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This shows an increase, compared with the same day last year, of $1355.

The total receipts this year are $56,928; last year for the same days $49,061; excess for 1888, $7867.

This is eminently satisfactory. Nearly $8000 to the good, and the great wind-up to-day! Who is there who will not pay another and final visit to the Fair and hope for the next merry meeting?

Yesterday was American Visitors' Day, and our Yankee guests recognized the compliment by turning out in strong numbers, the white-mustached, white-hatted pater familias, his matronly wife and vivacious daughter.

But it might have been a second Farmers' Day, so numerous were our appreciative cousins from the rural districts. The pride of the farm had a thoroughly enjoyable day. He saw the mermaid and discussed the pretty dancers with those short skirts, peeked through the glass in the incubator to see the chickens hatched, invested in a bird-whistle, tried his lungs on the tester, and revelled in various other equally enjoyable occupations.

The World is proud of Young Canada, from the farmer. To be sure, he may have dandruff on his coat, but there is independence and integrity under it. He may eat taffy and drink cider at the booths, but the money he gives for it is honestly his own, saved for the holiday. He may not ride in elegance to the grounds, but he owes no livery or tailor bills. Young Canada from the farm has earned his holiday and may amuse himself as best pleases him.

Then, too, there is the farmer's wife and daughters; how are they to pass their day? the patient mother who rises at four o'clock, gets breakfast, dresses the baby, and licks the rest of the children, milks nine cows and cares for the milk, feeds the pigs, and leaches the calves to drink milk from a pail, chases the hens from the vegetables and washes the buggy, churns the butter and gathers the eggs, besides the thousand and one things that make up her day's work before she sits down at 9 o'clock at night to do the mending—and rest. The tool-worn wife is a welcome visitor, and there have been departments specially intended for her, in which are displayed contrivances by which her work is lightened and other departments, such as the floral and natural history halls and several parts of the Main Building, where among the beautiful and curious exhibits that surround her she is carried away from herself, and the dingy kitchen of her home seems in another world.

Speaking of the work of the farmer's wife brings us to the industry that has, under her especial care, grown to such proportions as a couple of years ago surprised us with its magnitude.

The Great Canadian.

The World yesterday paid court at the coop of the Great Canadian Hen in the poultry hall. After the dairy The World would rank the poultry branch of the farm. Not many years ago the farmer took small interest in the hens; his wife was quite welcome to the little money they could bring her, as for him they were beneath the notice of a man. And so the hen pursued the even tenor of her ignoble business uncared for. Of late, however, a change has come, Canada's fair bird has raised herself to a position of eminence and even aspires to a perch on Pride the emblematic beaver.

The amount of money invested in poultry in Canada it would be known would be large, as much probably as that in sheep. In the poultry hall is an array, line upon line, of coops in which are the best egg-producers in the province. The principal exhibitors are: W. McNeil, London, with Asiatics and Bantams, into which latter he has lately gone heavily; Major Salt, Parkdale, with Light Brahmas; F. Sturdy, Guelph, with Light Brahmas and Hamburgs; John Cole, Hamilton, with Brahmas; Wm. Hodgson, Brooklyn, with Dorkings, Light Brahmas and Leghorns; W. C. G. Peter, Angus, with Wyandottes, Brahmas and Rose-comb Leghorns; Thos. Rice, Whitby, with White and Brown Leghorns and Black Minorcas; Chas. Bomick, Toronto, Richard Oke, London, J. M. Hern, Bowmanville, and John Miles, Toronto, with Bantams; H. H. Wallace, Woodstock with Spanish, White Plymouth Rocks and Rose-comb Leghorns and W. Baker & Co., whose Games won the silver cup at this year's show of the Toronto Poultry Society.

Around among the poultry are always to be found some of the fanciers. With some of these The World talked and learned much. The exhibition of poultry is pronounced the best ever held in Canada, the strongest class being the Light Brahmas. This is not because the Brahmas are the more popular breed with the country, but rather because it happens to be a favorite with the fanciers. In the barnyard they are little use except to groan with the common hens. The hen that is most in favor on the farm is the Plymouth Rock. This bird is a fair layer, and what has recommended it in time past, very hardy and able to scratch out a living where there is no living visible. Their color, too, has recommended them, their old-fashioned dominique mottle has been in their favor. But the Langshans are coming in strong, and will, it is said, supersede the Rocks, than which they are better layers and better on the table. They were brought from China to England in 1870 or 1872 and have been in Canada eight or ten years and are taking the place of the other Asiatics. The old Asiatics are everlasting setters, while the Langshans are easily broken up and stopped. The best layers of all the breeds are the Hamburgs, but their eggs are small. The Spanish lay the most delicate eggs of any breed. There is a great difference in the quality of eggs; for instance, the eggs of the everlasting layers, the Hamburgs, Spanish, Minorcas, Andulasians, Polands and Leghorns, are not so strong as those that sit, and the birds themselves are not so good for the table. In fact, the non-sitting hen is the hen the farmer does not want.

