

of materials, usually composing such exhibitions. Some of the cattle were good specimens, but the pure breeds seemed scarce. The horses in this part of the country are generally too small for effectually working the heavy soils which predominate; they have more or less of French blood, and are bred extensively on the wet plains at a comparatively small cost. In the afternoon I addressed the members of the Society and others in the Court-house.

In consequence of the unusual inclement state of the weather, the Show of the County of Lambton Society, held at Port Sarnia, was expected to prove a failure; it was, nevertheless, a good one. In live stock, although there were many specimens above mediocrity, the room for improvement is great, as is also, I was happy to observe, the desire. The grain and roots were mostly of excellent quality, and a more creditable display of butter is seldom to be seen even in older districts. In the evening I addressed the members on some of the more important topics in relation to agricultural improvement, and spent an agreeable hour afterwards in an interchange of views and suggestions relative thereto.

I was struck with the abundance of pasture to be seen almost everywhere throughout these Counties; indicating the natural fertility of the soil, and its happy adaptation to grazing purposes. The great thing needed is effective drainage, which in some parts would require conducting on a large scale. With this purely practicable object accomplished, this section would not be excelled for all the purposes of modern husbandry by any other in the Province.

I may state further, that I felt highly gratified with my visit to these Western Counties, not merely by signs of physical advancement which are everywhere apparent, but likewise by the manifestation of what may be correctly designated as the true British-Canadian spirit and loyalty of the people.

I attended, in February, the annual meeting of the County of Peel Agricultural Society, held in Brampton, and lectured in the Town-hall in the afternoon. This Society is progressing, and the improved breeds of cattle, horses, sheep, and swine are fast finding their way into this fine County. I had much interesting conversation with many of the farmers, and from the very scanty means of making observations in winter, I was led to form a very favourable opinion of the agricultural capabilities of the County of Peel.

I have since attended a soiree of a Literary and Mechanics' Association, recently established at Aurora, a rapidly thriving village on the Northern Railway. The attendance was numerous, and the proceedings very interesting, affording me an opportunity of urging the importance and means of agricultural education and progress. Next evening I addressed a respectable audience, consisting in great measure of farmers, at Newmarket. This part of the country was early settled; many of the fields are free from stumps, and the farms have often a neat and more finished appearance. The surface is beautifully undulating, making drainage in most cases easy, and the general appearance picturesque. Captain Beresford's residence has quite an English appearance, and I observed in his yards several specimens of well-bred cattle, sheep, and swine; some of the former consisting of pure Durhams.