

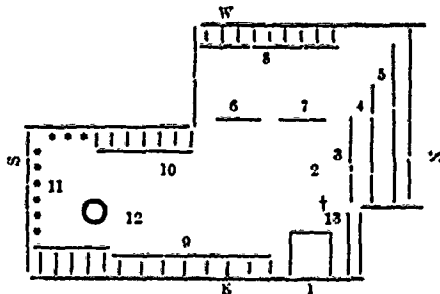
land, 2 from York, and 1 each from Lincoln, Halton, Wellington, Prince Edward, Middlesex, Simcoe, Lambton and Perth.

For the prizes for the best two bushels club spring wheat there were 10 entries, viz., 2 from Wentworth, 3 from Northumberland, and 1 each from Halton, Wellington, Prince Edward, Simcoe and Ontario.

For the best two bushels of spring wheat of any variety there were 11 entries, viz., 4 from Wentworth, 3 from Ontario, and 1 each from Halton, Northumberland, Middlesex and Peel.

GROUND AND BUILDINGS.

The exhibition grounds are so curiously shaped that it is almost impossible to give an intelligible description of them without the aid of a diagram. We therefore subjoin one, by the help of which a pretty correct general idea will be gained.



No. 1, entrance gate; 2, exhibition building; 3, carriage sheds; 4 and 5, sheep pens; 6 and 7, cattle stalls; 8, pig pens; 9 and 10, cattle stalls; 11, horse boxes; 12, horse ring; 13, poultry.

The ground consists of two oblongs, the width running from east to west, the length from north to south. The eastern oblong belongs to the city, and covers about ten acres. The other joins its north-western corner, and is of equal extent; the two together making about twenty acres. Southward the land declines gently towards the mountain, which extends round to the western side. No city in the Province is possessed of a better site for the Exhibition.

Entering by the main gate (No. 1) and turning to the left, we come first to a long row of cattle stalls, numbering about 50, open in front, each capable of containing several large animals. They are substantially constructed, nicely whitewashed, and look clean and neat. Beyond them, on the same side, are three substantial stables in a row, down the centre of which runs a wide corridor, with stalls on each side. The total length of the stables and of the cattle sheds on this side is about 900 feet. The south side, and part of the north side, is occupied by box stables (11) for stud horses, 94 in all. Passing by these we arrive at a second row of cattle sheds of the same size as those on the eastern side, twenty in all. Northward from these are two double rows of stalls (6 and 7), containing 38 compartments, which have been erected for the present Exhibition. West of these again, and running from the south, northward along the boundary fence, are 132 double pig stalls (8), having a total length of 390 feet, by 16 feet in width. On the north side are three other long buildings. The first and largest (5), 400 feet long, by 16 feet wide, contains 100 covered sheep pens; the second (4), 200 feet long, by 16 feet wide, contains 50 pens, also for sheep; the third is a shed 156 feet long by 24 wide, devoted to carriages, heavy machinery and the like. East of these again are the poultry pens. The shed is 108 feet long by 18 feet wide, and contains 192 coops, 96 on each side. Besides all these, a hay barn has been provided in a very convenient situation. On the north of the Palace, between it and the horse ring, a large tent was erected, where, under the superintendence of Mr. James Fleming, the roots and vegetables were arranged for exhibition.

The "Crystal Palace" stands at the northern extremity of the grounds, and presents a very effective appearance. Its primary form is that of a Greek cross, but the ground plan takes the shape of an octagon, four sides of which are made by the sides of the cross, and the other four sides by walls connecting its extreme points. The building is two stories in height, the upper story preserving the cross form, and giving to the gallery four distinct compartments, corresponding to the four sections of the cross. Its extreme length is 171 feet and its width the same. The ground area comprises a space of 36,000 feet. The first story is 16 feet in height, and the second 16 feet to the line of the eaves. In the centre, at the intersection of the cross, is an octagonal space 76 feet in diameter, and having a height of 54 feet to the roof, which is surmounted by a cupola and dome. The interior of the building has been thoroughly repainted and otherwise decorated. The galleries are each 54 feet wide by 64 feet in length, and are connected one with the other by a balustrade running

round the centre octagon. The triangular spaces formed by the lines drawn from the extremities of the arms of the cross to complete the octagon of the ground floor, are one story in height, and covered with flat tin roofs. The architect of the building was Mr. A. H. Hill, of Hamilton; its original cost was about \$15,000.