The farmers are getting over their old-time indifference to the hen, and the interest in poultry throughout the country is growing rapidly. This interest, The World was told by Mr. Doel, is due to the Toronto Fair primarily, and then to the smaller shows over the Province. A farmer who goes into the business finds it one of the best paying parts of the farm. He does not, as in times past, let the hens roost on the back of his best buggy or where they will, and hide their eggs away in unfindable places; he builds a hennery, puts in proper conveniences and takes more care with the breeding. The result can be seen in the trade returns, in which the egg exports reach an enormous amount. The farmer must keep crossing his breeds, for hens bred in will give fewer and smaller eggs. But the farmer had better keep out of the fancy breeds, such as Polands and Hamburgs; they will not pay him.

With the poultry trade as with the dairy, improvement in the breed makes an increased demand and sends up the prices. A dozen people use eggs now to one who used them 25 years ago, and the prices were in those days very low.

A word about the number of hens a farmer should keep: he can as well keep 100 as 50, but if he has more than 100 he must have them divided in different henneries so that not more than from 50 to 100 are in each, for The World is told that for some reason it has been found impossible to keep more than that number healthy if put together.

Then, as to the incubator. It is arousing a good deal of attention. A prominent breeder, asked if he thought the artificial process of hatching would deteriorate in course of time the fowl, said he thought not; the chickens hatched by artificial means were, he said, stronger than those that had a mother. He would not advise every farmer to buy an incubator, but the machine would pay if it were used to hatch a great many chickens for the market.

In conclusion, every farmer should keep hens, good ones, breed them judiciously, care for them, and great will be his reward.

The Perkers.

The show of swine this year is not larger probably than during some previous years, but the exhibits are almost without exception of a very high order. One of the most noticeable features of the exhibits is the increase in the larger breeds. There has been a demand on the leaner class of pork, and that no doubt is the cause of this increase. The intermixture of fat and lean in the meat of the larger breed, together with the increased length of the side, seems to adapt them to the requirements of the market at the present time. The pork industry has always been one of considerable importance in this country. In these late years the development of the dairying industry has given it an impetus and as the former extends the exhibition of the latter will no doubt keep pace with it.

The Berkshires are mainly shown by G. Green, Fairview, the principal exhibitor, and Messrs. Simmons & Quirie, Ivan and Delaware. In Yorkshires the chief exhibitors are Joseph Featherstone, Credit; J. Y. Ormsby, Oakville, and Dorsey & Son. In the Suffolks A. Frank & Sons of the Grange; R. Dorsey & Son, Summerville, and W. H. Reid, Lockton. In the Poland Chinas are R. Dorsey & Son, Summerville, and W. & J. C. Smith, Fairfield Plains.

Compliment to Officials.

Yesterday morning the following resolution was handed to The World for publication:

To Mr. H. J. Hill, Secretary and Manager Toronto Industrial Exhibition.

Dear Sir.—The exhibitors in the dairy department feel in duty bound to compliment the directors of the Industrial Exhibition for the highly efficient staff of officials connected with the department in their different spheres of usefulness. We feel disposed to be a little personal by mentioning Mr. Robt. Wilson and Mr. Cavles, very efficient gentlemen, besides courteous and obliging to all, answering all questions civilly and courteously, and keeping the general management in a pleasant condition for all concerned. We therefore wish to heartily congratulate them and trust we may meet them again in the same position, which they are so well qualified to fill. In behalf of dairy exhibitors, also thank the officials, one and all, for the superior management shown in our department.

Alex. Thompson, W. A. Reburn, Wm. Herbison, R. McKnight, George Pulfer, James Thomlinson, Mrs. McNamee, James Struthers, R. H. Smith, James Cheesman.

Major Foster on the Holstein-Friesian.

