

Fair Notes.

THE SHERBROOKE EXHIBITION.

to be held on September 5th, 6th and 7th, promises to be even in advance of any held there heretofore. The fact that such men as Wm Crozier, of Northport, Long Island, are engaged as single expert judges on dairy stock, while the judges on Hackneys, standard-breds, beef cattle, etc., etc., are brought from equally long distances, shows conclusively that the directors are determined to secure the best possible talent, and to insure the judging being of the most impartial and high-class standard.

TORONTO INDUSTRIAL.

Although very little has been done towards advertising Toronto's Industrial Fair for this year, the applications for space in all departments are unprecedented in the history of the association. Ever since Mr. Unitt, the superintendent of the main building, came on duty on the 2nd of July, he has been busy receiving the instructions of exhibitors as to the space they require, and the class of exhibits much superior to other years. All musical instruments will this year be exhibited in what has hitherto been known as the Annex, but which will hereafter be known as the Musical Pavilion. Nearly all the space in this building has been applied for. The electrical exhibit in connection with the electricians' convention, which is to be held here during the exhibition, will be something superior to anything ever seen in Canada, and will embrace cooking by electricity and every other use to which electricity has been applied up to date. The new stables and cattle buildings are fast approaching completion, and give a wonderfully changed aspect to the grounds. Manager Hill says that everything promises the best exhibition that has ever been held by the association, and nothing but unfavorable weather can prevent the largest attendance of visitors that the Toronto Fair has yet had. The special attractions will again be numerous, and better, if possible, than last year, with which every one was well pleased. All the refreshment privileges and other concessions, for which there are already numerous enquiries, will be ready to lease about the first of August. A good list of trotting and running races has been prepared by the horse committee. All entries for the regular exhibits have to be made before the 12th of August, but those desiring space for special exhibits should make application at once, or they will find it difficult getting any later on. Manager Hill visited New York, July 21st, to complete arrangements for several new attractions.

WESTERN FAIR, LONDON, SEPT. 14th to 23rd, 1893, celebrate their quarter of a century exhibition. There is a great stir at present in the Western Fair office, sending out invitations to exhibitors and visitors throughout Canada in the shape of prize lists, lithographs, programmes and advertising matter of all kinds.

The Western Fair Association was never in a better position since its establishment, in the year 1868, than at present, from the fact that this is the first time in many years that there is to be no other large fair held on the same dates. This will very considerably increase the number of exhibitors in the live stock classes, as in former years they used to divide between the eastern and western fairs. This year it is as it ought to be, a complete circuit of our Canadian fairs, starting at Montreal, then Toronto, London and Ottawa, giving live stock exhibitors the opportunity of attending all, or as many as they wish.

This exhibition is of personal as well as financial interest to every farmer, owner or admirer of choice animals. An endeavor is being made to secure the prominent breeders with their stock, which will embrace the choicest specimens of every standard breed.

Straw and water are provided by the association, and everything reasonable will be done to supply the wants of the exhibitors. The Western Fair offers unexcelled opportunities for the sale and purchase of live stock.

The Poultry Department, which was the admiration of not only fanciers and breeders, but of visitors as well, at last year's exhibition, will be considerably augmented this year from the fact that London is to be the selecting point for Western Ontario, where specimens for the World's Fair will be chosen, and, as London and vicinity furnish nearly one-half of Ontario's exhibit of fowls, we are not saying too much when we remark that this year's display will be most extensive.

The agricultural and horticultural departments will especially interest those engaged in the science of husbandry. The choicest specimens of grain, seeds, roots, vegetables and plants, comprising the best old and the most valuable new varieties, will be on exhibition.

As London is a great centre of the dairy interests, a large exhibit of cheese and butter is an assured feature of this fair.

A large number of special attractions have been arranged for, consisting of W. C. Coup's Equestrianism; Professor Buckley's celebrated Army of Trained Horses; Prof. Freyer's Educated Dogs; Imperial Japanese Troup from Tokio, Japan, here by permission of the Mikado; Professor Calverley, the High Wire Walker Champion of Niagara Falls.