HORSES.

The examination by the Judges of the horses exhibited, commenced about nine o'clock on Wednesday morning, and proceeded slowly. Very great interest was taken in it by the visitors to the Exhibition, who surrounded the horse-ring in large numbers, and freely expressed their admiration of the many beautiful animals brought out from the stables.

In some respects the Canadian farmer is at a disadvantage when compared with his British brother. In England the farmer generally has two sets of horses. The one he keeps for working the land and for drawing loads. They are heavy animals, of enormous strength, but slow in pace. This sort also takes the heavier produce—the grain, hay and potatoes—to market. For drawing gigs, light waggons, and dog carts, a different variety is provided; far more slimly built, and capable of trotting along at a good round pace. But from various causes the Canadian farmer generally uses only one style of horse. The roads require a stronger animal than the light English road horse; while the heavy draught beast would be altogether too slow. From this cause, and from economical considerations, a medium horse is preferred in Canada, which can take either the road or the field. In this way a horse of an almost distinct character is got, capable of farm work, good on the road, and suitable for the country, but which will stand comparison neither with the heavy draught horse of England nor the gig horse. The circumstances just stated render it difficult to classify the horses actually exhibited, many being both "agricultural horses" and "road horses."

Of stallions for agricultural purposes there were but fifteen entries, a small representation of the class, so far as the number is concerned, but there were some splendid animals among them. Among the best were those exhibited by John Summerselt, of Markham, and Thomas Teasdale, of Chinguacousy. "Waxwork," belonging to Robert Stevens, of Streetsville, is a noble animal, possessing great breadth of chest and beauty of action. "Young Exhibition," owned by Thomas Goldring, of Sarnia, 8 years old—has been successful at several Exhibitions. He is large and proportioned well. "Golden Hero," a nine-years old stallion, owned by Mr. John Brydon, Township of King, has a strong dash of Cleveland blood in him.

"John Long," a stallion 8 years old, is a smaller animal than either of the others mentioned. He is marked strongly with the characteristics of the Suffolk Punch, finely formed limbs, short, arched neck, short back, and great shoulder power, but without an angle to be seen. His colour is light chestnut. He is owned by Mr. Patrick Murphy, of Guelph.

There were only fifteen entries of blood horses, and they are exhibited by Mr. White, of Bronte, Mr. Shedden, of Toronto, Mr. Ackland, of Oshawa, and Mr. Dew, of York Township.

Mr. Ackland's horse "Kenneth" is a splendid animal, bay in colour, with beautiful action, rather lightly built, but very strong. His sire was imported from Kentucky some years ago. Mr. White showed "Touchstone," bred by himself from imported stock.

Mr. Simon Beatty exhibited an excellent heavy draught stallion of the Clydesdale breed, imported from Lanarkshire; and also a grey stallion, imported from England last fall, by Mr. Copeland, of Cobourg, who deserves very favourable mention. A three-years old heavy draught stallion, showed by Mr. Harvey of Beverley, is an animal of much promise. Mr. John Shedden, of Toronto, shows a very fine iron-grey mare, of graceful build, well suited to serve as a single carriage horse, among which she is classed.

Among the saddle horses, one belonging to Mr. Hendrie, named "Doncaster," is perhaps as good an animal of the kind as is to be found in Canada. Mr. Smith, veterinary surgeon, of Toronto, also exhibited a very fine horse of the same class.

Mr. John Shedden, of Toronto, showed a capital span of heavy draught horses, got by an imported English horse, "Sir William Wallace." They are splendid animals, of a very large size, well made, and manifestly of great strength. They are not so heavy as the English draught horse or the Clydesdale, but there are few, if any, in Canada that come up to them. They were walked round the ground attached to a large waggon, their harness decorated with polished brass ornaments, and attracted many admirers.

There were 29 entries of road and carriage stallions. The quality of the whole is very good. "Black Hawk," belonging to Mr. Davis, of Thornhill, and "Young Grey Eagle," to Mr. Daines, of Whitby,

are beautiful animals. Mr. Lindsay, of Woodstock, showed a fine pair of matched carriage horses, got by thorough-bred stallions. These are necessarily but meagre notes of an exhibition of horses embracing over 400 animals of various ages.

