

Toronto's Great Exhibition.

A few weeks more and Canada's great fair will be in full swing. For many weeks past the directors have been hard at work making preparations for it. Everything points to this being the most successful of the many successful exhibitions held under the auspices of the Association; in fact, the entries have been coming in so fast during the past three weeks that fully one-half of all the available space has been allotted already. In the manufacturing departments especially, the entries have been particularly numerous, and one can now realize the forethought of the directors and their faith in the future of their fair by the large expenditure they have undertaken in the erection of new buildings and the enlarging of the old ones so familiar to the public. The prize list, too, large as it has been, has this year been increased to a material extent by the insertion of several new classes in the horse department as well as turn-outs, ponies, gig department, etc. Then, again, increased prizes have been raised in some classes of sheep and cattle departments. The Leicester Breeders' Association of America, for instance, has given a magnificent gold medal for sheep. Horticulture has also received a full share of attention from the directorate, and the new horticultural hall will be one of the features of this exhibition. A new fruit hall has been commenced and the contracts let for the felt and gravel roofing of the implement buildings and Association offices. The secret of the wonderful success of this great fair is to be found in the fact that the directors have ever had in view, above everything else, the benefit of the greatest and most important section of the community, the farmers. This is shown by an analysis of the prize list, nearly four-fifths of which is devoted to the farm and its products. The great Industrial Fair and Agricultural Exposition has now become so well known, not alone throughout the Dominion, but also through the length and breadth of the United States, that many important associations have arranged to hold their annual conventions during the fair. In fact it has become part and parcel of the prominent institutions of the country, and everyone seems to take as much pride in its success as in the loyal observance of Canada's two great holidays, May 24th and July 1st. There is one very important point that exhibitors should not forget, and that is that all entries in the live stock and agricultural departments must be made before the 15th August. This rule, like the laws of the Medes and Persians, is unalterable. Some weeks ago negotiations were opened with the C. P. R. to run a track into the grounds so that exhibitors might unload their stock within a few yards of the cattle pens, thereby doing away with the driving of them, with the risk and annoyance incident to driving them through the crowded streets of a great city. These negotiations resulted in the C. P. R. agreeing to run their track right into the grounds along the line of the electric railway.

All the old buildings are now being thoroughly overhauled. New floors have been placed wherever required in the main building and the annex. Mr. Chambers has had a new greenhouse and conservatory erected, and the C. P. R. are now at work on a building which will be devoted exclusively to the exhibit of products of

Manitoba and the illimitable Northwest. Once more let everyone bear in mind that the entries close August 15th, and everyone who intends to exhibit and who has not yet received a programme can be supplied by addressing Mr. H. J. Hill, the Manager, Industrial Exhibition Association, Toronto.

Auction Sales.

THE GLEN STOCK FARM DISPERSION SALE.

In our last issue we informed our readers that the whole of the studs, herds and flocks of Messrs. Green Bros., Innerkip, Ont., would be sold by auction on the 27th of this month without reserve. The herd of Shorthorns, 29 in number, and nearly all of which are either imported or descended from importations from the best herds in Aberdeenshire, will include, amongst other fine animals, the show cow Vain Maid, who was second at the Royal Northern and second at the Highland and Agricultural Society's Show in Scotland before she was imported, and since her arrival in Canada has been a most successful winner. Imported Clara 40th of Shethen descent has proved herself a most prolific breeder, and has been considered by a most eminent American authority as one of the best cows in the herd. She is thick-fleshed, with well sprung ribs and low set. Imported Miss McBeth is also a cow of great quality and very even. She is of the Miss Ramsden family, and amongst other prizes was awarded second prize at the Western Fair. Another neat cow of great quality is imported Princess Royal 23rd. She is of one of Mr. Marr's best families, and one of her sons was selected for exportation to South America. Several of the animals are sired by the Earl of Marr (47815), who won first at the 38th Provincial Exhibition in 1884, first and Dominion gold medal for the best Shorthorn bull of any age at the grand Dominion and 39th Provincial Exhibition, first at the Industrial Exhibition at Toronto in 1885, and many other prizes. The next bull that was used in the herd was imported Eclipse, a winner not only in Canada but also in Scotland. Prince Albert, the silver medal sweepstakes bull at the Provincial, is also the sire of some of the animals, and a very choice lot of young bulls and heifer calves are from Neidpath Prince, a bull of the well-known Missie family, bred by Messrs. T. Ballantyne & Sons, Stratford, Ont.

