

From the TORONTO EMPIRE.

Read what the special correspondent of the *Toronto Empire* has to say, who was present among many other visitors, at the Exhibition held at Regina, 2 and 3 October, 1888:—

"If I had been haunted by any vague doubts as to the fertility of the soil, and the consequent prosperity of the inhabitants of the great Regina plain, every shadow of doubt or misgiving would have been for ever dispelled by what I saw and heard at the fifth annual exhibition of the Assiniboia Agricultural Society, which was held at the capital on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 2nd and 3rd. The competition was open to all residents of the North-West Territories, and I was glad to learn that outsiders—from a considerable distance, too—had availed themselves of the privilege by making entries for exhibition, in several of the classes, chiefly in the live stock departments. But the great bulk of the exhibition was, of course, made up of entries by residents in the country all round Regina, and within an easy day's drive of the town. All this section was pretty thoroughly represented, and the exhibits were sufficiently numerous and varied to give one a good general idea of the condition of the country and the industrious character of the people. I do not intend to give the prize list in full, for it would occupy more time and space than I have at my disposal; but a few general observations suggested by that copious document will not be out of place, and may help to show at least some of the progress that has already been made by the community. There were 102 prizes offered for horses of all kinds, general purpose, heavy draught, road or carriage and native ponies; the entries were far more numerous and the animals generally of a much higher type than one could possibly have expected under all the circumstances; but there, as elsewhere all over the Dominion, though there were many beautiful fast trotting and pacing horses on exhibition, the fast walkers were conspicuous by their absence—and yet the fast walker is for all practical farming purposes an almost infinitely more valuable beast than the fastest trotter or runner on the turf. For cattle there were 56 prizes, and it must have been no easy task for the judges to decide on the relative

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on exhibition; some of the Durhams would have done credit to the most select and exclusive of fancy herds, while the generally thriving appearance of the grade cattle and the vast proportions of the placid steers of all sorts and conditions were of themselves