

News Department.

HOME DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY SPRING FAIR AND CATTLE SHOW.

This exhibition took place in the enclosed field near the Jail, in this city, on Wednesday the 12th instant. The attendance was not unusually large, the day was fine, and some good stock was exhibited. Amongst the implements the only thing we observed new was the Reaping Machine of Mr. J. Bell, a wood engraving of which will be found on our first page. We hope the patronage Mr. Bell will receive from the farmers generally will amply reward him for the ingenuity and skill he has displayed in the production of such a useful and desirable labour-saving machine.

The following are the prizes awarded:—

Blood Horses.	
1st. John James, Cadmus.....	£3 15 0
2nd. William Chapman, Truiston.....	2 10 0
Draught Horses.	
1st. Nathaniel Davis, King Alfred.....	3 15 0
2nd. Nathaniel Davis, Nottingham.....	2 10 0
Saddle Horses.	
1st. Mr. Vanostrand, Yonge Street.....	2 0 0
2nd. Mr. Gubb, York.....	1 0 0
Draught Mares.	
1st. Mr. Wheeler, Scarborough.....	3 15 0
2nd. None entered	
Yearling Colls.	
1st. Adam McCoy.....	1 10 0
2nd. Robert Smith.....	0 15 0
Yearling Fillies.	
1st. Thomas Sinder.....	1 10 0
2nd. Adam McCoy.....	0 15 0
Bulls, Three Years and Upwards.	
1st. Mr. Musson.....	3 0 0
2nd. Jonas Lewis.....	2 0 0
Bulls Under Three Years.	
1st. Mr. Taylor, James, Don.....	2 0 0
2nd. Wm. Armstrong, Markham.....	1 0 0
Bulls, Yearlings.	
1st. George Miller, Markham.....	1 0 0
2nd. Anthony Bowes, Vaughan.....	0 15 0
Cows, Three years and upwards.	
1st. James Taylor.....	2 0 0
2nd. Nathaniel Davis.....	1 10 0
Heifers under Three Years.	
1st. Anthony Bowes.....	1 0 0
2nd. Mr. Tunning.....	0 15 0
Heifers, Yearling.	
1st. George Miller.....	1 0 0
2nd. Mr. Tunning.....	0 15 0
Best Fat Spring Lambs.	
1st. James Taylor.....	1 10 0
2nd. J. B. Gracy.....	0 10 0
Subsoil Ploughs.	
1st. Mr. Hannah, Toronto.....	2 0 0
2nd. None entered	
Ribbing Ploughs.	
1st. Ribbing Plough.....	1 0 0
2nd. None entered	
Reaping Machine.	
1st. Mr. Bell, Toronto.....	3 0 0
2nd. Mr. Edmundson.....	2 0 0
Horse Hoe.	
1st. Mr. Hannals.....	1 0 0
2nd. None entered	
Drill Barrows.	
1st. Henry Neil.....	1 0 0
2nd. None entered	
Horse Rake.	
1st. William Jackes, York.....	1 0 0
2nd. None entered	
Maple Sugar.	
1st. William Jackes.....	1 0 0
2nd. Mr. Ross, York.....	0 10 0
Clover Machine.	
None entered	
Clover Seed.	
1st. Alex. Shaw, York.....	1 0 0
2nd. Sinder (recommended)	
Butter.	
1st. Mr. Ross, York.....	1 10 0
2nd. Thos. Sinder, York.....	0 15 0
3rd. J. B. Gracy, Scarborough.....	0 10 0

Judges for Horses.—Messrs. Bloor, Jos. Smith, and Elliott.
Judges for Cattle.—Messrs. Cook, Wheeler, and Mason
Judges for Imports and Manufactures.—Messrs. Musson, Bond, and Dew.

A premium of £1 5s. given for the best filly or colt from imported *Clyde*, given by the owner of *Clyde*, was awarded to Mr. Strong, of Vaughan.

The judges on Horses report, that although they have not awarded Mr. Blanchard's horse, *King George*, entered as a draught stallion, they beg to recommend him to the notice of agriculturists, as deserving encouragement; and also that they think Mr. Strong's horse will merit the attention of breeders, as a fine specimen of a Canadian Bred stallion.

W. B. CREW,
Assist. Secretary, H. D. A. S.

After the adjunction of the premiums, the members adjourned to Mr. Graham's, *Farmer's Arms*, Market Square, to discuss the merits of the viands, with which mine host had so bountifully spread his table.