CENTRAL CANADA EXHIBITION, HELD IN OTTAWA.

A most successful effort last year has stimulated the managers to renew the forward march, with the expectations that this year can be made to go as much ahead of last year as that was a gain upon anything achieved previously.

Important changes, suggested by experience, have been made in the prize list. It should be noticed by stockmen that a class has been added for coach horses; that separate classes have been made for grade cattle, and the prizes for cattle have been considerably increased, especially in those sections where spirited competition has been developed.

Great care has been taken by the several committees in the revision and the extension of the prize list as a whole. The grounds and buildings have been improved, and the grand stand accommodation doubled.

The electrical exhibit in the main building, which was so novel and attractive last year, will be renewed at the coming exhibition on a much larger and more satisfactory scale, demonstrating the greatest advance yet made in any country in the world in the processes of lighting, heating, cooking, and conveying power by electric current. The exhibition, as heretofore, will be on the last week of September.

A Standard Dictionary.

Books! books!! books!!! "Of the making of many books there is no end." But what shall we say of the book that contains all other books in a language possessing such a rich vocabulary and literature, and of its kind of all others the superior? Such the enterprising Funk & Wagnalls Company promise the public is to be their great work now being prepared for the press, entitled "A Standard Dictionary of the English Language". To read the prospectus alone is a pleasure and a mental tonic; what, then, will it be to have the book itself? The work is to be a single quarto volume—or it will be bound in two volumes, if the subscriber prefers—containing over 2,200 pages, over 4,000 illustrations and 280,000 words, together with an appendix of proper names of all kinds. The editorial staff is composed of nearly 200 of the most brilliant and capable specialists, who are contributing all their wealth of learning and research to make it complete. Its special features are: (1) The Etymology is placed after the definition. (2) The most common definition is given first, in preference to the historical order usually adopted. (3) The use of a Scientific Alphabet prepared and recommended by the American Philological Association, and adopted by the American Spelling Reform Association, in giving the pronunciation of words. (4) The quotations used to verify and illustrate definitions are located, i. e., the book, page and edition from which they are taken are given. (5) Disputed pronunciations and spellings are referred to a Committee of Fifty Philologists from all English-speaking countries. (6) The indication of preferred pronunciations. (7) Pictorial illustrations all executed expressly for this work—4000 in wood, and many in colors—the latter prepared by the Messrs. Prang. (8) An attempt to reduce to a system the compounding of words. (9) The simplification of the spelling of words by a modified adoption of the phonetic system, e. g., the use of "e" for "æ" and "œ", and, in some cases, "f" for "ph", as *sulfur*.

Special attention is being paid to definition, so that the meanings may be clear, accurate, concise and full, and so arranged that the various meanings and uses of a word can be easily found and readily applied. Many will be grateful for the lists of synonyms and autonyms, and of the prepositions which may be used with a word. This feature is of special value, as it will greatly assist readers to a correct understanding of a passage, and writers to accuracy of expression.

Into the pages of the "Standard" a vast amount of information is to be crowded, making the work one of encyclopedic value. "To read the dictionary" will be both entertaining and educating. Farmers will find it one of the most useful books in their libraries, as will appear from the large number of specialists who will treat subjects connected with their profession, such as Dr. Gill, Professor of Zoology in Columbia University; L. O. Howard, first assistant Entomologist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.; Ernest Ingersoll, the popular writer on birds; F. H. Knowlton, Professor of Botany, Columbian University, etc., etc.; A. A. Crozier, late Secretary of the American Pomological Society; and W. T. Swingle, assistant in Division of Vegetable Pathology, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.; and Eadweard Muybridge, who has charge of an interesting series of statements and illustrations on Animal Locomotion.

From published testimonials it appears that many of the foremost scholars of England and America approve the principles upon which the work is being constructed, and heartily commend it, such as Dr. Gregory and Professors Goodell, Skeat, Seelye, Wilkinson, Sayce, and a host of able men in all professions.