The Shire horses are a short legged, wide, heavy lot. Three of the mares are imported, and all are prize-winners, among them being Georgia, one of the most fashionably-bred mares in Canada, combining the William the Conqueror (2343) blood with that of Stych's Champion. She was third at the London (England) Shire Show; first at Buffalo and also at Detroit, competing against Clydes, and first and silver medal sweepstakes at the last Toronto Industrial. The two-year-old fillies are good, thick, promising animals. One of them, the daughter of Georgia, being second at the last Industrial. The two-year-old stallion is a son of the prize-winning mare Buckinghamshire Beauty and should make a good horse.

The Improved Large Yorkshires comprise seven imported brood sows from the celebrated herds of F. Walker-Jones, S. Spencer and G. Charnock, all very choice and of good quality, especially the sow Daisy, who is one of the plums. The herd also includes a large number of fine young pigs from seven to ten weeks' old, and the grand imported stock boar Sultan [12],

who combines extraordinary length with a short head and heavy bone.

The Glen Stock Farm, containing 300 acres of grand river flats and arable land, will, Messrs. Green inform us, be put up for sale on the same day. This farm won the silver medal in the prize farm competition and is in a high state of cultivation. There is also a large quantity of hardwood bush and abundance of cedar for fencing purposes on the farm which is admirably suited for either stock-raising or dairying, being well watered and sheltered from the keen blasts of the wind by the encircling bush.

MR. W. KOUGH'S DISPERSION SALE.

In our advertising columns will be found the advertisement of the dispersion sale by auction of the famous herd of Galloway cattle, owned by Mr. W. Kough, at his farm, Travertine, four miles west of Owen Sound, on Thursday, 20th August. In a business letter he includes the following:—The herd comprises thirty head—twenty-one females and nine bulls—two breeding herds, consisting of five females and one bull each; in all, ten females and two bulls, will be offered under a reserve bid. The remainder, eleven females and seven bulls, will be sold for whatever they will bring.

It is nine years since this herd was commenced. No expense has been spared to bring into it the very best blood, both individually and by pedigree. Weeding the least desirable has been persistently carried out, so that the herd consists of as good type as can be found in the world. An opportunity like the present one has not yet occurred on this continent to secure Galloways of the best quality. For twenty-five years experiments have been carried on by W. Kough, the end arrived at being the production of a type of cattle possessing all the best characteristics that cattle should have, viz., the choicest quality of beef and plenty of it, good milkers, early maturity, without horns, easily fed, willing to eat anything, docile and yet able to take care of themselves, able to do on the roughest feed and want of care, and yet responding to liberal feed and care. All these points are found in this herd and in the crosses from these bulls on any cows. The best three steers ever taken to the Toronto market were crosses from a good Galloway bull on common cows of the country, and were fed by W. Kough, and sold in May, 1889.

All the show cattle of the breed that have been at the head of the leading Canadian exhibitions during late years are in this offering.

Mr. Kough claims that parties desiring to possess herds of the best Angus type can obtain them by buying one of these Galloway bulls and with it crossing their cows. Those desiring further information can obtain it by writing to Mr. W. Kough.

MR. F. S. FOLGER'S SALE.

Mr. F. S. Folger, Rideau Stock Farm, Kingston, Ont., apprises us that he will sell at public sale, at Toronto, during the Industrial Exhibition, about 50 head of registered Holstein cattle. The offering will consist chiefly of cows and heifers. Most of these will be in calf to Ethelka's Prince 13637, sire Jamaeca's Prince 3147, by Vyking, out of Jawana 1334, whose three-year-old record was 112 lbs. 2 ozs. in a day; dam Ethelka 12083, three-year record, 101 lbs. in a day. The herd has been selected from the best strains, and has been carefully bred. This is the first time that any cattle from this herd have been offered for sale, and none but good specimens of the breed will be catalogued, as the proprietor is determined to make this offering as attractive as possible.