

the kind that will ever become popular in the English markets. Meanwhile if Mr. Moreton Frewen had confined his philanthropy to the southern moiety of this continent, it would have been sufficient for all practical purposes.

Our farmers will soon learn to adopt the most improved methods of raising grade steers in connection with butter making, so inexpensively that they need not fear competition. Butter making and frame building go hand in hand, the frame having the same analysis as the skim-milk, the fat being the butter, and it must therefore be borne in mind that there is a close relation between cheese-making and frame building, so far as soil exhaustion is concerned.

Farmers who feel aggrieved that they can find no staple market for their skim cheese, can take revenge by converting their skim milk into beef frames, whereby remunerative prices can always be obtained.

#### ON THE WING.

##### Agricultural Exhibitions.

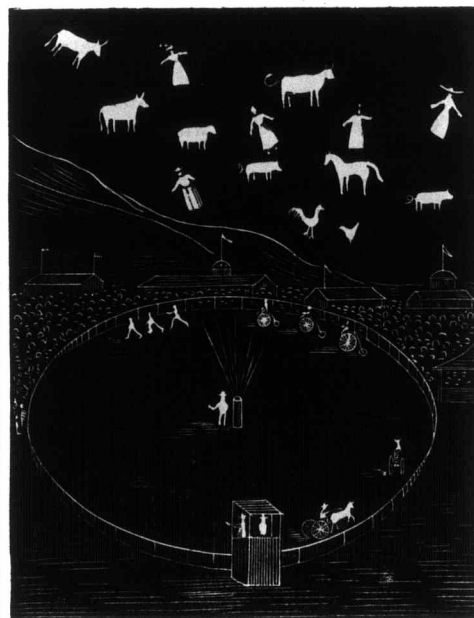
These useful, entertaining, and instructive institutions deserve the fostering care of every advocate of agricultural progress. They are great schools in which every one can learn. They have done much good, and we should all endeavor to make them more beneficial. To increase their utility a fair criticism is necessary; fulsome praise becomes nauseous, and is apt to lead to deception. The officers and patrons of any exhibition do not relish disparagement in the slightest degree, and every crow thinks its own egg the whitest. It is our opinion that those who point out errors or suggest improvements do much more good to any institution than those who only laud merit and cloak defects. Institutions that receive Government money, or men whose bread and means are derived from taxation, should be open to honest criticism.

The first exhibition of the season was THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION OF QUEBEC.

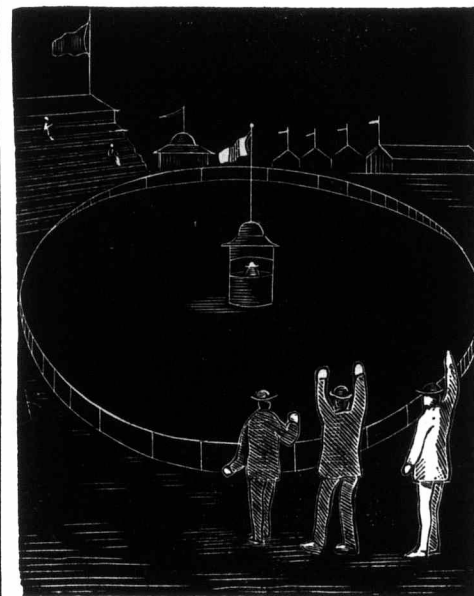
It is called in the posters the Dominion Exhibition. It was held in Montreal from September 5th to 13th. They have a very nice lot of spacious, neat buildings, and the grounds are convenient. The managers deserve credit for the selection of the site and the construction of the buildings. There was a marked deficiency in the quantity of the exhibits; a large number of our best manufacturers were not represented. In the horticultural department the display was very meagre. The exhibit of grain and roots was not half equal to the display to be seen at many township exhibitions, and the stock pens showed comparatively a mass of emptiness. Although there were animals to take the prizes in many sections of the Province, yet there was but little competition. There was a fair exhibit of horses. On inquiring as to the cause of the deficiency, we found that there was a serious disruption between the farmers and the officers. From what we heard, the difficulty appeared to arise principally from the Board of Directors persistently insisting that the live stock should be on the ground for ten days. The farmers not being willing to waste so much time, objected to the clause both before and after being introduced, but the Board of Management insisted that the stock should remain on the grounds.

