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The Peterboro' Central Exhibition will be held on September 24th to 27th inclusive.

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Mr. Robt. Miller, Brougham, Ont., wrote us on April 3rd, that "they then had 132 pure bred Shropshire lambs, and expected about 30 more soon, this year's crop is a very promising one."

Mr. Heber Rawlings, Ravenswood, Ont., has recently made the following sales:—A young bull to Jno. and Donald McIntyre, Bosanquet, also a young bull to Jno. Cochran, Aberarder.

We take pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Messrs. O'Neil & Ferguson, the well known horsemen of London, Ont. A full review of the stock will be given in our next issue.

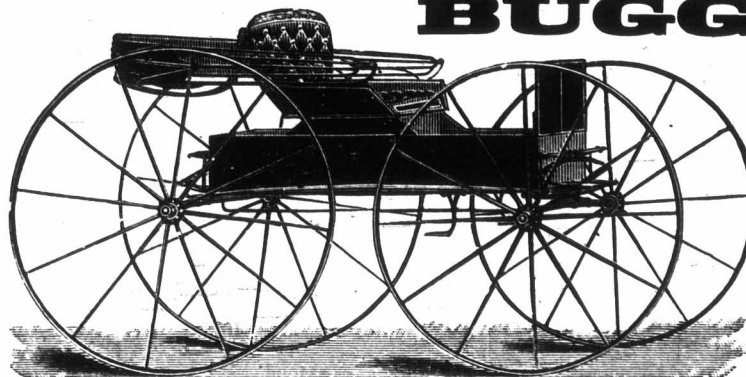
The Industrial Exhibition Association of Toronto, will hold its eleventh exhibition at its grounds in Toronto, on September 9th to 21st inclusive. Efforts are being and will be made, to make Canada's great fair even a greater success than ever before.

Messrs. Smith Bros., in a letter just received, say: "We have been counting up what our cow Slepke gave us during the past ten months, and find that she gave 11,269 lbs., of milk. Onetta in six months gave 7,248½ lbs., of milk, or over four gallons a day for 180 days, and is still giving nearly four gallons a day. Dina of the Pines, as a two-year-old, gave 318½ lbs., of milk in seven days, her highest day's record being 48½ lbs., in one day. The sales during the past two weeks have been most satisfactory. Three young bulls, and three young heifers of excellent quality have been sold, and will be shipped in a few days. Inquiries are coming in almost every day, and we find that high class stock is what is chiefly wanted, individual merit with ancestors of good records are what satisfies all buyers of this noble breed. Our young stock being pretty nearly sold out, we are offering some of our cows for sale. Prices are being cut close so as to let the people know what this breed can do, and thus give all a chance to buy."

We have been advised of the dispersion of Mr. Henry Webb's celebrated flock of pure Southdown sheep. We learn Mr. John Thornton has been instructed by Mr. Henry Webb to sell by auction without any reserve, at Streedy Hall, three miles from Linton, and Bartlow Stations, G. E. R., and twelve from Cambridge, his entire and well-known flock of Southdown sheep, the first portion of which, comprising about 100 rams and 400 ewes, will be sold on Wednesday, July 3rd, 1889 (the day after the Sandringham sale), and the entire remainder in 1890, when the lease of his farm expires. During the present generation, Mr. Henry Webb's flock has quietly obtained among breeders in England, as well as in America and on the Continent, the very highest reputation. When the Babraham flock, belonging to Mr. Jonas Webb, was dispersed realizing an average of £11 15s. 9d. for £27 head, Mr. Henry Webb increased and improved his flock by the addition of about seventy of his father's best old ewes from the sale, as well as of several rams of different ages. The Babraham flock had a world-wide reputation; its success at the English Royal and County shows as well as at Paris and at Continental exhibitions was unprecedented. It was descended from the best Sussex flocks, the blood of the sheep of Mr. John Ellman (who may be called the father of the breed) being its mainstay. Mr. Henry Webb's principle has been that which has actuated all our eminent breeders, both of cattle and sheep, viz., to raise a flock having purity of blood, with hardy constitutions, that any farmer might breed from, and from which exhibitors might select show-yard winners. Mr. Webb has never exhibited nor has he introduced any cross of blood whatever. From the sheep obtained at Babraham he has, by careful selection, unremitting attention, and systematic management, reared a flock which breeders will know to be unequalled, and they have consequently drawn upon it for many years by privately hiring and purchasing rams, whose offspring have gained the highest honors at our summer breeding and Christmas fat stock shows. The flock is a magnificent collection of sheep. They are on a large scale, being very short-legged with deep carcasses, "so high, yet so low," with grand heads, fine sloping shoulders, and good thick legs of mutton; whilst the wool, which has been an especial study, is thick and close, and of remarkably fine quality. The sheep are folded throughout the year on the land, for out of about 550 acres only about 30 are pasture. The sheep have the same striking, healthy, robust character and uniform type, and, in the opinion of many excellent judges, have never been better. Lameness is unknown in the flock. Every sheep is tattooed with a number inside the ear, and a careful record of its breeding is kept in a private flock book, showing its descent to the Babraham flock. The removal of an old fountain head must be a source of regret to breeders, yet on the other hand it affords an opportunity of laying the foundation of new flocks, and of refreshing those in existence, particularly at a time when there is a growing demand both at home and from abroad for animals of the very best quality. It may be mentioned that the highest price for sheep of any breed last year, was realized by a Southdown ram which was by a son of one of Mr. Henry Webb's sheep. The great national meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society of England takes place on Monday June 24th, at Windsor, Streetley is within a couple of hours of London, and the flock will be open for inspection at any time by appointment with Mr. Webb.

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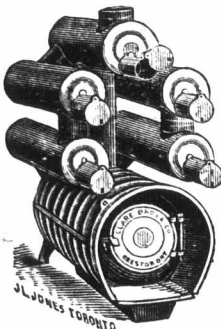
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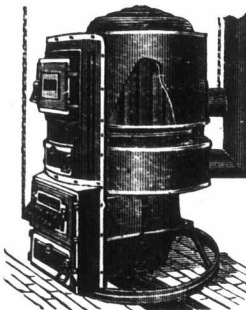


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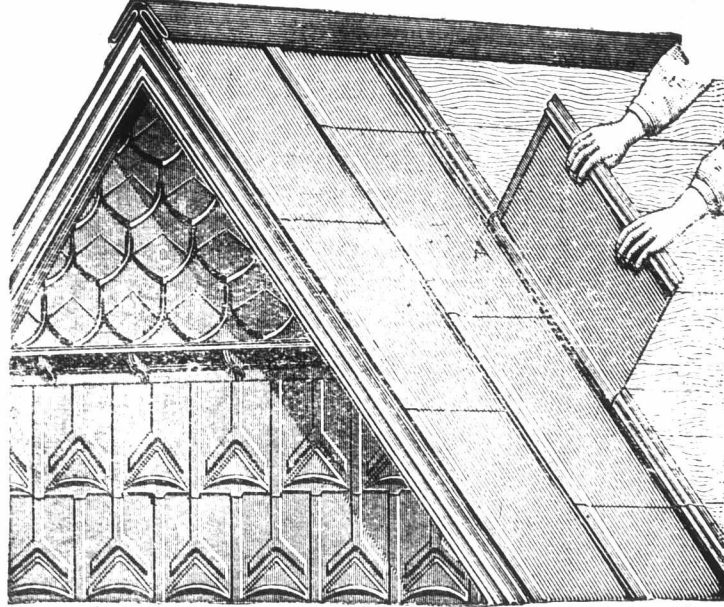
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