

a drab. Provision is made for a band of music in a suitable situation. The building is designed and constructed with a view to the purposes for which it is erected, and also with a due regard to economy. The building is of the most permanent character, the best stone, brick, and lumber obtainable being used in its construction, while the entire workmanship is of a superior order. On the whole, it may be said that the London Exhibition Building is alike creditable to the Association and the Province."

The ground on which this fine building is erected is situated most conveniently within the city limits, and consists of about thirty-six acres, including a pretty sheet of water on the northern and lower side. The subsoil being sand, and the surface gently sloping, the surface is comparatively dry, even in showery weather, and, taken altogether, with the roomy and substantial erections for stock of all descriptions, the London show-grounds and buildings are not surpassed by any of the other three places that have permanent erections; and they are certainly highly creditable to the citizens of the "Forest City," who met by far the greatest portion of the expense.

Several Americans of distinction were present; among them the Hon. Mr. Geddes, President of the New York State Agricultural Society; Mr. Harris, of the *Genesee Farmer*; Mr. Moore, of the *Rural New Yorker*, from which we copy the following extracts from an editorial in the last number:—

"The Annual Show of the Provincial Agricultural Association of Canada West, at London last week, was a grand affair—a great exhibition, large attendance, and altogether most creditable and successful. Though present only one day—the 24th—we had the good fortune to see, and were enabled to take brief notes of, the display in most departments, and will endeavor to give a summary of our observations. As time was limited and notes taken while standing, our report is necessarily rough and imperfect—yet, though far from doing justice to the Exhibition, we trust it will convey some idea of the progress of the Farmers, Horticulturists, and Artisans of the Province, and the credit to which they are entitled for such well-directed and successful efforts to advance Improvement as were manifest on the occasion.

The show of stock is always the leading feature at the Provincial Fairs, but was this year much larger than usual, in most departments. Indeed, the display so far exceeded expectation, that many stalls and pens were obliged to be

hastily prepared, in addition to the large number completed before the opening of the Exhibition.

SHEEP.—As usual at Provincial Fairs, the show of sheep, especially of Long and Middle Wool or Mutton breeds, was large and magnificent. There were over 750 entries. The Leicesters, Cotswolds, Cheviots, and other breeds and crosses, made a fine display.

SWINE.—The most popular breeds of the genus *Sus* were represented by excellent specimens the show being the largest, and of the best average quality, we have seen for years, if ever. The entries in this class (about 250) indicated a considerable competition, and the hundreds of sleek and handsome big and little pigs received a fair share of attention from spectators. Both large and small breeds were shown in considerable numbers—the Yorkshires, Suffolks, Essex Berkshires, &c., &c., and their crosses, be numerous and noteworthy.

POULTRY.—The display of Poultry was largest and one of the finest we have seen elsewhere for years—since the height of the "chick fever." The Show embraced the usual variety of fowls, Turkeys, Geese, Ducks, Pigeons, and was worthy of a more extended examination and notice than we are able to bestow.

GRAIN, ROOTS, AND VEGETABLES.

Grain and Seeds were exhibited on a large scale, compared with our New York display, though Canadians assured us the show was equal to that of last year in either quantity or quality. Wheat (both spring and winter) barley, oats, peas, rye, and Indian corn, were shown in abundance, and there were many samples of superior quality. We had only time, however, to give a glance at the fine display, and hence not particularize. Of the smaller seeds—such as timothy, clover, millet, Hungarian grass, &c., there was an excellent variety much larger and better than we ever saw at any of our Provincial Fairs. Would that our New York farmers emulate their Canada brethren in this department, and for once show what they can do.

Roots and Vegetables were shown extensively and we thought of a quality highly creditable, though this is a branch in which our trans-Atlantic friends are wont to excel. Potatoes, turneps, parsnips, and carrots, were all displayed in profusion—while the show of cabbages, squashes, tomatoes, and garden vegetables generally, was large and fine.

DAIRY PRODUCTS, HONEY, &c.

Dairy products were shown in considerable quantity, and apparently of good quality. The display of both butter and cheese far exceeded our anticipations, in all respects. Two tubs weighing about 1,200 lbs. each, made and exhibited by Hiram Ranney and Jas. Harris, of New York, attracted marked attention and a