Editor World: With reference to the letter signed "Smith Bros.," which appears in your issue to-day, perhaps a line from me as another exhibitor of Holstein-Friesian cattle may be of interest. I never heard of such an institution as the American Branch of the North Holland Herd Book Association, if such is the name, until informed of the fact by Mr. Leys yesterday at the exhibition. In any case, in common I imagine with all other breeders, I could not cross my cattle with inferior stock, even if I had no other certificate than this without destroying all chance of registering their progeny in the Holstein-Friesian Herd Book, which is the only authentic herd book on this continent. Later on Messrs. Smith Bros. refer to another point which seems to me of far more importance. I mean the judging of the cattle yesterday afternoon, which amounted to nothing more or less than a ridiculous farce, as could not fail to be the case when dairy cattle are estimated solely, as it seemed to me, on their size, fatness and beef producing qualities, the first of which is not of paramount importance, and the last two actual demerits in the estimation of Holstein breeders. I do not wish to be understood as reflecting in any way on the judges; they gave their honest opinions to the best of their knowledge and belief. The mistake made was in not appointing men who are acquainted with Holstein cattle; unfortunately such men are hard to obtain in Canada, as nearly all of them had cattle of their own to exhibit. Situated as most of the Holstein breeders are, with young cattle on our hands, just beginning to form our herds and with the difficulty and expense attending quarantine regulations in importing cattle into this country, we shall soon be obliged to cross our herds, and as it is a rule with breeders to breed up and not down, a really trustworthy opinion by a specialist on the relative value of our respective animals would be of immense value to us. We have, of course, all formed opinions as to the quality of our neighbor's cattle, but the judging yesterday had no influence on that opinion, either one way or the other. It was a sort of game of skittles with a strong bias towards the fattest cattle, or in other words the culls of the herds. Fortunately the Holstein-Friesian Association have appointed inspectors for their advanced registry in nearly every State of the Union. Several of these gentlemen are resident in the State of New York, who would be eminently fitted to act as judges of our cattle, and I imagine their services could be obtained at a trifling expense when shared among us all, so that if the committee of the Industrial Exhibition refuse to appoint one of these gentlemen, we can keep our really good cattle at home and send only those we want to part with to the exhibition, and have a private show of our own to fix the real value of our stock at some other time and place.

E. H. FOSTER.

Eriescourt, Davenport, Sept. 20th.

THE SUCCESSFUL HORSES.

Those Awarded Prizes—A Show That Did Ontario Credit.

The Horse ring yesterday was a scene not to be surpassed on this continent, the animals displayed there being certainly far superior to any previous year. The Association is to be congratulated on such a fine show of horses. The judges were unanimous in their opinion that the show on a whole was the best yet seen in Canada. While some classes were probably not as good as other years the majority were much better and the number exhibited larger. The judges were kept busy throughout the day awarding the prizes to the successful animals, and the lovers of the horse were assembled about the ring the whole day inspecting the animals.

Thoroughbreds.

The pitcher that goes too often to the well runs a big chance of being broken. Why the owners of the English stallion Superior, a bay horse by the famous Petrarch, were not content with the laurels won last year it would be hard to say. Tempting fickle fortune once more, the result is "they are left," and the suspicion of a curb which was freely circulated at last year's show ripened into certainty and was evident to any spectator's eye. Why the judges did not mete out the same justice to Rock and Rye, a very pretty horse but notoriously unsound in his wind, and with a blemish on his pastern that nobody can assert to be entirely the result of a break-down we do not know.

Mikado, whose pedigree and performances are neatly set forth on a placard nailed to his box, was undoubtedly away above all competitors. The Spirit of the Times declared that he had proved himself the best horse of his year in an article written when Mr. Patteson brought the horse from New York, and it is no little thing that the best American horse of his year should find his way to Ontario. As a racing machine Mikado, to whom the judges awarded first prize and diploma, was no doubt vastly superior to the other candidates, to whom the Omnibus winner of '84 would have given two stone and a beating; and as a great, fine, dashing, upstanding horse he can't fail to "improve the breed of horses in Canada," which is what the prize calls for. He is a very short-backed horse, which gives him rather a jumped up look, but his barrel loin, shoulder and forehand are superb. His quarter droops a little and gives him a hacky appearance behind the saddle. His legs are well set on, but a little less of them would improve the *tout ensemble*.

Rock and Rye, winner of the second prize, is a beautiful chestnut, combining several strains to old Glencoe, and was a fair race horse. He cannot fail to get good lookers if mated with farmers' mares of sufficient substance.

Top Gallant, an English horse, has a pedigree as distinguished as that of any horse in America. He traces to Flatcatcher, Newminster and Surplice, all sons of Touchstone, and to Lifeboat and Birdcatcher, both of them sons of Sir Hercules. He ought to be as true and tough as steel. Old Terror is from a Flatcatcher mare, so also is imp. Billet, sire of Miss Woodford and to many other good ones. Top Gallant was awarded third prize.

Goddard is another chestnut, showing more quality than his half-brother Scalper, and in every way commendable as a country stallion. There were fifteen horses in the thoroughbred stallion class; a result in some degree no doubt of the action of the Imperial Government in buying army remounts in Ontario. Six years hence, in fact, this Province must be full of valuable half bred horses, and when the farmers all come to recognize the value of the thoroughbred sire, as much money will be added to the wealth of the Province as has come to it from the use of thoroughbred Shorthorn bulls and the exportation of their progeny.

