

Dates of Principal Fairs to be held in Canada and United States.

NAME.	PLACETO BE HELD.	DATES.	SECRETARY.
43rd Provincial Exhibition of Agriculture and Arts Association of Ontario	Kingston	Sept. 10th to 15th	Henry Wade.
Eastern Townships	Sherbrooke, Que.	" 4th to 6th	E. Winn Farwell.
Industrial Exhibition	Toronto	" 10th to 22nd	H. J. Hill.
Southern Fair	Brantford	" 11th to 13th	R. M. Wilson.
Guelph Central	Guelph	" 12th to 14th	R. Mackenzie.
Southern Counties	St. Thomas	" 17th to 20th	John A. Kains.
Western Fair	London	" 20th to 24th	Geo. McElbroom
Great Central Fair	Hamilton	" 24th to 28th	Jonathan Davis.
Bay of Quinte	Belleville	" 25th to 28th	Wm. Smeaton.
Great Northern	Collingwood	" 25th to 28th	T. J. Crawford.
North Lanark	Almonte	" 25th to 27th	Wm. P. McKewen.
Ontario Central	Port Perry	" 25th to 28th	H. Gordon.
Quebec Provincial	Belmont	Oct. 2nd	E. C. Stevenson.
South Dorchester	Pictou	" 2nd to 3rd	Wm. Black.
County of Prince Edward	Chatham	" 2nd to 5th	Thos. Bog.
Peninsular Fair	Charlottetown, P.E.I.	" 3rd to 4th	John Tissiman.
Provincial Exhibition	Buffalo, N. Y.	Sept. 4th to 14th	A. McNeill.
Buffalo International	Toledo, Ohio	Aug. 27th to 31st	C. W. Robinson.
Tri-State	Columbus, Ohio	Sept. 4th to Oct. 19th	John Farley.
Ohio Centennial	Jackson, Mich.	Sept. 10th to 14th	L. N. Bonham.
Michigan State	Hamline, Minn.	" 10th to 15th	J. C. Sterling.
Minnesota State	Grand Rapids, Mich.	" 17th to 21st	H. E. Hoard.
Western Michigan	Indianapolis, Ind.	" 17th to 23rd	James Cox.
Indiana State	Olney, Ill.	" 24th to 28th	Alex. Heron.
Illinois State	St. Louis, Mo.	Oct. 1st to 6th	Chas. F. Mills.
St. Louis			Arthur Uhl.

STOCK GOSSIP.

We recently had the pleasure of looking over Mr. Nicholl's herd of Ayrshires, at Cataraqui. He has a number of very choice animals, which are looking well, notwithstanding the great drought that prevailed throughout this district. At the present time he is milking fifteen cows, the cream and what milk that is not required for the young stock is disposed of in Kingston.

The Messrs. Bollert Bros., of Cassel, Ont., report the demand for highly bred Holsteins, continually increasing. They have lately sold a cow and yearling heifer to Wellington Minsiner, Esq., of Port Robinson, Ont.; bull calf and pair of yearling heifers to E. Mott, Esq., of Norwich (who by the way is a practical dairyman of large experience); a yearling bull to Mr. Edgar Pearson, of Cassel, and yearling bull to D. N. Eckstein, of Newstadt. Their herd now numbers 34 head, all of which are doing very nicely. Their 2nd prize cow at the Provincial, in 1886, has lately dropped a beautiful marked bull calf, sired by Barnston (winner of 1st prize and silver medal at same exhibition). This undoubtedly is a very valuable youngster.

The Edgemount farm is comprised of 300 acres near the enterprising and flourishing city of Brantford. It is the birth place of the present occupier, Mr. Geo. Ballachey, jr., who advertises some choice stock in this issue. He has for many years devoted himself to the improvement of live stock. His Shorthorns, comprising some of the best milking and beefing blood in the country, are mostly from the well-known herds of Messrs. Green, Innerkip, Gibson, Delaware, and Douglas, Onondaga, headed by the excellent Bow Park bull, 25th Waterloo Duke. This bull is descended from the herd of Mr. Handly, Milnthorpe, England. Mr. Ballachey has lately purchased from Mr. Dryden, M. P., a choice lot of imported Shropshire ewes which have all produced twins. He has an excellent lot of Berkshires, descended from the Swanwicks' famous Sallie family.

We are also in receipt of the prize list of the Western Fair Association, of London. We note with pleasure that liberal increases have been made again this year in the prizes for live stock. We congratulate the Directors on being the first to introduce the "Indian Department" in their prize list. Six classes are provided containing nearly 100 sections, with liberal prizes in Agricultural and Horticultural products, dairy goods, goods manufactured from wood, leather, bark, etc., also fine arts and ladies' work. This will give the Indians a grand opportunity to compare notes, and we believe will foster a healthy spirit of emulation and rivalry among them. An International Bench Show of dogs will also be held at the forthcoming fair, and many of the leading prize winners of Canada and the United States have signified their intention of being present.

It is of interest to note that, while the English Royal Agricultural Society's meeting is of growing importance to British agriculturists, it is also being looked upon, in an increasing degree, as the annual meeting-ground of purchasers of pedigree live stock, agricultural implements and appliances from all parts of Europe, America and Australasia. This year the sales for exportation have far exceeded those of previous years, and in the case of live stock the prices have been materially enhanced. During the last few days of the show the purchases completed for Canada included the first prize Cotswold shearling ram and the champion sheep in the yard. It was secured by Mr. Main for Mr. Joseph Snell, of Ontario. Mr. Main also purchased the pair of first prize Cotswold aged ewes, the first prize pen of lambs, and second prize yearling ewes, as well as the first prize aged boar and sow and first prize boar of the Essex black breeds. Mr. George H. Hastings, of the Deer Park, near Toronto, bought the celebrated Hackney stallion "Young Derby." Numerous other purchases were made of horses, cattle and Shropshire sheep, a number of which will be shipped by the Beaver Line steamer Lake Superior, sailing the 20th of July. This steamer will also carry upwards of 230 pedigree stallions for Quebec; and the other steamers sailing to the St. Lawrence are carrying a full complement of pedigree live stock.

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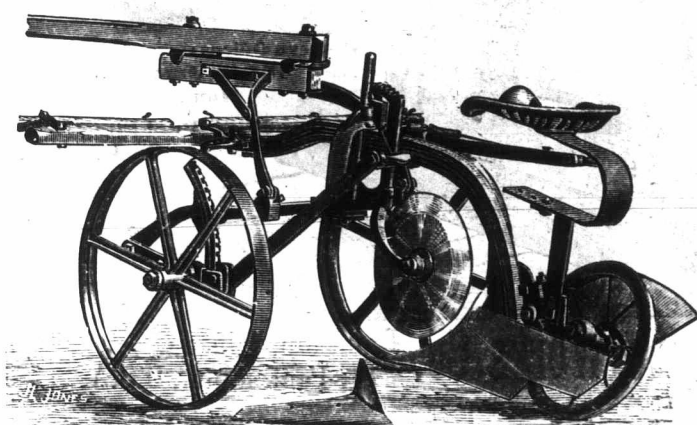
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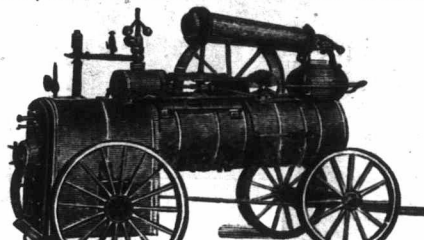
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