E. W. Thomson, Esquire, occupied the chair, faced by the Secretary, George Wells, Esquire.

The cloth removed, the President of the Society, E. W. Thomson, Esquire, brought up the report for the past year, as follows:—

"The Society commenced the business of the year with a balance to their credit of only £38 4s. 10d., in the Treasurer's hands. At the Spring fair premiums were awarded to the amount of

£53 18s. 9d., while the receipts by subscriptions, entrance fees, &c., amounted only to £25.

In consequence of the first exhibition of the Provincial Agricultural Association having been held at Toronto, the Fall show of this Society merged in that, and to which the Home District Agricultural Society contributed £100 from its funds.

This sum, together with the several sums paid in aid of the Township Societies, with the contingent account, amounting to £13 4s. 3d. absorbed the whole of the funds, including the Parliamentary grant of £250—save £16 16s. 10d., which has been carried to the credit of 1847."

Mr. Thomson then continued:

In laying this statement before the Society, the officers of the Society think themselves justified in stating, that although our progress is not rapid, yet that it is still moving onward, and that a stimulus has been given to the agriculture of the District, calculated to produce the most beneficial results. It was conceived that one decided proof of the improved taste and desire for information is shown in the circumstance that two periodicals, published in this city, are now devoted to the cause of agriculture. In addition to our old friend, the *British American Cultivator*, we have now the *Canada Farmer*,—conducted with a considerable degree of talent, so far as he was able to judge. He thought it wise to encourage opposition in these as well as in many other things, as it could scarcely fail to elicit truth, or to correct the errors into which each might by possibility fall; (for they must recollect that Editors, like other folk, are not infallible), and by this means the great interests of the country would be promoted, which should be the aim of all.

Mr. T. then made some excellent observations on the necessity of improvement in our agricultural operations, and after some appropriate toasts were given the meeting broke up.

Trial of Stephen Turney for the Murder of McPhillips.

The murder was committed in Markham village, in November last. At the public examination of Turney, on his committal, we gave a full report of the proceedings. With one important exception, the evidence to-day was a reiteration of that which we published on that occasion. The additional evidence consists in the circumstance, that on the morning after the murder he was observed to go into a privy, where he remained about half-an-hour. Under the floor, and in one corner of the privy, on search being made, a little bag was found, which contained twenty-six dollars in silver, and some other money.

McPhillips was known to have money in his possession, but none, or a very trifle was found in the store after the murder. Turney, it was also proved, had spent a good deal of money in this city a few days after the murder. Then there was a statement of his own voluntarily made to Mr. Garnett, that he and another man had committed the murder. It was proved at the examination, before Turney's committal, that the other man charged by Turney, could not have been there at the time the murder was committed. This statement was probably made to implicate another and screen himself. The Council for the prisoner (Mr. Duggan) rested the defence on the absence of positive evidence, and contended that the fact of Turney having been proved to have made false statements, did not prove that he was guilty of murder.

The Learned Judge stated the case very clearly, repeating the whole evidence, and remarking upon the bearing of the facts. The Jury retired about five minutes, during which time there was the greatest anxiety in the Court to hear the result. Verdict, GUILTY.

There was probably not a single person in court who had the slightest doubt of the Prisoner's guilt. —[Examiner.]

THE CREDIT OF THE PROVINCE.

Baring, Brothers & Co. have, on the application of J. H. Dunn, late Receiver-General of Canada, denied the allegation in the memorial presented to Lord John Russell on Irish Colonization, that the former province of Upper Canada was once in default with its public creditor; The denial is in the following words:—

"We readily bear testimony to the fact that all the dividends on the debt of that Province have been punctually paid, and to the good faith with which that Province has invariably met its engagements."

FREE NAVIGATION OF THE ST. LAWRENCE.

"A rumour, we believe well founded one, was very prevalent in the city, yesterday, to the effect that the last mail brought instructions to the revenue department here to allow foreign vessels in ballast to come up to Montreal, to receive cargoes of flour, wheat, &c.; which under the recent temporary relaxation of the Navigation Laws, will be admitted into British ports on the same terms

as if in British bottoms. As American vessels can already come down to Montreal, from any western port, it is not improbable, we think, that we shall see a great number of American vessels here, and a very extensive carrying trade over the summer."—[Montreal Gazette.]