In the young class of thoroughbreds and brood mares, John Dyment, of Orkney, carried off the honors with his stock, Lucy Lightfoot, Aunt Alice, Allie D. and Flip Flop, all securing first prizes.

Hunters and Saddle Horses.

The afternoon was devoted to the judging of riding horses, the first class taken up being saddle horses. Mr. W. R. Johnston's black gelding Orkney by Terror won first with F. A. Campbell's bay gelding by Chancellor second.

In the heavy-weight hunter class Mr. Hendrie was first with a chestnut gelding of fine shape and quality by Harkaway, a horse standing in the Woodstock district. Later on Mr. Hendrie was awarded the prize for the best saddle horse in all classes with the same horse. Mr. Carruthers was second in the heavy-weight hunter class with Phyllis, a daughter of Revolver, the sire of the Liverpool winner Gamecock, and Geo. Baxter was there with a promising iron grey five-year-old by Orange Boy, the oldest of his get. The class was a good one; but the light weight hunters were even a better and more numerous lot. Mr. Doane's neat and nice brown gelding Toronto by Thunder getting first, Mr. Hendrie's Laird, who should have been in the heavier class, second, and Geo. Pepper's Princesthird. Mrs. James Carruthers was awarded first with the handsome chestnut gelding Lansdowne for ladies' saddle horses, Miss Gardner's clever little hunter Erminie second, and Miss Armstrong of Bradford with Rose third. In this class, as the horses were piloted by ladies, there was a great deal of discussion among the onlookers as to where first prize should be awarded. They were well ridden, but Lansdowne acted bad and refused to jump, while Miss Gardner with Ermine was the only one to negotiate the bank and the "in and out" which of course gave her the preference among the spectators, but the judges were of a different opinion. As for the horses Lansdowne was the superior, but for a lady's hack and hunter Erminie had the call.

The high jump followed, in which Mr. Morehouse's two young chestnuts Trustee and Salisbury easily vanquished all opposition, the end being at the comparatively low height of 5ft. 8in. The jumping was remarkable for the ill-judged pace at which the jockeys approached the bar, and when we say that Trustee was measured to have cleared 24 feet in one of his jumps over the pole, it will be seen that the method of doing the high jump was unusual. The show of riding horses as a whole was the best ever seen in Toronto, and the riding with some few exceptions was very creditable to the patrons of the saddle. No doubt many horses would have performed better in a place where brass bands and all the din and clatter of the amphitheatre were absent, and the judges made every allowance for animals evidently disturbed by the unusual concourse of sights and sounds. There were several strangers on the ground trying to buy saddle horses, and the figures named were of course "Exhibition prices," and prevented an immediate sale.

Roadster Horses.

This class exhibited was a very fine lot, the young horses in particular. Of the aged stallions, the well-known trotter Crown Imperial was awarded first, Forest Mambrino second and Frank Ellis third. The two and three-year-old stallions were undoubtedly the best ever seen here. Of the three year olds W. Henry, of Cheltenham, took first with a colt by Crown Chief, and W. Cowan's Dolphin carried off the honors among the two year olds.

Carriage Horses.

The carriage horses were not as good as might have been expected, the two-year-olds being the best of the class. W. C. Brown of Meadowvale, took first among aged stallions with King Fairfield; E. A. Brickman, Rednorville, second, with Landrigan, and H. Hammond of Painsville, third, with Garibaldi. A. Marsh & Son of Richmond Hill received first, with Prince Alexander for the best two-year-old stallion.

Agricultural Horses.

This is the first year for this class which was much needed and is the most useful horse to the farmer, being between a heavy draught and general purpose horse. The show for the first year was extremely good. For the aged stallions Joseph Vance of New Hamburg with Uncle Quarles was awarded first and also the medal for the best stallion of any age in this class; J. & E. Dolphin of Clara, with Clydesdale Champion, second; and E. Dixon of Weston, with Prince Lyon, third. There were 13 stallions shown and they were all remarkably good horses. Of the younger stallions T. A. Robinson of Cedarville took first with Young Champion, for the best three-year-old, and J. Fotheringill & Sons' Burlington, Prince Charlie, the same honors for two-year-olds. John Swain of Ravenshoe carried off several prizes for fillies of different ages.

Clydesdales.

In this class it was difficult to ascertain to whom the prizes had been awarded. A. Servos of Niagara, who was one of the judges, when asked by a representative of The World for the information, impertinently told the reporter that if he wished such information he would have to pay for it or go to the office and it get from the Secretary. However, it was learned that in the above class for aged Stallions, R. Beith & Co. of Bowmanville carried off both first and third with St. Gatien, and Beith & Co. of Lowville, the former also being awarded the medal for the best Clydesdale stallion of any age. They were a fine lot in this class though the number was not large.

