so they will well deserve a continuance of the liberal support which has been accorded them in the past by the public from all parts of the Dominion.

The prize lists, which are very neatly gotten up, have been published, and will be sent to any one desiring a copy, on their dropping a post card to the Manager, Mr. H. J. Hill, Toronto. Many additions have been added to the list since last year. In the horse department a new class has been added for high jumping tests for hunters, to be exhibited each day of the fair, over \$200 in prizes being offered. Two extra prizes have been added for Hackney stallions, and the prizes for yearling colts, yearling fillies and geldings and foals of 1890, have been increased in every class, and several special prizes are offered by the Clydesdale Horse Association of Canada, the Queen's Hotel, Toronto, the Walker House, Toronto, John Holderness, Esq., of the Albion Hotel, and others. The prizes for speeding in the horse ring have also been increased in the trotting events twenty-five per cent. In the cattle department \$500 has been added to the regular prizes in the various classes, and \$100 in special prizes is offered by the American Hereford Association, and \$100 by the American Holstein Association. The FARMER'S ADVOCATE, of London, offer a special prize of silver plate, and the Industrial Exhibition Association add \$50 for a milking test competition, the entrance to which is free. The rules governing this competition have been prepared by Prof. Robertson, of the Dominion Experimental Farm, assisted by a committee from the various breeders' associations, and may be procured from the Secretary of the Exhibition, or from the office of the ADVOCATE. This test promises to be the most important one that has ever taken place in Canada, and will undoubtedly prove of great interest and benefit to the farming community. Two extra sections have also been added to the class for fat cattle.

Special prizes in addition to regular list are offered in the sheep department by the English Shropshire Association and the American Oxford-down Record Association, and a new class has been added for Exmoor Horned sheep. In the class for fat sheep the Long Wooled have been separated from the Short Wooled sheep, which adds two new sections. A new class has been added in the swine department for Improved Yorkshires. The poultry department has received an addition of \$300 to the list, and special prizes are offered for races by Homing pigeons, a new feature in connection with Canadian fairs. A pigeon loft with about thirty pigeons, owned by different parties, has been formed on the Toronto Exhibition grounds, and it is intended to have races by these pigeons during the exhibition. The pigeons will be sent to distant points about the country and there liberated for the race back to the Fair Grounds, where their arrival will be watched for by the visitors with great interest.

The regular prizes in the dairy department have been largely augmented by a grant of \$100 from the Western Dairywomen's Association, and \$75 by the Ontario Creameries' Association, whilst the prizes for grain and roots and horticultural exhibits have been also considerably added to.

The Secretary, in writing to us, says:—"It was feared by many that when the Provincial Exhibition, which was the Industrial's strongest rival, had ceased to exist, that the latter Association might be inclined to reduce its prize list somewhat, but it is evident from the large increases that have been made this year by the Toronto Association that such an idea has never occurred to them. The Directors recognize the fact that theirs is the great agricultural show of the country, and are determined that it shall continue so, not only in name, but in effect. The prizes offered at the Toronto Exhibition are certainly by far the largest in the Dominion, and compare very favorably with the largest fairs in the United States, whilst the entrance fees are much less. More than three-fourths of the prize money at the Toronto Exhibition goes to the farming community, being for live stock, dairy and agricultural products."

In connection with the Exhibition, the Association propose to hold a Grand International Dog Show, for which a new building is being specially erected at a cost of \$8,000. The building will be fitted up on the latest improved plan, and will provide benches for over six hundred dogs. Mr. C. A. Stone, Secretary of the Canadian Kennel Club, and formerly of London, has been appointed Superintendent of the Show. A large addition is also being made to the fruit and floral hall, and many other improvements are now under the consideration of the Directors.

Mr. Hill, the Manager of the Exhibition, who is thoroughly imbued with the idea that visitors to a fair require a little amusement and recreation, as well as instruction at the same time, is energetically at work arranging for special attractions, and his efforts are being directed to securing those of a much higher order than are usually found at fairs. He is now arranging for exhibits of all the latest inventions, both in the mechanical and electrical

spheres, and he has been authorized to spare no money in placing before the patrons of the Exhibition the best and most interesting of these to be obtained.

