

their products. The President, George Roach, Esq. the Treasurer, F. C. Bruce, Esq., and the Secretary, W. A. Cooley, Esq., are on the ground doing everything which zeal and experience can suggest to promote the arrangements. They are ably assisted by the members of the Managing and Executive Committees, and under their able management the scattered elements of the Fair are rapidly taking harmonious shape.

ENTRIES.

The following are the entries as recorded in the Secretary's book, which was summed up by our reporter amid the noisy clamor of importunate exhibitors, whose wants were distractingly numerous and intensely urgent. There may, therefore, be some trifling errors in the count, but none of importance.

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| Horses | 476 |
| Cattle | 262 |
| Sheep | 376 |
| Swine | 157 |
| Poultry | 313 |
| Grains | 315 |
| Seeds | 45 |
| Roots and Field Crops .. | 229 |
| Fruits | 586 |
| Garden vegetables | 296 |
| Plants and flowers | 89 |
| Dairy products | 137 |
| Agricultural implements .. | 146 |
| Cabinet ware | 21 |
| Carriages and sleighs | 37 |
| Chemicals | 14 |
| Drawings, engravings, etc .. | 31 |
| Fine arts | 151 |
| Groceries and provisions | 22 |
| Ladies work | 210 |
| Domestic manufactures | 113 |
| Machinery and castings | 75 |
| Musical instruments | 21 |
| Natural History specimens .. | 7 |
| Bookbinding, etc | 6 |
| Saddlery | 24 |
| Shoemakers work | 8 |
| Leather | 10 |
| Woollen, flax and cotton goods .. | 28 |

besides miscellaneous entries, which will swell the number to the neighborhood of 4,500. The managers have reason to congratulate themselves upon this evidence of the success which has attended their first effort at something more than a mere county show. It is not many years since even the Provincial Association would have felt proud if so many entries had been made at one of their exhibitions, while we are assured that in some classes our Fair is ahead of even this year's exhibition at Kingston.

In noticing the several departments of the Central Fair to-day it will be impossible for us in many instances to particularize as at the time we are compelled to prepare our report for press much of the stock and many of the articles entered are

only arriving or being placed. Following the official classification as we enter the gate, we proceed directly to the sheds in which the

HORSES.

are kept. They occupy the whole of the south and a great portion of the western sides of the grounds. The entries in all classes of this department foot up 476, but that is by no means the number of animals on exhibition. A great many of the entries represent spans, and by this means the number of horses shown is made to appear smaller than it really is. A stroll around the sheds in which they are located enabled us to obtain glances at some noble animals, but the day was well advanced before anything like a fair idea of the display could be obtained, as many came late, and most of the doors were kept closed with jealous care as if to teach the curious the virtue of self-denial in the gratification of their wishes. Enough could be seen, notwithstanding the vigilance of the grooms, to satisfy the spectator that if the array of prancing steeds and sober palfreys is not as large it is quite as good as at either the Provincial or the Western exhibitions. Indeed it would be difficult to find nobler looking specimens of the horse anywhere than are shown.

THE CATTLE.

are located in the open sheds on the east and west sides of the grounds, and make a decidedly splendid appearance. It would certainly do an Englishman good to feast his eyes upon the high proportions and the sleek hides of the large number of animals ranged in these sheds whether his proverbial love of good roast beef predominated, or his national pride of magnificent heads asserted itself. The several breeds were fairly represented. The Durhams took the lead in numbers, and we may say in general excellence also, closely followed in the latter respect by the Galloways. There seems to be a marked improvement in all these breeds over former years; and the general appearance of the animals shown makes it evident that no little care is bestowed upon raising good stock by the farmers of this section of the country. The total entries of cattle number some 262, of which 87 are Durhams, 83 grades, 33 Galloways, 22 Ayrshires, 18 Herefords, 14 fat cattle of all breeds, and 5 Devons.

THE SHEEP.

nearly all arrived late, and a hasty glance at them was all that could be obtained. It was sufficient, however, to show a slight improvement in quality over those shown here in former years. Evidently the farmers of Canada are becoming better informed as to the extent of the profit to be derived from this class of stock when properly cared for, and are taking greater pains than ever before to improve