English Shire Horses.

The show in this class was small but of good quality, the aged stallions being the best. James Gardhouse & Sons, of Highfield, received first in the aged class with King of the Castle, who was also awarded the medal for best stallion of any age; T. Downie, Riverview, second with Great Britain, and Morris, Stone & Wallington, of Welland third with Chieftain. They were the only three shown in that class. For three-year-olds E. Small of Jessopville took first with Enterprise, and Ormsby & Chapman of Oakville secured first and second for two-year olds and first for yearling colt. They also carried off the first and second honors for two-year-old fillies. W. H. Millman of Woodstock was also very successful in this class carrying off several first prizes.

Heavy Draught Horses.

The younger class of these horses were good while the aged were only fair and a very small show. The two-year-olds were not as good as what the yearlings promised. As there were only three shown in the aged class, but two prizes were awarded. G. W. Curtis of Lindsay received first and R. R. Newborn of Mimico second with Noisy Jack. The judges thought the other horse was not worthy of a prize. Of the two-year-olds John Davidson of Ashburn carried off the honors with Loch Doon, D. & R. McGeachie of Castlemore, second, with Sandy and D. S. McFarlane of Claremont, third. There was but one entry in the three-year-old class and no prize was awarded. John Davidson also was awarded first for yearling colts with Prince of Gouricok. The fillies, both two and three year olds, were a fine lot in the former class. George McHugh, of Lindsay, was given first with Polly and John Bone of Edgely carried off the first for three-year olds. J. Gardhouse & Sons were awarded first prize and diploma for the best mare and two of her progeny. In all these classes they were Canadian bred draughts only.

Percherons or French Draught Horses.

The show in this class was small and a very poor lot they were, the foals of 1888 especially. Walker & Shantz of Hayesville were awarded first with Confidence for three-year-old stallion and upwards, and also the medal, E. A. Brickman of Rednorville getting second and third with Producator and Cardine respectively. In the 2-year-olds A. L. Shore of Thornby, being the only exhibitor, was awarded the prize. For yearling colts E. A. Brickman's Brilliant received first, while the same owner, being the only exhibitor in the aged mare class, was given first, and medal for best mare of any age, and also took first and second for matched team.

J. & J. Lugsdin's Exhibit.

A large and handsome plate glass showcase, more than twelve feet square and almost as high as the first gallery floor, filled with the costliest and loveliest furs, stands near the foot of the right hand stairway in the Main Building. Ever since the beginning of the Fair this showcase has been the constant theme of comment and admiration by the ladies. They never tire of lingering around it and gazing at its contents—elegant seal mantles, sacques, ulsters, dolmans and walking jackets in all sizes; caps, muffs, boas and muff satchels, in seal, beaver, bear and Persian lamb, and muffs and boas in red, blue, black and grey. A lovely style of cap, in all the varieties of furs, is called the "Lady Stanley." This design now takes the lead. The firm are paying special attention to boas made from all kinds of furs, as boas are just coming into fashion. Furs for gentlemen appear to be in nearly as many varieties, and consist of costly fur coats, and cloth coats lined with fur, caps and gauntlets, cuffs and collars, in sea otter, hair otter, beaver, Persian lamb and seal. The firm import furs in the natural skins direct from foreign markets, and all these goods are their own manufacture and made directly under the supervision of Mr. Lugsdin, who is a practical man in the business and who makes annual visits to the European markets, so as to select only the very best skins. In this way their house obtains furs which do not usually find their way to our markets and are not usually sold by other houses. Altogether they have an elegant display, making one of the grandest exhibits in the building, and the only one of its kind. The firm have taken first prize each year they exhibited for the last fifteen years.

Guelph Agricultural College.

A course of studies specially adapted to the wants of young men who aspire to become farmers will begin at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, October 1 next. The course will impart a thorough knowledge of cattle, hogs, sheep and horses. The college has at the Fair a full representation of the various breeds of farm stock. A course of lectures will also be given on butter and cheese-making and other matters connected with the dairy interests of Ontario, besides detailed instructions at laboratory, chemistry, physiology, and the diseases and treatment of farm stock. A further course of lectures on chemistry, geology, botany and entomology, besides a thorough course in English mathematics, form part of the curriculum. The instruction given in this college is more suitable to the wants of farmers than that given in any other institution. All students are required to work, and are paid for their services, and through this mode they are prevented from acquiring a distaste for farm life, which is so frequently the case with young men attending the High Schools. The charge at the Guelph Agricultural College is exceedingly low, varying from $40 to $60 a year for board, washing and tuition. Further information may be obtained upon application to Mr. James Mills, Vice-president, Guelph, Ontario.

