

Agricultural Intelligence.

The New Brunswick Stock Importation.

The stock mentioned in our last issue as having been bought for the New Brunswick Government out of a grant appropriated for the purpose, was put up by auction according to the program. The sale was a most satisfactory one. Although the stock was of very high class and corresponding price, the sum realized was but little below that for which the animals were purchased. Upon the sheep and pigs a considerable profit was realized. The horses sold well and so generally did the cattle. The total amount for which the stock sold was \$15,858, the cost to the Government, including freight expenses and the cost of the commission having been \$21,000. The \$15,858 will now be invested in other stock, and the amount realized by its sale and farther appropriations will be again invested, and so on till the Province is well supplied with stock.

The Government of New Brunswick is entitled to great credit for the energy with which it has set about developing its agricultural resources. A more direct and effective mode than the improvement of the live stock could not be adopted. At the same time the manner in which it is done frees the grant from all suspicion of being pauperizing in its tendencies. The effects of this introduction of blooded stock will be both immediate and permanent, and at the same time the improvement will be so patent as to stimulate private enterprise in the same direction.

It will be observed from the annexed table that the stock has been thoroughly distributed. The table is a summary of the St. John *Telegraph's* account of the purchases by each County:

County.	Stock Bought
Albert	\$ 870
Carleton	3,496
Charlotte	1,281
Gloucester	767
Kings	255
Kent	661
Madawaska	501
Northumberland	1,071
Queen's	488
Restigouche	585
St. John	1,422
Sunbury	1,624
Victoria	315
Westmoreland	472
York	1,453
	\$15,858

The Provincial Ploughing Matches.

The Provincial Ploughing Matches went off this year with unusual success, public interest being shown in them to a gratifying extent. These matches are held under the auspices of the Agricultural and Arts Association of Ontario. The Province is divided into four districts for the purpose of the matches. The sum of \$400 is granted to each district by the Association, and it is supplemented by such local donations and prizes as can be procured in the neighborhood.

The first match, that for the Eastern District, came off at Fairfield, Leeds Co., on Oct. 15. There was a large attendance of spectators. Thirty-nine competed. Judges, A. P. McGrant, Osgoode; Jos. Millar, Spencerville; Major Macpherson, Lancaster. The prize winners were:—

First-class senior, iron ploughs.—First prize, D. Macpherson, Lancaster; second prize, Stephen P. Young, Ramsay; third prize, R. McLennon, Lancaster; fourth prize, John McEwen, Russell; fifth prize, H. Gray, Leeds; sixth prize, D. Drummond, Ramsay; seventh prize, John Gray, Leeds; eighth prize, H. Young, Augusta.

Second-class senior, wooden ploughs.—First prize, P. McEwen, Russell; second prize, John McCallum, North Elmsley; third prize, Alexander Laidlaw, Augusta; fourth prize, D. Robinson, do.; fifth prize, James Robinson, do.; sixth prize, Geo. Dunbar, do.; seventh prize, George Witworth, do.; eighth prize, C. Levis Dalgleish, do.

Third-class junior, iron ploughs, Boys between 15 and 21. First prize, D. McDougall, Russell; second prize, W. J. Heron, Gloucester; third prize, Alex. Robinson, Augusta; fourth prize, D. Bradford, Elizabethtown; fifth prize, N. R. Smith, do.; sixth prize, E. Johns, do.

Fourth-class junior, (under 15)—First prize, A. R. Bishop, Oxford; second prize, Thos. Dalgleish, Augusta; third prize, S. Pierson, do.

The match for the Central District occurred at Scarborough on Oct. 20, and was pronounced by the spectators to be the most successful of the many matches that have occurred in that home of good ploughmen. The weather was unexceptionable, the state of the ground excellent and the work magnificent. Two of the fifty-three competitors were prize-winners last year at the Scotch shows. Their work was really good, but not to be compared with that of the first-prize winners. The judges were:—For class 1—Messrs. Jas. Boreland, Darlington; Geo. Burke, Scarborough; John Weir, Scarborough. Class 2—Messrs. Wm. Foley, Darlington; James McCowan, Scarborough; James Weir, Scarborough. Classes 3, 4, and 5—Messrs. John Coxworth, Scarborough; Peter Bristol, Scarborough; Geo. Shaw, Darlington. The prizes were awarded as follows:—

Class 1. Open to all with any kind of plough. First prize, \$50, Andrew Hood, Scarborough; Second prize, \$40; Jno. Morgan, Scarborough; third prize, \$30, Jno. Tweedie, Whitby; fourth prize, \$20, Robert Pardon, Whitby; fifth prize, \$10, James G. Patterson, Scarborough.