A large number of the farmers united and refused to exhibit, thus the failure. By this step the lesson should be learned, that the farmers' interest should be first considered at an agricultural exhibition.

We went to the exhibition ring at 3 p. m. on Thursday, expecting to see the prize animals exhibited. There were officers in attendance, but no stock. The exhibitors under different pretences declined to come out, and the directors found it necessary to announce that the prizes would not be paid unless



THE PRESENT STATE OF AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITIONS—AMUSEMENT RING CROWDED.



AGRICULTURAL RING VACATED.

some made their appearance. We then went to another part of the grounds. Here the amusements had drawn the concourse of people, and who would not be attracted to see the sights of Japanese fire-works shooting illustrations of elephants, horses, calves, sheep, pigs, etc., into the air? This was amusing to all who have not seen anything of the kind. We depict the two scenes. Both form subjects for debate.

This is the first time we have heard the word "Boycott" used in regard to agricultural proceedings in Quebec. We have heard it used at an agricultural meeting in Ontario, and by a Government official. Another important cause of the failure of this exhibition is the fact that the Horticultural Exhibition is held at the same time and in another part of the city. We do not think that one farmer in a hundred knew anything about it; if he did he did not see it. This exhibition (the horticultural) is perhaps the best of the kind held in Canada. The flowers, fruits and vegetables exhibited here were very fine. Mr. Evans, the seedsman, has the management of this exhibition, and it reflects great credit on him. If such men as Mr. Evans were placed on the Board of the Provincial Exhibition, and a few more really practical cultivators of the soil, and the exhibitions united, we think greater benefits would accrue to the citizens and to the farmers.

While examining the fruits, we met Mr. Gibb, who has devoted considerable time in furnishing information about the Russian varieties of apples. We were here introduced to Mr. Shighidi-Arakoneva, from Japan. He appears to be an intelligent gentleman, and was making inquiries about our fruits. We noticed that the Duchess of Oldenburg, Alexander, St. Lawrence and Fameuse apples arrive at better perfection when raised in this vicinity than those raised in Ontario. They are much finer in color and also in size; but the Russets, Spies, Greenings, etc., brought from Ontario were finer than those raised in Quebec.

#### THE INDUSTRIAL.

Influenced by the fine weather and the excellent management, the Industrial proved a grand success. It being held at a time when there was no colliding with other exhibitions, was also a fortunate circumstance. It not only eclipsed previous exhibitions of its own, but also possibly all others hitherto held in the Dominion. The means of communication to and from the grounds, by street cars, railway and steam boats, were complete, and no pains were spared in making everything convenient and attractive. The managers understood their business; they advertised liberally, and used every other means to induce people to make attractive exhibits, all of which has resulted in its success financially. There was no boisterous or unseemly conduct; the spectators were kept in a constant state of wonder and excitement. The grounds have been greatly improved, and still greater improvements are in contemplation. The new features, in the form of acrobatic feats, Oddfellows' drill, and theatrical performances, were introduced.

In the cattle exhibits the Durhams still kept the lead. Amongst fat grade cattle of all beef breeds, especially those of the Polled Angus, there was also a conspicuous gain over last year. There was also a very excellent collection of Herefords. The milking breeds were also well represented, and a notable feature was a largely increased exhibit of Holsteins, which were introduced last year for the first time. Many of the leading Jersey breeders of the Province were absent, although this breed was well represented. The sheep exhibit was a complete success. The South-downs and Shrops made an excellent display, but the Oxford Downs were not so strongly