



AN ONTARIO COUNTRY ROAD.

## THE SOUTHERN FAIR.

(Reported by H. C.)

The Brantford Southern Fair of 1898 will leave behind it many favorable impressions upon the minds of those who had the pleasure of attending it. On the whole it was a decided success, the weather was all that could be desired, with the exception of the last day, when a very heavy rain prevented people from attending and reduced the receipts to about \$90 when it should have been \$1000.

The board of directors may well feel proud of the exhibition of live stock. No finer parade of animals could be found at the great exhibitions. In the horse line, there were carriage horses that were prize-takers at Toronto, both in the single and double classes. From Woodstock, Galt, Simcoe, and Guelph, came some splendid specimens of horses. Because of the policy of the directors in selecting expert judges to award the prizes, there was no complaints. I think Mr. S. B. Fuller, of Woodstock, had his share of work to do in judging so many classes as were allotted to him, but he was equal to the task and acquitted himself with honor.

In the cattle department the Shorthorns were well represented in the herds of R. & S. Nicholson, Sylvan, and Capt. Malloy, and Galloways in the herd of A. M. & Robt. Shaw, and a few head from T. L. Jones, of Burford, both of which were at the Industrial. One fine herd of Polled Angus was shown. Holsteins, Ayrshires, and Jerseys were out in full force, and were well represented by J. Rettie, N. Dymont, T. Brooks & Son, W. M. & J. C. Smith, D. G. Hanmer & Son, M. E. Stratford, J. H. Smith & Son, and E. J. Wesley. Cattle exhibitors may well feel satisfied with the accommodation which has been provided for them. New stables have been erected, equal to any in the Dominion. The society intends, another year, to erect as good accommodation for horses, sheep, and swine as their means will admit.

The exhibit of sheep was good in every class. In Shropshires D. G. Hanmer & Son were out in full force, as was also Capt. Malloy. In Oxford Downs J. H. Jull, Mount Vernon, was to the front with a lot of imported ones. He made his mark at the Industrial and London fairs before coming here. Our old esteemed friends, John Jackson & Sons, of Addington, were present with their excellent flock of Southdowns, winning honors wherever they go. Associated with him were the Telfer Brothers, of Paris, who showed a very good lot of Southdowns. In Cotswolds J. Park & Sons, of Burgessville, who won laurels at Toronto, exhibited here. The exhibitors of Leicesters at Brantford were not at

the Toronto fair, but, at the same time, would have shaken the old timers up pretty well had they shown there. They were John Wright & Son, of Oakland, and John Orr, of Galt. We hope to see them to the front in the near future.

In the swine department we found T. A. Cox, Brantford, with his Berkshires, who had just arrived home from the Quebec and Toronto fairs, winning his share at Toronto and carrying off nearly all the prizes at Quebec; J. E. Brethour with his Yorkshires was there fresh from London and Toronto laden with honors; and Norman M. Blain, a new exhibitor, but with lots of pluck and energy, who showed for the first time this year at the Industrial, but not without honors, in the largest class of swine shown there, namely, the Tamworths, capturing two red tickets. Better results followed him at London. T. Brooks & Sons, and R. & J. Laurie, Wolverton, were also strong exhibitors in the Tamworth classes. In Chester Whites, Brooks and Jarvis were competitors for honors, the latter winning a number of prizes. He is also a young exhibitor, who deserves credit for pushing himself to the front. There was a large exhibit of what is termed by the pork-packing firms "singers," young hogs most suitable for the bacon trade, and that weigh about 180 lbs.; lengthy pigs with thin shoulders.

Liberal prizes were offered in this section, which brought out a large number of exhibitors, about fifteen in all. The judges were from Ingersoll and Toronto packing firms, and the prizes in each case going to cross-bred hogs.

The poultry building was well filled with choice birds, many of them being winners at Toronto. A fine collection of fowls was shown by T. A. Cox, but arrived too late from Quebec to compete for prizes. The machinery hall was well filled with all up-to-date machinery. Carriages, buggies and cutters in abundance were exhibited by the McLaughlin Carriage Company, A. D. Perly, agent; and A. Spence & Sons, of Brantford. The latter have been exhibitors for nearly forty years, showing work in all stages.

