

a few hours in that city, and receiving much courteous attention from the members of the press residing there, passage was taken on board the steamer "Atlantic," for Cleveland. The "Knights of the Quill" in the "Forest City" were, if possible, even more polite and hospitable than their Buffalo brethren, and rendered the visit a most agreeable one. From Cleveland to Detroit, another trip was had on board the "Atlantic," then taking the G. W. R. cars, a rapid run was made to London, where the final business of the Association was transacted, and a nice drive taken through the city, and among its surroundings. Of course we might spin out a long narrative, but we refrain, and will only dilate upon an incident in the excursion, which of all others, may be expected to interest the readers of an agricultural journal, viz: the visit paid by the party to the farm of the Hon. George Brown, on the afternoon of the day of the annual meeting in Brantford. This incident is told so briefly and so well by our fellow excursionist of the *Stratford Beacon*, that we prefer quoting his words to "getting up," an independent narrative of our own.

"Responding to an invitation from the Hon. George Brown, the party took carriages in the afternoon, and visited his magnificent farm of Bow Park. First in journalism in Canada, Mr. Brown is also first in agriculture. Situated five miles from Brantford, the farm skirting the Grand River, with its extraordinary curvatures at this point, constituting the celebrated 'Ox-bow bend,' and giving a river frontage to the estate of from eight to ten miles—there is all here that the heart of the most envious farmer could desire. Driving on in advance of the main party, we found Mr. Brown in— for him—a very equivocal position, especially considering that he so strongly condemns it in others. He was on the fence! He, however, explained that he was simply awaiting the arrival of his visitors at the boundary of his estate, and on seeing them approach, alighted on the right side, and became at once their host and guide. The farm of 900 acres of the richest land is stocked with from 300 to 400 head of cattle, nearly one-half being of the purest breeds—mostly Durhams—besides sheep and horses. Mr. Brown farms on scientific principles, and was quite prepared to show that good farming is highly remunerative. The principal barn is 230x48, with a root cellar the whole size; the sheep house is 300 feet long, and the calf house 150 feet; the cattle sheds are 394 feet; stables 220; and the granary 196 feet in length; and other buildings in proportion. Shortly before we arrived, the architect was there receiving instructions for another pile of buildings, and arrangements have been made for erecting a large steam engine for supplying the cattle with water, thrashing grain, sawing wood, steaming the roots, &c. The cattle are all stall fed, the saving of fodder by this means being immense. There are on the farm at present 23 hands. Mr. Brown calculates that he will cure this year from 800 to 1,000 tons of hay, every ounce of which, he said, would be fed to cattle, and sold in the shape of beef, butter and cheese. There is evident here a

feeling of absolute comfort, extending down to the very pigs. The young thorough-bred stock are particularly well cared for; so much so, that a story is told of a poor boy, on one of the neighboring farms, who visiting the sheds and witnessing the cleanliness and happiness everywhere prevailing, said it would be the height of his ambition, were he capable of this attainment, to become one of Mr. Brown's calves! Mr. Brown entertained his friends to wine, milk and other refreshments, and joined them again in the evening at the dinner given by the town of Brantford in the Music Hall, where, we confess, although he declared he had not uttered a word for three years before—in public, it is presumed he meant—he looked much more like his former self than when stalking, in a billycock, and with turned up pants among the cattle."

HAMILTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The second exhibition of this Society took place July 1st, in the Drill Shed, Hamilton. The show in many respect was much behind what we have seen in former years; there being not nearly so large a display of cut flowers and floral gems from the greenhouses. We did not observe any novelties amongst the floral beauties. Of early vegetables there was a very fair, though not large, show, and the articles appeared to be well grown and well arranged. We noticed sixteen pecks of new potatoes, of which five were Early Rose. The best, however, seemed to be Kidneys, which were very fine, appearing more ripe and attractive than the Early Rose.

Of fruit, there was a most excellent exhibition in strawberries, cherries, currants and gooseberries. There were twenty-two plates of strawberries, mostly different varieties; of which the Dr. Nicase were extraordinarily large and fine, while Jucunda, Russell's Prolific and Triomphe de Grand showed off to great advantage. Of cherries there were sixty-seven plates, the Black Sultana and Napoleon Bigarreau being very fine and large. Some ten new seedlings, not yet named, were shown, of which two or three light sorts appeared to be first-rate excellence as regards size and appearance. It was too early for currants, gooseberries and raspberries to be ripe, although those shown did not lack for size; the gooseberries especially were very large.

SALE OF SHORT-HORNS.—We learn by private letter from Mr. J. R. Page, that Mr. Sheldon of Geneva, has sold his entire herd of Short-horns to Messrs. Wolcott and Campbell of New York Mills.

EMIGRANT LADS.—We have pleasure in calling attention to an advertisement which appears in our present issue, in reference to another detachment of emigrant lads, for whom the benevolent friends who have them in charge are anxious to obtain suitable places.