The Oldest Piano Makers in Canada.

Heintzman & Co., of 117 King-street west, have this honor; but this is not all. Not only have their instruments been longer before the public than those of any other firm, but they have the gratifying assurance that they are better appreciated. The most flattering testimonials from the most experienced musicians are constantly being received testifying to the superiority of Messrs. Heintzman's pianos. Hundreds of them have in thousands have been delighted during the past week with the sweetness and purity of tone which characterize these pianos. They have a grand exhibit. The cases are in themselves works of art, being of the finest Honduras mahogany and antique oak. Many orders have been booked and gratifying encomiums paid. Academies of music, colleges, educational establishments and residences of the elite in all the Provinces and other parts of the Dominion are proud to possess Messrs. Heintzman's handsome and unsurpassable pianos.

The Canadian Rubber Company.

whose headquarters are in Montreal, but whose Toronto establishment is in the spacious premises at the corner of Front and Yonge-street, have a most attractive display of their specialties at their stand in the Main Building. Particularly noticeable is their grand show of rubber boots and shoes, an exhibit which has never before been seen in Toronto. Its marked feature is a pair of rubber boots in the doll's shoes 1½ inches long to the mammoth size of 4 feet. The company have a capital show of steelheart, prize belting packing in hose, and every requisite in rubber goods for boots and shoes manufacture and winter wear. They have done a wonderfully good stroke of business both at the Fair and at their warehouse during the past week. Orders have been legion. The company are erecting a factory at Montreal for the manufacture of rubber-lined cotton hose from ½ inch to 2½ inch, for fire department supply.

The Bell Pianos and Organs.

World-wide is the reputation of Bell & Co., of Guelph, the manufacturers of upright pianos and cabinet organs. Their name is a synonym for excellence in the instruments they produce. For a quarter of a century the firm has been established and has won a reputation which has extended the business to such an extent that it has branches in London, Eng., Germany, New South Wales, the States, Hamilton, St. Thomas and Toronto. At the Fair, in the Main Building, Messrs. Bell have a capital display of both organs and pianos, got up in the most artistic style, and unequalled in tone, design and durability. Their stand has been thronged each day and very many orders have been booked. Bell's organs and pianos have the unanimous recommendation of professional musicians, and they have received the highest honors wherever exhibited, gold medals at Boston, Sydney and Toronto.

"A Remarkable Manipulator.

The admission is only ten cents, and the exhibition so interesting that it is the absorbing topic of conversation on the fair ground. The location of Ajeeb and his mysterious games of chess which he performs to the gratification of all who witness them, is just south of the Grand Stand. A continual stream of patronizers keep pouring in all day yesterday. Ajeeb is not alone a chess player; he also plays checkers, and is the most wonderful manipulator ever seen. He has been brought here from Paris at a great expense, and Mr. Jardine, his manager, makes everyone satisfied who gives Ajeeb a call. Mr. C. A. Boeck furnishes visitors with all desired information. Every lover of chess and checkers should see this wonderful automaton. The investment is small and will never be regretted.

Notes from the Fair.

The Hungarian Gypsy Band will give a special concert in the band gallery of the Main Building to-night.

Mr. Edison's phonograph will be removed from the Fair on Saturday and exhibited at the Canadian Institute to the members and their lady friends.

In a birchbark wigwam on the grounds, near the western fence, are Chief Big Canoe and George McCue, with their squaws, and Wm. Big Sail, of Snake Island in Lake Simcoe. The Indians are enjoying the Fair greatly.

The large number of visitors were grateful to the management for arranging for another balloon ascent yesterday.

Miss Spencer of Eglinton, who is the only one of her sex who exhibits cattle, had an auction sale of Jersey cattle yesterday afternoon, but only a couple or three of her herd were sold. Miss Spencer is a tall, buxom young lady who, dressed in a neat, tailor-made ulster, personally attends to the comfort of her mellow-eyed kine. She carries herself with a regal mien and talks with a pronounced English accent. Altogether she was a very interesting exhibitor, and we are surprised that with a herd of six animals she should not have been given six instead of three prizes.

The Annual Board Meeting of the Ontario Poultry Society was held in the board room of Poultry Hall yesterday afternoon. The business was the making out of the prize lists and appointing judges for the society's next annual show, to be held in January in St. Catharines.

Most of the cattle went to London last night, almost all but Mr. Cochrane's herd.

Now that the Fair nears its close may The World venture to tell some of the good people who have been admiring the pretty little "boys" who have danced on the platform before the grand stand that those "boys" were really dreadful girls!