Brantford can boast of its manufacturing establishments, the Massey-Harris firm, with all kinds of farm machinery, the Verity Plow Co., the Cockshutt Plow Co., the Waterous Engine Co., the Buck Stove Works, the Courtland Carriage Co., the Gould, Shapley & Muir, windmills, etc., the Gould Bicycle Co., and, last, but not least, the Farmers' Binder Twine Co. They are a host in themselves.

The Southern Fair Board have reason to be elated over the success of the fair for 1898, and the exhibitors had no reason to complain

in the manner in which they were treated in the awards. In every class good, practical men were selected as judges, and mostly from a distance. Many visitors, however, and especially farmers, were not used right, I think, in being deprived from seeing the horses shown, unless they purchased tickets for the grand stand. The true principle of an agricultural fair should be that all the judging should be done where the interested parties can witness it without paying anything extra. Then let the board charge what they like for the attractions. Unless this grievance is removed it will, to some extent, tend to injure the fair. People who are interested in the judging of stock are, as a rule, not favorable to the attractions, and, consequently, they are prevented from witnessing the most interesting part of the show to them, unless they pay extra to see it, which they are very loth to do sometimes. This could be remedied by having the grand stand and ground in front of the stands open while the judging is taking place and by not having the attractions and judging going on at the same time.

## OTTAWA EXHIBITION.

(Continued from last week.)

*Clydes.*—Five aged horses paraded before the judges, who were Geo. Moore, Waterloo, and George Grey, Newcastle, and a better lot have not been in any ring in Ontario this fall. The public were specially interested in this class and lined the ring for hours watching them and speculating on the probable winners. Graham Bros., Claremont, got first prize for Simon Yet [2390]; he is a big chestnut with white markings, and while his walking is but medium, when he trots he takes the eye at once. His gay, free style is very attractive. He is a big horse with a great top—well ribbed and thoroughly finished. He has good bone, especially behind, but is a trifle plainer below the knee in front. Second place went to Robert Ness, Howick, for Fullerton, recently imported. He is by the great prize horse, Prince of Kyle, and his dam by Go Ahead—the horse imported by Galbraith Bros. long ago and again exported to Scotland, where he was worth more money than in America. Fullerton is a good all-round horse with broad chest and grand legs and feet. He is extra good at the ground. He is a brown horse with very little white—and some might think a trifle bare of feather. Third prize went to Erskine McGregor, a horse imported by N. P. Clark, of St. Cloud, Minnesota, and shown at the spring show in Toronto two years ago. He is a big-bodied, thick horse with dark points, and while not nearly in such condition as the winner, was preferred by some of the on-lookers. He moves well and is a capital horse but not as gay at the trot as the winner. Robert Ness got fourth place for Lawrence Again, the champion of last year at this show. He was winner as a two-year-old at Edinburgh, Scotland, and has worn well. He is still a clean legged show horse which can be said of very few horses at his age. He moves well and has made his mark as a sire. Graham Bros. had the fifth horse—well made and of good form, but badly marked and not equal in size to the others shown. For three-year-olds Robert Ness showed Ploughboy, well named, a chunky, thick horse with heavy bone, but plain as becomes a tiller of the soil. A good sort of horse but lacking the superior style of the crack winners. He is by Darnley Erskine and his dam is rich in Prince of Wales blood. W. C. Edwards, M.P., had the winning yearling, with James McGee second. Graham Bros. had the winning mare and foal, with Robert Ness winning in the other female classes with some good ones. In yearling fillies W. R. McClatchie, Gatineau Point, had the only one shown. Geo. Clark, Ottawa, had the first prize team of mares—big heavy-draught ones that were shown in late years while the property of the McKay Milling Co. They were bred east of Toronto. A smaller pair were shown by Robt. Ness and got second place. The yearling filly was given the gold medal as best mare any age, and