Class 2. Open to all who have not taken a first prize.—First prize, \$40, Thos. Hood, Scarborough; second prize, \$34, Thos. Keat, Scarborough; third prize, \$28, Alex. Smith, Scarborough; fourth prize, \$22, Wesley Ormerod, Scarborough; fifth prize, \$16, Alexander Stewart, Scarborough; sixth prize, \$10, James Young, Markham.

Class 3. Open to all not using wrought-iron ploughs.—First prize, \$24, Adam Hood, Markham; second prize, \$20, George Minty, Whitby.

Class 4. Open to boys under 20 years of age.—First prize, \$21, Geo. Robb, Markham; second prize, \$20, A. H. Canning, Markham; third prize, \$16, John P. Mason, Scarborough; fourth prize, \$12, Joseph Thompson, Scarborough; fifth prize, \$8, Norman Malcolm, Scarborough; sixth prize, \$6, James Lynn, Whitby.

Class 5. Open to boys under 17 years of age.—First prize, \$24, Joseph L. Secor, Scarborough; second prize, \$20, Jos. Forrester, Markham; third prize, \$16, William Ormerod, Scarborough; fourth prize, \$13, William Ferguson, Scarborough; fifth prize, \$8, John Hall, Whitby; sixth prize, \$6, Archibald Patterson, Scarborough.

A special prize for the best crown, given by Mr. Wm. Rennie, Toronto, was won by Mr. Andrew Hood, Markham.

On the same day the match for the Third District was held at Guelph and was likewise successful. The entries were twenty-eight in number. The prize-takers were:—

First-class, men—iron ploughs.—First prize, R. Moore, Eramosa; second prize, G. Robinson, Erin; third prize, John Whitehead, Guelph; fourth prize, Alexander Moore, Eramosa.

Second-class, men—iron beam ploughs.—First prize, Thos. Pritchard, Pilkington; second prize, M. Loece, Eramosa; third prize, John Cordiner, Pilkington; fourth prize, Jno. McDermott, Erin.

Third-class, men—wooden ploughs.—First prize, John Clark.

Fourth-class, boys iron ploughs.—First prize, A. G. Moir, Salem; second prize, A. Armstrong, Eramosa; third prize, A. Boulton, Eramosa; fourth prize, M. Cassidy, Arthur.

Fifth-class, boys—iron-beam ploughs.—First prize, J. Newstead, Guelph; second prize, G. Mundel, Guelph.

The sweepstakes prize in the men's class was taken by R. Moore, and in the boys' class by J. Newstead.

The match for No. 4 District was held at Clinton on Oct. 19. As at the other matches the attendance was very large, and the match successful in other particulars. Below is the prize-list:—

Class 1.—men with iron ploughs.—First prize, R. Moore, Eramosa, \$20, and sweepstakes, \$10; second prize, G. Robinson, Erin, \$15; third prize, Jno. Whitehead, Guelph, \$10; fourth prize, Alex. Moore, Eramosa, \$5.

Class 2.—men with iron beam ploughs.—First prize, Thos. Pritchard, Pilkington, \$20; second prize, M. Loece, Eramosa, \$15; third prize, John Cordiner, Pilkington, \$10; fourth prize, John McDermott, Erin, \$5.

Class 3.—men with wooden ploughs.—First prize, John Clark, Puslinch, \$20.

Class 4.—boys under 15 years of age with iron plough.—First prize, A. G. Moir, Salem, \$18; second prize, Adam Armstrong, Eramosa, \$12; third prize, Amos Bolton, Eramosa, \$6; fourth prize, M. Cassidy, Arthur, \$4.

Class 5.—boys with iron-beam ploughs.—First prize, J. Newstead, Guelph Township, \$18; second prize, G. Mundie, Guelph, \$12.

"GARDENING FOR PLEASURE" is the title of a work written by Peter Henderson and published by the Orange Judd Company of New York, price \$1.50 American currency. The author is a recognized authority on all matters connected with gardening, and probably the best praise that the book could have would be to say that it is worthy of him, and it is so. The part on Window Gardening is especially valuable and interesting.