It is a suggestion thrown out for Manager Hill's consideration that next year he prohibit the playing of "Erminie" in the piano pavilions. If he does not the attendance is jeopardized.

Professor Williams made a special balloon ascension and parachute descent yesterday afternoon. There was a gentle breeze that wafted him out over the water, and when the aerialist spread out his umbrella he was a short distance out from Garrison Common. A steam launch picked up Manager Hill's $400 attraction.

A young man received a slight gash over the right eye while riding on the aerial railway. The wound was dressed by Dr. Barber.

As Manager Hill remarked to The World there is no reason for these accidents occurring. This aerial railway is well managed and the accidents are due to lack of caution by those using it.

Ald. Harry Piper hardly imagined when he brought his gondola from New York hat it would give him a wetting. But last night he invited a number of Press representatives to accompany him on a little trip over the sprifficial pond. Before they had gone many yards however, the boat struck on a snag, throwing the entire party into the water.

A number of articles lie at the police-office on the ground awaiting owners.

Joseph Sear, of 16 Lake-street, reports that a horse and buggy have been stolen from near the sheep pen.

Notwithstanding the recent example of a young man crippled for life while trying to board a moving train there were still persist in attempting to get on Exhibition trains whilst in motion. An instance of this was seen last night when a young lady fell between two cars, and was only saved by one of the switchmen who dragged her back on the platform.

Last Night.

In the evening there was the usual crowd in the grounds to witness the fireworks display. These were exceptionally good, and in combination with the aurora of Schultze lighted the visitors. About 10 o'clock everything quieted down, and the thousands of sightseers took their way home via 'bus, street car and train.

To-Day's Program.

This is to be the great day—the review day. The prize animals will be paraded in front of the grand stand and around the horse ring at 2 p.m. To-night there will be an illumination of the whole grounds and the Hungarian Band will give a special concert in the band gallery of the Main Building, where they can be heard to the best advantage. This is the most successful Fair which has yet been held will be brought to a close.

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RAILWAY CONDUCTOR KILLED.

William Mason Fatally Injured on the C. P. R. near Parkdale.

The train on the Toronto, Grey and Bruce division of the Canadian Pacific Railway was nearing Parkdale yesterday morning when one of the brake rods broke. Conductor William Mason came out to the platform, and standing on the bottom step stooped over to ascertain the nature of the accident. Just as he did so he was struck by a fence near one of the cattle guards. He was knocked from his feet, and with such violence as to turn a couple of somersaults before he reached the ground. When the train was stopped and backed up Mason was found lying unconscious, and with the blood coming from his eyes and ears. Dr. Riddall was summoned from Parkdale, when it was discovered that the unfortunate man's leg was fractured immediately below the thigh, and that his jaw was broken. He was taken tenderly carried to the Hospital, where he died about 7 o'clock in the evening.

There was excitement last night when Lou Stanley opened a bottle of champagne and one of East's unbreakable Saratoga trunks

THE "CAT" AT THE CENTRAL.

The Negro Graham Gets His Second Instalment.

Benjamin Graham, the colored man from Hamilton, who was convicted a few months ago of a criminal assault on a young girl and sentenced to two years' imprisonment, underwent his second flogging at the Central Prison yesterday morning. The punishment judicially ordered was 20 lashes, 10 of which were administered on May 26 and the balance yesterday. The marks of his former flogging were apparent when he stripped preparatory to being bound on the triangle. Warden Massie, Dr. Aikins, and a number of officials were present. Graham bore his chastisement with considerable fortitude. Still, he howled for mercy, and at the close of the flogging his back was livid and very sore. "My God, it's awful," was his emphatic and irreverent exclamation as the tenth lash fell. Unassisted he was able to walk to his cell.

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ANOTHER MISSIONARY RETURNS.

Cashier Wilkie, of the Imperial Bank, on Manitoba's Crops and Prospects.

The interest which Ontario people have in Manitoba is shown by the number of visits to that province made of late by our prominent business men. They have all gone west to see for themselves and form their judgment as to what the commercial situation is likely to be there at the end of the season.

Mr. D. R. Wilkie, cashier of the Imperial Bank, has been in the Prairie Province for the past month. He returned home yesterday, looking not the least the worse for having inhaled the ozone of the prairie.

Mr. Wilkie in talking to The World yesterday about Manitoba's prospects said that in his opinion the damage will be less than what some have placed it at. From observations he has made he would say that 25 per cent. of the crop has been killed by frost and that 25 per cent. will be frosted more or less. This frosted wheat would, however, bring as high a price as No. 1 hard did last year. The yield would be nearly up to that of last year, and the increased price the wheat would bring would, he estimated, not the Province $3,000,000 at least more than the wheat crop of last year netted.