All entries for this Exhibition have to be made before the 16th of August, and we would impress upon our readers the importance of bearing this in mind, as many who were dilatory in sending in their entries last year in proper time were much disappointed when they had them returned by the Secretary. The Industrial Exhibition Association always have more entries than they have accommodation for, and when the entry of horses reaches one thousand, and cattle over six hundred, as they did last year at this fair, it is not surprising that the Association declines to accept entries after the time set down in their rules. It also takes a considerable time to properly prepare the official catalogue, and this is another reason why intending exhibitors should not delay making their entries until the last moment.

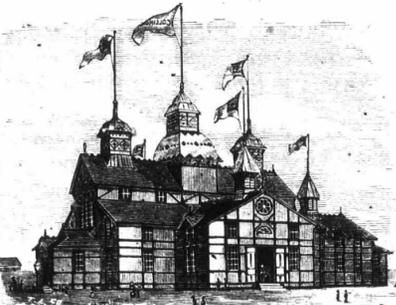
The Toronto Exhibition will this year partake somewhat of the character of a World's Fair, as large exhibits have already been promised from the West Indies, Spain, the United States, England, Manitoba, British Columbia and other distant points. This Exhibition grows greater and greater each succeeding year, and this year promises to be no exception in this respect.

THE WESTERN FAIR.

The prize list of our well-established Western Fair is to hand, and is much the same as regards prizes as that of 1888. General Purpose horses have been cut off entirely, which is right as regards stallions. Prizes are still given for Agricultural stallions, exclusive of the Draft breeds. The money would have been better expended, as we have no use for the mongrel-bred stallions that are shown in this class. Hackneys have been given a place, which is a right move. Cattle, sheep and pigs are much the same as before. To be held September 18th to 27th. Thos. A. Browne, Secretary.

GREAT NORTHERN EXHIBITION.

J. W. Archer, Secretary Great Northern Exhibition, Collingwood, Ont., writes us:—"Our board of management claim that they hold one of the best exhibitions outside of the Toronto Industrial. We have stabling for about 200 horses, 200 cattle, and pens for sheep and pigs from 300 to 400. We have also a very fine poultry house, fitted up with the very latest improvements with good ventilation; also a very large machinery hall and carriage building, all finished in beautiful designs the same as the



Main Building of the Great Northern Exhibition, Collingwood, Ont.

main building. We have a beautiful half-mile clay driving track, with a grand stand capable of seating about 500 or 600 people. The grounds on which the buildings are built belong to the town, comprising from 18 to 21 acres, with beautiful shade trees dispersed around the grounds, which is used for the town park, and have leased the grounds to the exhibition Association for 21 years. It is now six years since the buildings were originally built. They were burnt to the ground once. The board of management having such faith in the success of the show they had the buildings re-built, and the show has been such a success that they are now out of debt. Last year we had something over 6,000 entries for the fair, which speaks volumes for the board of management and this district of country. I might say that we have every year some of the largest stock exhibitors who show at Toronto, and they find, when here, they have very keen competition. It is a well known fact that we have the finest display of fruit shown at any exhibition in Canada. At the Industrial last year was no comparison to the display at our exhibition. We have to get experts like Mr. Bendle, of St. Catharines, to judge. This part of the country is one of the best fruit-producing districts in Canada.

THE DETROIT FAIR.

In the prize list for Detroit will be found a lot of handsome premiums for live stock of all descriptions. Especially is this the case in the group prizes; for instance, \$500 is offered, divided into five prizes in the following herd classes: Standard-bred trotters and ton of his get, the same for Clydesdales and Shires shown together, also for Percherons. Stallions four years and over in each of the classes are offered \$200 divided in five prizes. Cattle, sheep, swine and poultry also are liberally dealt with. Entrance fee is five per cent. of the premium, which will secure only good specimens

being shown. To be held August 26th to September 5th. George M. Savage, Secretary.

THE GREAT EASTERN EXHIBITION

we understand will be the only large agricultural exhibition held this year in Quebec. The location of Sherbrooke, with the best railway communications and the city being the centre of the best agricultural district in the Province, being the capital of the Eastern Townships, should ensure success. Liberal prizes are offered for fine improved stock of all kinds. Horses are more fully classed than usual in the West. Clydesdales and Shires have separate classes, also standard-bred trotters are separate from Roadsters. There are full classes for Hackneys and Cobs, and Hunters are also given a class. In all fourteen classes are formed, three or four more than we usually see. Cattle, sheep, swine and poultry are all fully classed. The stock interest is evidently well looked after by this Association, which should be successful from present appearances. Last year's was a most successful exhibition. It will be held September 2nd to 4th, H. R. Fraser, Secretary.

