

Exhibition, and we hope ere long it will have also its Western University and its Normal School situated at London.

We cannot close without referring to the conspicuous absence in the *Globe* of so much as a line relating to the great show just closed. Reading the *Globe* no one would imagine a Western Fair was in progress at London. The columns of the *Toronto Telegraph* present a marked and creditable contrast. This reticence of the *Globe* is due either to lagging enterprise or to a petulance of spirit which we are amazed to notice in the leading journals of the Province; but in either case we are convinced the *Globe* has committed a blunder.

[From our own Correspondence.]

LONDON, SEPT., 27, 1871.

The Western Fair, which seems to have become one of the institutions of the Forest City, was formally opened yesterday morning, under favorable circumstances. The weather was not quite so pleasant as could be desired, nevertheless it does not seem to have had any very serious effect either upon the show or the throng of visitors to the city. London is crowded with visitors, and one of the prominent questions last night was—"Have you got a bed?" Sleeping accommodations were at a premium, and the upward tendency of the market continues.

The Western Fair is in every respect a success. The number of entries made is almost seven thousand, over two thousand more than last year. Yesterday was principally occupied in receiving and placing the large number of articles of different classes not previously in their places, and it was not until evening that the interior of the buildings began to assume an orderly appearance. The finishing strokes, however, have been given, the last entry is in its place, and this morning the only impediment in the way of seeing the magnificent collection of the industries of the western section of the Province is the vast concourse of people who throng the buildings, bent upon seeing and criticising all they possibly can.

It would be impossible within the limits of a dispatch to attempt even a faint description of the arrangements. Let it suffice to say that they are admirable, evince great care, energy, and judgment on the part of the managers, and reflect the highest credit on all connected with the institution.

A noticeable feature in this Fair is the very large number of entries of stock. In horses the entries lack but a few of one thousand, while the number of animals on the ground exceeds that figure considerably. There are over five hundred entries of cattle, nearly five hundred of sheep and about four hundred of hogs. And I can say without exaggeration that a finer collection, taken as a whole, has seldom if ever been brought together at any one place in Canada. Some of the best specimens of equine beauty and symmetry to be found in Ontario are seen here. There is the usual extensive variety of cattle—Ayrshire, Herefords, Durhams, Devons, Gallowsays, Grades, etc.

The Short Horns are by all odds the best, and the number of this class is much in excess of last year. In sheep the entries are made up principally of Leicesters, Cotswolds and Southdowns, the first named taking the lead in numbers, though evidently the Cotswolds are the better stock. In swine the Berkshires occupy the first place in point of numbers, but both Suffolks and Essex were ahead as regards quality.

The show of grains, fruits, vegetables and other field and garden products is creditable in the extreme. The yield of certain grains may not this year be fully up to the average quantity, but the display here, especially in wheat, shows it to be not one whit behind any former year.

Butter and cheese are here in abundance, and in quality sufficient to tempt the most fastidious.

In the several departments of manufactures and art the display is in every respect superior to last year's fair. Evidently the manufacturing interests in the West are making giant strides in their onward march. Among the manufactures of Hamilton represented here, I find Mr. Easson in the broom line, the Wanzer and the Gardner sewing machine manufactories, and the Hamilton Manufacturing Company with a variety of their manufactures.

The judges are hard at work, and they will have some difficulty in deciding upon the merits of many things shown. The Fair will continue until Friday.

LONDON, SEPT. 28.—The weather yesterday was even more unfavorable than on the day previous, but it does not seem to have damped the enthusiasm either of the Fair Managers or sight-seers. The exhibition buildings were thronged during the whole day, in fact uncomfortably so, as the weather was not favorable to out-door sight-seeing, and people kept under cover as much as possible. I am told that fully twelve thousand people visited the exhibition during the day. Doubtless the number would have been much greater had the weather been fine.

The Judges got fairly to work yesterday, and though the immense crowd somewhat impeded their operations, they nevertheless made fair progress with their work. They will be pretty well through to-day.

THE CENTRAL FAIR.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 4 1871.

As the hour for opening the Exhibition approaches the prospects of success grow still brighter. The weather could not be better if it had been selected by the Managing Committee; a shower last night laid every particle of dust without creating any mud. A goodly number of articles were got into position inside of the Palace last night; the arrival of live stock was very large, and a fair sprinkling of agricultural implements had also arrived, as well as grain, roots, seeds, dairy products, &c. This morning, however, the arrivals became vastly greater in number, and at the hour of writing (11 A. M.) there is one continued stream of exhibitors passing through the gate with