Mr. Wilkie went as far west as Calgary, finding good crops all through the west. He was impressed with the extent of the country and its possible greatness in the hands of Canadian skill and muscle. "We have a great heritage there," said he, "and we need no one to develope it but ourselves."

You cannot afford to miss seeing the Great Cycloramа Battle of Sedan, corner York and Front-streets.

Personal Mention.

Mr. Owen Jones, who is interested in the scheme of the Canadian-Australasian cable, is in the city. He will have a conference on the subject with Mr. Sandford Fleming, and then go to London, Eng., to lay the whole matter before the board.

Mr. Richard H. Stedman, deputy-warden of the Penetang Reformatory, is in town, the guest of his brother-in-law, Mr. Richard Score.

Manager J. H. Finlay, of the Bank of Montreal, Guelph, is in town.

Col. Williams of the 7th Fusiliers, London, is in the city taking in the Exhibition.

Rev. J. E. Lanceley, pastor of the new Richmond Methodist church, McCaul-street, has taken up his residence in the new parsonage, 63 Henry-street.

Ald. Frankland, the Toronto Cattle King, will open the Great Northern Exhibition at Collingwood on the 25th inst.

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THEY GIVE $53 AWAY TO BONUS A LOCAL FIRM.

A Hot Fight at Last Night's Meeting of the Public School Board—The Matter of the School Teachers Discussed — Other Business.

Chairman Dr. Pyne called the Public School Board to order at 8 sharp last night. There were present Trustees Somers, Bell, Downard, Dr. Ogden, Schoff, Spence, Anderson, H. A. E. Kent, Roden, Willcock, John Kent, Baird, Vair, McCrackken, Kerr, McMurrich, C. A. B. Brown and Hastings.

Trustee Somers asked the chairman of the School Management Committee whether any notice was to be given those teachers the Board intended to dispense with at the close of the year.

Trustee H. A. E. Kent: "All I have to say is that all the teachers in the employ of the Board have been served with notice that after Dec. 31 their engagements with the Board came to an end. Of course we will re-engage those we find are all right, and simply drop the others."

Trustee Somers: "The reason I ask the question is that the teachers may secure other positions and leave us without any."

Trustee H. A. E. Kent: "That is all right. You need not trouble about that."

Trustee Roden: "I think it only fair that those teachers who may not be wanted should get some intimation of the intention of the Board."

Trustee H. A. E. Kent: "I agree with Trustee Roden that such a proposition is perfectly reasonable. The report of the committee will be submitted to the Board, and then any members who have anything to say may give their views on the subject."

Ald. Bell wanted to know if any steps were taken to punish those teachers who came late to school. He saw a number of cases in the kind mentioned in the report before him, but it did not state what had been done in the matter.

Trustee H. A. E. Kent: The member from St. Andrew's Ward is mistaken when he says there have been several cases of the kind. There has only been one, and the lady in question has been notified to appear before the School Management Committee and explain. The course in all such cases is that the teacher is reprimanded for the first three offences, and in slipping a fourth time she or he is liable to be dismissed.

This closed the business under the head of inquiries. The following notices of motion were presented by Dr. Ogden: That an additional school room be opened as soon as possible in the Bathurst-street Church school on the corner of Lennox-street, with a view of providing the necessary accommodation for children who are unable to find admittance in the Borden-street school. By Trustee Roden: That it be an instruction to the Management Committee to arrange for the establishment of a Kindergarten class either in the Dufferin school or in the Sackville-street branch primary school. By Trustee Baird: That the Finance Committee should, at each regular meeting of the Board, present a statement to be prepared by the Secretary-Treasurer, showing in detail all expenditures up to the date of the said statement, and subsequent to the date of the one next preceding it.

The only motion passed was one offered by Trustee Downard that the Sites and Buildings Committee be instructed to prepare plans for two new schools to be erected in St. Stephen's Ward, and that the "Smead-Dowd" system of closets, ventilation and sewerage be used.

The Sites and Buildings Committee recommended that $300 be placed to the credit of the Island school, and that the offer of Mr. Thomas Wilde be accepted, to sell the Board the Island Sites in St. Matthew's Ward adjoining the present Leslie-street school, for the sum of $2,800, and all his interest in the Leslie-street school grounds for the further sum of $200. The report was adopted without amendment.

The Printing and Supplies Report recommended that the following tenders for school desks be accepted: for the advanced classes the tender of Mr. G. N. Reynolds of Preston, at $3.70 per set; for the intermediate classes that of Messrs. Charles Rogers & Sons at $2.95 per set; and for the junior