CATTLE.

The display of cattle was the leading feature of the Exhibition. It was indeed a magnificent collection of animals. Competent judges were unanimously of the opinion, that so fine an assortment of neat stock had never before been got together on this continent. A general sentiment of pride and pleasure filled all minds in relation to this part of the show. In Durham, according to general expectation, the animals newly imported by Hon. D. Christie, appropriated a large share of the honours. We have no fault to find with this, believing that special encouragement should be given to enterprise and spirit in this direction. At the same time, we doubt not there were other animals on the ground intrinsically their equals, though not "made up" with the same artistic skill. Mr. Christie's new importations were, and most likely always have been in high condition, too fat indeed for ordinary purposes, and after seeing them we are not surprised that the *Mark Lane Express* and other British journals, should exclaim so loudly against over-feeding by old-country breeders. Our Board of Agriculture, in February last, resolved, "That in future, judges of stock be instructed to exclude from competition breeding animals which have been over-fed for Exhibition purposes." Having the fear of this rule before their eyes, our breeders have, with scarcely an exception, abstained from over-feeding the present season, and in some cases, have well nigh gone to the opposite extreme. The rule just quoted is in our view a just one, and we hope exceptions to it will not be used as precedents. The first prize bull of any age was a yearling, owned by Messrs. J. & J. White, of Milton. He also took the first prize in the yearling class. His sire is "Oxford Lad," owned by Messrs. D. Christie and J. Cowan, and took the first prize in the four year-old class. Both sire and son are splendid animals. We forbear further particulars in regard to them, and also omit reference to the prize cows and heifers, as we shall probably give portraits of the best among them ere long, and will then supply a more detailed account than we can possibly do now. The Devons were in nearly as full force as the Durhams. Messrs. J. Pincombe, of London; D. Tye, of Wilmot; and S. Peters, of London, are the chief exhibitors in this class. The Galloways also formed a striking feature in the cattle show. J. Snell, of Edmonton took the first prize in four year old bulls, and bulls of any age. He also took the prize for the best cow. Mr. Snell's herd of Galloways is certainly a very fine one. Other breeders are paying attention to this variety, and it is evidently growing in public favour. In Herefords, Mr. Stone, of Guelph, was almost "alone in his glory," and made a clean sweep of the prize list. The show of Ayrshires was not extraordinary; W. H. Essey, of London township, Col. Denison, of Toronto, P. R. Wright, of Cobourg, J. P. Wheeler, of Scarborough, and Col. E. W. Thomson, of Toronto, were the chief exhibitors in this class. There was a fair show of grade cattle. The Fergus Cup, a prize given by Hon. A. J. Ferguson Blair, for the best grade two year old heifer, was won by W. Miller, junr., of Pickering. Thos. Stock, of West Flamboro', W. Miller, junr., of Pickering, and John Smith of West Flamboro', were the leading prize-takers for grades. The show of fat cattle was not large, but there was a good display of working oxen. Want of space precludes a longer account of the neat stock exhibited, and we shall in all probability take up the subject again in a future issue.

SHEEP.

Next to the cattle the sheep formed the most prominent and interesting part of the Exhibition. Over 700 entries were made in this class, and of that large number more than one-third were Leicesters. The South Downs were largely in the field. Scarcely less numerous were the Cotswolds, and next to them the Spanish and French Merinoes. Other breeds, e.g., the Shropshire Downs, Oxford and Hampshire Downs, Cheviots, &c., were well represented, and there were also a number of grade sheep. Messrs. White, Snell, and Jackson were the leading competitors in the Leicester class. Messrs. Stone and Bethell nearly carried all before them in the South Downs; and Messrs. Stone, Snell, and Miller took most of the Cotswold honours. A ram of Mr. Stone's, weighing over 400 lbs., was greatly admired. In Shropshire Downs, Mr. Geo. Miller, of Markham, distanced all competitors; his Hampshire Downs were also much commended by all capable of judging. In Cheviots, David Elliot, of Grafton, W. O'Guy, of Oshawa, and George Miller, of Markham, took all the prizes. The show of Merinoes was not particularly good. There were no really first-class