MIDLAND CENTRAL FAIR.

Mr. R. Meek, Kingston, Ont., Secretary of Midland Central Fair, writes us:—"The outlook is most promising for our exhibition this fall, which is the first of the season, and occurs between September 1st and 6th, it will, in its general features, and good, if not better, than the fair of last year, and under new management, score a complete success. The Exhibition Company has splendid grounds and are improving them annually. This year the Kingston Electoral Society will hold its fall show at the same time as the Agricultural Exhibition, and will give special attention to horticulture, fruit products, and fine arts. The Frontenac Cheese Association has also signified its desire to make the dairy department equal to its best at any Provincial Exhibition that has been held here, and to that end has contributed a large sum towards gold and silver medals in addition to the awards that are announced by the Fair Association. A special point in the forthcoming prize list will be the abolition of the usual entry money. It will not cost anything outside of the membership fee, to exhibit at the fair, and the Association purposes recouping itself for the loss in this connection by the deduction of a small percentage from the prize money. The special attractions are those incidental to the modern show, viz., balloon ascensions, kennel show, horse races, &c.

CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION, TO BE HELD AT ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK.

The prize list of the Exhibition Association of St. John, N. B., which is now in the press, is said to be of more than ordinary interest. We therefore take pleasure in giving a short summary of the sections and amounts to be offered, the competition for which is open to the world. In the live stock section they offer prizes amounting to \$7,337, divided as follows: Horses, \$2,139; cattle, \$2,835; sheep, \$708; pigs, \$492; poultry and dog show, \$1,163, in addition to which \$1,750 is offered for the horse race competition; in the farm produce section, prizes amounting to \$1,560, including \$492 for fruit and vegetables, \$342 for field products, \$241 for butter and cheese, and in addition Messrs. Manchester, Robertson & Allison, of St. John, offer the following special prizes, with a view to stimulate and increase the knowledge of good butter-making in the Maritime Provinces, and their wish is that the money should go to the farmers' wives and daughters: First prize, \$50; second, \$30; third, \$20; fourth, \$10—butter to be in crocks or firkins or less than twenty-five pounds. Girls prize for butter made by farmers' daughters not over sixteen years of age: First, \$20; second, \$10; third, \$5—butter to be in crocks or firkins or not less than fifteen pounds.

The above prizes will be given to each province—New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Each province to compete separately, and will be judged by an unprejudiced expert. Butter must be the product of a bona fide farmer, who is engaged in no other business. A further prize of \$50, to be called the sweepstake prize, will be given for the best thirty pounds of butter or over in crocks or firkins. This prize will be open to all three provinces, and will not be confined exclusively to farmers, but must not be creamery butter. In the horticultural, apiary, natural history, ladies' and children's departments, prizes amounting to \$537 are offered. Messrs. D. A. McCaskill & Co., of Montreal, offer the following special prizes for carriages varnished with their celebrated varnishes: Extension top carriage drop front or Surrey, 1st \$30, 2nd \$20; single drop front buggy, sun shade or top, 1st \$16, 2nd \$10; single square piano box or corner, open or top, 1st \$14, 2nd \$8; single bangor buggy or concord, 1st \$12, 2nd \$6; double-seated sleigh, 1st \$12, 2nd \$6; single-seated sleigh, 1st \$12, 2nd \$6; single-seated ash pump, 1st \$9, 2nd \$5; double-seated ash pump, 1st \$9, 2nd \$5; best collection of carriages in the above section, 1st gold medal, 2nd silver medal, 3rd bronze medal. A silver (gold lined) cup will be awarded to any son of a farmer residing in the Maritime Provinces for the best essay written by him on the subject: "The best means of inducing the boys to remain on the farms." All essays to be sent to the Secretary of the Exhibition Association, St. John, N. B., on or before the first day of September, 1890. The successful candidate will receive his prize during the holding of the exhibition.

The exhibition association, in addition to the above prize, will award a first class diploma, under the same conditions of competition. The total prizes amounting to \$11,364, in addition to which a large number of diplomas and other special prizes will be awarded according to the regulations of the