Scenes from Every Land.

The readers of this journal who have once glanced over the pages of that beautiful portfolio volume, "Scenes from Every Land," published by Mast, Crowell & Kirkpatrick, of Springfield, Ohio, will not be content until they have put themselves in possession of a rare and rich source of pleasure and instruction. The work is 14 1/2 x 11 1/2 inches, richly bound and gilt, and contains 400 pages and over 500 engravings in the very best style of the art. All the pictures are from photographs of places, paintings and persons in all parts of the globe, taken expressly for this work. It would be impossible to excel these representations in faithfulness or in execution. Open the book at any place and your wonder and delight are compelled. All that is wanting are the colors, otherwise they are almost faultless. The colossal wonders of ancient Egypt, the wealth and splendor of the Orient, the architectural productions of Christian Europe, the natural scenery of many lands, are before the eyes, and you feel as though you could walk into and among them. Everyone who is acquainted with the scenes presented here testifies to their marvellous faithfulness and great excellence—to the realism of these pictures. We find it difficult to speak truthfully of these productions without seeming to fall into a strain of exaggeration.

The book will serve a great variety of purposes. The children will find great delight in seeing correct and vivid pictures of the places about which they are reading in history, works of travel and the daily newspaper, their taste for pure and noble art being in the meantime cultivated. It will also prove to be very entertaining for company, suggesting countless themes for conversation, and should any person have been so fortunate as to have visited any of these places, he can supply much that will instruct his friends. It will be very welcome to those who have "trotted the globe," restoring the memory of pleasures enjoyed in extensive travel. It is sure to create a desire in the breasts of very many to visit these places and feast their eyes upon their glories.

Are you interested in missions? You will be able to lay before your friends at the missionary concert such centres of evangelistic labor as Hong Kong, and the temples, pagodas and shrub scenes in Japan; the palaces, temples and shrubs of Calcutta, Delhi, Cawnpore, Benares, etc., etc. The S. S. teacher may show his class the charming engravings of such places as Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Garden of Gethsemane, Jacob's Well, and the ruins of Babylon, Athens, Palmyra, Rome, etc., etc.

The value of the work is greatly increased by the descriptions and histories accompanying the pictures from the pens of such able and well-known writers as Rev. Dr. Washington Gladden, Rev. Dr. R. H. Conwell, Dr. E. E. Hale, Hon. C. W. P. Breckenridge, Hon. H. Waterson, and many others equally able and celebrated. Gen. Lew. Wallace, the author of "Ben Hur," writes the introduction.

We have seen an imitation of this book, which in every respect, whether as regards the letter press, paper, binding or engravings, is inferior, and compared with this a tawdry thing, failing to contain the name of its printers. Again let us say that the publishers of this excellent volume are Messrs. Mast, Crowell & Kirkpatrick, of Springfield, Ohio.

Salting Stock.

At this season when the farmers are exceedingly busy with harvesting, some of the important "little things" are apt to be neglected. Salting the stock may be classed in this important list. It is the practice, and perhaps unwisely so, to salt the stock once a week, which is considered by too many as all that is necessary. If the once a-week system happens to be forgotten occasionally, two or three weeks may elapse, during which time the poor brutes will not only suffer from the want of it, but will fail to give their owners profitable returns. When stock have to go a week or more without salt they eat too much when it is given, which produces evil effects; but when kept constantly within easy access, it acts as a corrective in the digestive function, diminishes the dangers that arise from bloat or hoven, while it stipulates a healthy action throughout the system. In the case of the dairy cow regular salting is extremely important, as secretion of milk goes on in best form only when the animal is free from any abnormal condition. If placed conveniently in the form of rock salt, there is no danger of any animal taking more than its necessities require. If the granular salt is to be used, strong boxes should be provided, placed two or three feet from the ground, and have a covering to exclude the rain. A little sulphur mixed with the salt is a good thing. Whenever the cows are noticed chewing bones, a little hardwood ashes mixed with the salt has the effect of satisfying the craving which prompts them to chew the bones.