The Turnpike Toll Gates were sold, on the 7th inst. at Mr. Tobin's auction rooms, Montreal, and brought £6,492, as follows:—

Long Point Toll.....	£ 356
Quebec do.....	1,310
Cote des Neiges.....	1,615
Victoria Toll.....	301
Upper Lachine do.....	1,905
St. Laurent do.....	1,605

HOW TO AVOID THE PLAGUE.—"It is remarked of the *Persians* that though their country is surrounded every year with *plague*, they seldom or ever suffer any thing by it themselves, and it is likewise known that they are the most cleanly people of any in the world, and that many of them make it a part of their religion to remove filthiness and nuisances of every kind from all places about their cities and dwellings."—[Mead on Pestilential Contagion.]

FIRST ARRIVAL AT QUEBEC.—The *St. Andrew* from London which arrived at Quebec on the 8th, is the first arrival by sea this season.

Mr. Sheriff Thomas of Hamilton is about to visit England.

The News states that there are 150,000 bbls. of flour in Kingston awaiting shipment.

The American Baptist Home Missionary Society have appropriated for the purposes of the Society \$8,372 for the year 1847.

Father Mathew affords refuge to 300 houseless poor in Cork, nightly, every week.

On Monday last a man, named Douglas, of this Township, came to his death, by being thrown from his wagon. The deceased was in a state of intoxication.—[London Times.]

We learn from the *Cobourg Star* that the plank road from that town to Rice Lake is in active progress, and will be graded by the first of August.

Thomas Waters, Esq., of Port Dover has purchased the steamer *Experiment* and completed arrangements for placing her on the Port Dover and Buffalo route, as soon as she can be brought from her winter quarters on Lake Huron.

The Choctaw Indians have subscribed one hundred and seventy dollars for the relief of the distress in Ireland.

It is stated that several rich farmers intend to emigrate from Waterford.

An extract from a letter from St. Simon, dated 2nd May, published in last night's *Canadian*, states that much snow was still on the ground there; that the habitants, having exhausted their forage, had been forced to spare a portion of their grain to keep their cattle alive, notwithstanding, many had perished and were still perishing.—[Quebec paper.]

The semi-annual fair was held at Perth on Tuesday last. The day was fine. The show of cattle was small, and little or no business done.

His Excellency the Governor General has become Patron of the Young Men's Library Association of Hamilton.

The *Dundas Wanderer* states that a diabolical attempt has been made to fire Mr. Notman's buildings. Mr. Notman has offered \$200 reward for the discovery of the perpetrator of this outrage.

DUNDAS FEMALE ASSOCIATION.—The *Dundas Wanderer* says:—"In addition to the primary object (the assisting Missionary efforts), it is desired by the female members of Mr. Stark's Congregation to raise a handsome sum, through the toil of their own hands, to aid in the erection and completion of the New Free Church.

A meeting was held the other night in Dundas to draft an Act of Incorporation for that town.

Barker's Canadian Magazine has been discontinued.

An Agricultural society has been formed at Gaspé.

The Assizes for the London District opened on the 13th May. The Calendar is light.

The Spring is very backward in New Brunswick, and on the 11th instant, the snow in the woods was very deep. Potatoes were selling at St. John, for 5s. 6d. a bushel.

The steamer *Gleaner* is running from Bytown to Montreal.

THE RIDEAU CANAL.—Official notice has been given that this Canal will be closed from the 14th inst., until the 24th inst., for the purpose of making good the damage caused by the spring freshet.

It is calculated that 120,000 Germans will emigrate this year.

The price of passage from Troy to Whitehall on board the packet boats is 12½ cents.

At St. Lin, on Thursday last, the House of Mr. F. X. Queviller was destroyed by fire, and, we regret to say, that his wife and children perished in the flames.

A deserter from one of our regiments in Canada has been sentenced to death at Washington for the murder of a Portuguese, named Da Silva.

TRADE OF NEW YORK WITH CANADA.—The *N. Y. Express* says: "We understand that last week one thousand hogheads of sugar were to be shipped through the canal for the Canadas, together with large quantities of raisins and spices of all kinds. Two thousand packages of tea were also sold for the same market. Teas have been, for a long period, shipped over this route; but the large quantities of dutiable articles have been sent only since the passage of the bill of Congress, known as the 'Phoenix bill.' The only perfecting this law requires is, now, that the British Government ought to allow British goods to pass over the line on the same terms as those which are sent by the St. Lawrence.

