

FALL FAIRS AND THEIR DATES.

Toronto Industrial	Aug. 28 to Sept. 9
Great Eastern, Sherbrooke,	Sept. 4 to 9
Western Fair, London	Sept. 7 to 10
Central Canada, Ottawa	Sept. 11 to 23

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Toronto	Aug. 19th
Sherbrooke	Aug. 28th
London	Sept. 6th
Ottawa	Sept. 8th

WINTER SHOW DATES.

The dates so far chosen that we can learn of are as follows. Show committees should try as far as possible to avoid clashing of dates as it must necessarily tend to lessen entries.

Woodstock	Dec. 6, 7, 8.
Hamilton	Dec. 13, 14, 15, 16.
Ingersoll	Dec. 13, 14, 15.
Toronto	Dec. 19, 20, 21 and 22.
Petrolia	Dec. 26, 27, 28 and 29.
The Ontario	Jan. 8 to 12.
Boston	Jan. 15 to 20.
Stratford	Jan. 15 to 20.
Owen Sound	Jan. 16 to 19.
Hanover	(date not yet decided on).
Montreal	Jan. 17 to 22.
Galt	Jan. 16, 17, 18.
Brantford	Jan. 18, 19, 20 and 22.
Eastern Ontario	(probably), 11th week in Jan.
Union	Jan. 30, 31, Feb. 1 and 2.

Other secretaries of shows in Canada are requested to send dates.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

IT IS RUMOURED

THAT the judges at the coming big Industrial Exhibition show in Toronto will be provided with movable stands, after the style of a music stand, with card rack attachment, that no clerk will be permitted and that once a card is placed on a pen and the judge passes the section the award must remain as originally placed. By this method, if it passes, it is hoped that the judges will be induced to exercise more care in the placing of the award cards, and acting entirely on their own responsibility will be unable to say with seraphic smile accompaniment, "the cat (clerk) did it." If this is required of the judges—and it is not too much to expect—it is imperative that the entry tickets be placed on the coops so that no

error as to identification of birds be possible. In some cases, that of the Bantam classes especially, this is not now the case. The tickets should be centred in all cases.

THE COMMITTEE

propose visiting the building before the end of the present month, when all details, repairs, etc., will be attended to, and Supt. Daniels may be relied on to see that everything is ready for the reception of the exhibit. Don't forget, entries close August 19th.

SHERBROOKE

is offering three money prizes of \$1.50, 75c. and 25c., for a fee of 25c., and the classification is complete in all details. Mr. H. F. Fraser is superintendent, and under his care the birds will be well looked after. Mr. Butterfield will judge and entries close August 28th. The list is ready and can be had on application to the Secretary. The list of specials is a lengthy one and all birds may compete free and without special entry.

THE WESTERN FAIR, LONDON, SEPT. 7 TO 16, 1899.

The directors of this ever progressive institution find themselves facing their annual difficulty, that of providing sufficient accommodation for exhibitors and visitors at the great live stock and agricultural show of Western Canada, but now as in the past they are equal to the occasion, having plenty of money and hard earned experience. An extensive addition is in course of construction to the machinery hall, nearly doubling its capacity.

The agricultural, horticultural and dairy buildings have been moved and reset, so as to form one immense exhibition hall, and one hundred and fifty feet of an addition has been built thereto.

Also a new permanent public office building over one hundred and fifty feet long is being erected at the King street entrance, for express, telephone, telegraph, barber shop, parcel room and press offices, and to crown all two large open stands, 540 feet by 40 feet—up to date in every particular for the comfort of the public—with additional refreshment booths and dining halls underneath.

The special attractions are being arranged for, and it is safe to say that only the very best will be engaged and plenty of them.