Meeting of the Dominion Grange.

The Dominion Grange held its second annual meeting in Toronto on Oct. 27, and following days. The attendance was good and the amount of business got through quite satisfactory. Master Hill, in his address congratulated the members on the progress of the Order, stating that now we had 274 Granges against 44 at the same time last year. He said that the Grange was a powerful instrument placed in their hands to strengthen their attachment to their profession. They would find persons opposed to them would try to stay their progress, and that others would seek to influence them for private ends. He alluded to the question of recognition by the National Grange of the United States. They acknowledged said Grange as the parent institution and would use all means for amicable and fraternal relations. As the Grange has been successful in binding more closely the agricultural interests of the country, so fraternal union of the two Granges might be instrumental in more closely uniting the well known dependent relations existing between two countries. He concluded by touching upon the dependence of each of us on others, assuring those who differ from the Patrons that the latter mean to wage no aggressive warfare on any interests.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

Worthy Master, S. W. Hill, Ridgeville; Overseer, H. Leet, Danville, Quebec; Lecturer, Stephen White, Chatham; Steward, D. Nixon, Grimsby; Assistant Steward, H. S. Lossee, Norwich; Chaplain, Wm. Cole, Sarnia; Treasurer, J. T. Ball, Downsview; Secretary, W. Pemberton Page, Fonthill; Gate-keeper, T. Duncan, Richmond Hill; Ceres, Mrs. T. W. Dyas, Toronto; Pomona, Miss Whitelaw, Meaford; Flora, Mrs. Phillips, Schomberg; Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. Lossee, Norwich. Executive Committee:—J. Manning, Schomberg; W. S. Campbell, Brantford; B. Payne, Delaware; J. Daly, Newburgh; A. Gifford, Meaford.

A pleasing episode during the meeting was the presentation of a handsome epergne to Mrs. Dyas, wife of Mr. T. W. Dyas of Toronto, retiring Secretary of the Grange, as mark of recognition of the great share Mr. Dyas has had in bringing the Grange in Canada to its present satisfactory basis. The presentation was made by Master Hill on behalf of the Grange.

MR. Wm. BROWN, of Oillia, has been appointed to lecture on Practical Agriculture to the students of the School of Agriculture at Guelph.

WE HAVE RECEIVED, through Mr. J. Perrault, Secretary-Treasurer of the Canadian Commission of the Centennial Exhibition, a splendidly executed chromo-lithograph of the Centennial Buildings.

THE ORELLIA *Packer* says in that section sheep are killed almost nightly by dogs. Other districts suffer almost as badly. The shot-gun is the best remedy we know of, but the offenders are hard to catch, *in flagrante delicto*, and identification of the assassins, otherwise, is almost impossible.

"THE HOME FLOREST" is the name of a valuable little work, profusely illustrated and giving practical and intelligible directions for the culture of flowers in and out of doors, issued by Long Bros., Buffalo, N. Y. The price is 60 cents. A great deal of information has been compressed into small space for the work.

THE GROWING OF RED CEDAR, *Juniperus Virginiana*, is being tried on a considerable scale in Bavaria, North Germany, and other parts of the continent. No other wood, except the still rarer *J. Bermudiana*, has been found equal to it for lead pencils, and as the consumption for that purpose is very large, some of the manufacturers have advised their Governments to attempt its cultivation.

A WORCESTERSHIRE FARMER puts it in this way in a letter to the *Agricultural Gazette*, London: "English laborers have become very discontented and unsettled ever since those unprincipled fellows calling themselves 'laborers' friends' appeared among them. They are beginning, however, I trust, to see their folly in supporting men of this class and breaking up their homes, when constant employment, comfortable cottages, and a good living are always readily obtained by willing hands." Which is all very fine. But it would be difficult to persuade the laborers that they are not appreciably better off since they commenced agitating.

THE BREEDERS' LATIN.—One of the great cattle breeders was recently visited by an old college friend, who frequently overtaxed his host's memory by using Latin quotations long forgotten by reason of disuse. One day the great cattle breeder got even with his pedantic guest. Pointing to an immense herd of fine young cattle in prime condition for the market, the visitor said, "You must have had good luck since you commenced this pursuit!" "Yes," replied the host. "It is due to my luck that I can say, 'Hinc ille lachrymæ,' in looking at my herds." "What do you mean?" asked the astonished guest. "Why, don't you see? 'Hence these steers.'"