HORSE POWER.—We are frequently asked the question, what is understood by a *horse power*? and why that way of reckoning power came to be adopted, and brought into general use? Before the power of steam was generally known and applied to mechanical purposes, horses were used to raise coal and other heavy bodies, and Mr. Mott, in his experiments, carefully compared the relative power of the different breeds of horses, and its average equal to raising 33,000 pounds one foot per minute, or what is equivalent to raise 330 pounds 100 feet, or 100 pounds 330 feet during that space of time, when attached to a lever or sweep of a given length. Thus, this afterwards became the standard of measuring power or force applied to mechanical purposes, and which is still retained in common use.—[N. Y. Far. & Mech.]

DEATH OF MR. HAGERMAN.—Mr. Justice Hagerman died at his residence in this city on the night of Friday last, at about seven o'clock. He had been ill for several months previous to the event. It is now currently stated that the Hon. W. H. Draper is appointed to fill the vacancy on the Bench.

The price of potatoes fell yesterday to 3s. in the Toronto market. The arrival of a schooner load was the cause.

Earl Cathcart has left Canada for England.

TRIAL OF HAMILTON.—James Hamilton was yesterday tried at the Court House in this city for the murder of Noah Heston, in the township of Toronto, in February last. The case occupied the court from ten in the morning to half past five in the evening. The jury left the box and consulted together about half an hour, when they returned a verdict of GUILTY. We understand that both Hamilton and Turney are to be brought up to-day to receive sentence.

We have just heard the solemn sentence pronounced, that they both be hanged on the 22nd of June next.

LATEST NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

The *Britannia*, which arrived at Boston on Monday morning last, brings news fifteen days later. There was a gradual rise of prices. The following is the correspondence of the *New York Commercial Advertiser*:—

LONDON CORN MARKET.

LONDON, Monday, May 3, 1847.
The arrivals of wheat are but small, and we have a good demand on the part of our millers and some demand for the Continent. The stands were generally cleared of English wheat at an advance of 3s. to 4s. per qr., and we had a free sale for foreign wheat at an improvement in value of 4s to 5s per quarter. Flour is 5s per sack and 3s per barrel dearer than this day week, and the best brands of American are worth 45s. (ten dollars) per barrel.

The arrivals of oats are small, and there has been a good demand for this article at an improvement of 1s. per qr. since this day se'night. The crops are doing well—even potatoes are favourable.

O'Connell is sinking daily.

THE CANADA FARMER.—This is the title of a neat, and well conducted Agricultural paper, published at Toronto. It is published semi-monthly, and will, we think, be appreciated by those whose interests it is intended to subserve. Terms \$1.50 in advance.—[N. Y. Farmer and Mechanic.]

Toronto Market Prices.

May 22.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Flour, per barrel, 196 lbs.....	25	0	28	0
Oatmeal, per barrel, 196 lbs.....	24	6	25	0
Wheat, per bushel, 60 lbs.....	4	6	5	3
Rye, per bushel, 56 lbs.....	2	9	3	4
Barley, per bushel, 48 lbs.....	2	4	2	8
Oats, per bushel, 34 lbs.....	1	10	2	0
Peas, per bushel, 60 lbs.....	2	8	3	4
Potatoes, per bushel.....	3	0	4	0
Onions, per bushel.....	0	0	0	0
Tub Butter, per lb.....	0	6	0	7
Fresh Butter, per lb.....	0	7	4	0
Eggs, per dozen.....	0	4	4	0
Beef, per cwt.....	17	6	23	0
Beef, per lb.....	0	3	0	4
Pork, per 100 lbs.....	18	9	22	6
Hay, per ton.....	35	0	40	0
Straw, per ton.....	25	0	30	0
Timothy, per bushel, 60 lbs.....	5	0	6	3
Mutton, per lb., by the qr.....	0	4	0	5
Veal, per lb., by the qr.....	0	2	1	0
Turkeys, each.....	2	0	3	0
Geese, each.....	1	3	2	6
Ducks, per couple.....	1	6	2	0
Fowls, per couple.....	1	6	2	0
Chickens, per couple.....	5	3	6	6
Bacon, per lb.....	0	3	0	6
Hams, per cwt.....	0	0	0	0
Lard, per lb.....	0	3	4	0