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## GOOD AS ANY AND BETTER THAN MANY

### The East Lambton Fair an All Round Success.

#### PERFECT WEATHER, SPLENDID EXHIBITS, BIG CROWD.

The last fair under the auspices of the East Lambton Ag'l Society was held on the fair grounds on Thursday and Friday of last week. Under the new Agricultural Act district societies will disappear, and fairs in future will be known by the name of the town in which they are held. The East Lambton has been in existence for half a century, and has played no small part in encouraging and developing the agricultural interests of the territory it represents. Its name departs, but the good work will still go on with renewed energy and determination to maintain the standard attained by years of hard work and experience. The directors of the old Society are deserving of high praise for the efforts they have put forth to make the Society a success, and their successors cannot do better than emulate the example set before them.

Every fair held this season has been heralded as the best west of London, a few ambitious managers making an exception of Toronto under protest. Our little fair last week was not the "Biggest and Best" ever held in the west, but the five thousand people who saw it went away satisfied and pronounced it "Just as Good" as any they had seen.

Contrary to the predictions of all the prophets, the weather could not have been better if made to President Farrell's order. The rain on Wednesday subdued the dust, and left the grounds in perfect shape. Thursday morning witnessed the opening of the fair, and exhibitors and fair officials were kept busy arranging the exhibits. Since the last fair there has been a transformation in the grounds and buildings that greatly increase the convenience and add to the appearance. The erection of a fine new grand stand and judges' stand on the west side of the track, and the removing of the performing platform opposite the grand stand, is a decided improvement, and one that has long been badly needed. The lower part of the exhibition hall has also been rearranged. The entire space has been taken up by local business men, who made an attractive display that was one of the features of the fair. A large tent was provided for the roots and vegetable and grain and seeds exhibit, where they could be shown and seen to better advantage. The spacious upper floor was well filled with ladies' work, domestic manufacture, and fine arts. Visitors were loud in their praises of the skill and taste displayed in producing the many wonderful specimens of needle work and art. This department has always been a feature of the fairs held here, and the exhibit this year has not been surpassed. The show of stock, especially horses, could scarcely be excelled. The judges were kept busy until dark making the awards, and stated that they had never judged a larger or better class of horses. In this department there were 354 entries alone. Sheep, hogs and poultry were there in quality and quantity. Dairy and grain and seeds were not as numerous as represented as former years, and fruit also fell off in quantity. Space will not permit reviewing the different departments, but the prize list, which will be found on page 5, will supply details.

ENTRIES.	
Horses.....	227
Cattle.....	135
Sheep.....	134
Hogs.....	55
Poultry.....	139
Grain and Seeds.....	107
Roots and Vegetables.....	261
Dairy.....	175
Fruits and Flowers.....	280
Mechanical.....	25
Leather.....	14
Domestic Manufacture.....	202
Ladies Work.....	429
Fine Arts.....	58
Speed Specials.....	12
Total.....	2233

### THE RACES.

Owing to race meets at Pt. Huron and Chatham on same dates, several of the fast horses that would have been here were unable to come. The classes were largely filled by local horses who furnished exciting sport.

FARMERS' TROT.	
Minnie A. (D. Auld).....	1 1
John E. (F. Dolbar).....	2 2
Flora D. (J. Williams).....	3 3
Flora D. and John E. divided 2nd and 3rd money.	
Time 2.47, 2.42.	
2.30 RACE.	
Dr. Brown (Upton).....	1 1
Skidoo (Sullivan).....	2 2
Molly Laverick (Parker).....	3 3
Satin Slippers (Newell).....	4 4
Time 2.44, 2.47, 2.43.	

### FOOT RACES.

100 YARDS.  
Cook, Wilson, Shapler. Time 11 1/4.

BOYS RACE.  
Brush, Collins, Ferguson.  
200 YARDS.  
Cook, Rivers, Wilson.

HALF MILE.  
Kadey, Brown, Johnston.

FAIR NOTES.  
Gate receipts \$642.  
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Nate Wade, of Bothwell, made an efficient starter at the races, and H. Brake and W. Bradley were in the judges' stand.

The talented Caughlin Family, of Sarnia, are accomplished musicians and vocalists, and their playing and singing was much admired.

The quality of the home made bread, made from Dunlop's flour, was good proof that there is no better flour made than the Watford brand.

E. Dowding's special for oldest married couple on the grounds was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Watson, who have been married for 56 years.

Among the distinguished visitors were J. E. Armstrong, M.P., J. Cowan, K. C., D. N. Sinclair, Governor McArthur, and Registrar Saunders, Sarnia.

The young ladies of the Presbyterian Church, who conducted a dining booth under the grand stand, were kept busy serving their numerous patrons.

P. E. Kyle, of the Wyoming Enterprise, H. J. Pettipiece, Forest Free Press, and J. Pearson, London Free Press, represented their journals at the fair.

The directors are under obligations to Mr. P. E. Fuller, who circulated a list and secured a handsome subscription towards the erection of the new Judges' stand. The Society wishes to thank all who assisted in making the fair a success.

The Hastings' Wagon and Sleigh Works had a number of their vehicles on exhibition. These firm make wagons and sleighs that are not surpassed for durability and easy draft in the Dominion, and have a reputation known near and far.

P. Dodds & Son had a very attractive exhibit of boots and shoes and wall paper. The goods were nicely arranged and displayed to advantage. The quality and style was favorably commented on, and the exhibit did credit to the firm.

The dairy demonstration by Miss Green, of the O. A. C., attracted many visitors, who watched the process with interest. Miss Green gave visitors much valuable information regarding butter making and the proper preparation of the ingredients required.

All parties having accounts against the Society are requested to hand them in to the Secretary before Oct. 20th. The directors will meet on that date to pass the prize list, etc., after which prizes will be paid on presenting an order from the Secretary on the Treasurer.

C. McLean, of Alvinston, 9 years of age, was awarded Swift's special for the youngest boy taking prize on stock. Clifford Edwards, son of S. W. Edwards, of Warwick, 8 years of age, was given a special. The boys handled their exhibits in the show ring like old timers.

Swift Bros. display of furs, ladies' coats, laces, etc., was the centre of attraction for the ladies, who viewed the magnificent goods with great interest. Some rare and costly garments and laces were shown, the enterprising firm sparing neither expense or trouble.

The display on the ground floor of the hall by the local merchants was a credit to their enterprise and good taste. L. D. Caldwell exhibited the popular Newcombe piano, organs, sewing machines and musical goods. Taylor & Sons and J. W. McLaren, druggist's specialties and souvenir goods. H. Schlemmer, Bell pianos, organs, sewing machines, etc. H. A. Cook, a handsome real mahogany drawing room suite. T. Dodds, stoves and ranges. G. L. Bryce, extra fine harness and travellers' outfits.

Citizen's night on Thursday was a great success. The weather was fine, and a large crowd were in attendance. The hall was lit up in good shape, and the grand stand and platform loomed up brilliantly. The ladies thronged the hall before the concert commenced, and admired the fine display. The program on the stand was first class—and was furnished by the Silver Band, Caughlin Family Orchestra, John A. Kelly, the Watford Male Quartette, Mr. J. Thompson. The talent acquitted themselves with great credit, and the entertainment was pleasing throughout. This feature

promises to become more popular every year.

President Farrell would not consider a fair complete without a baby show, and, as usual he conducted the affair with rare tact and discretion. Mr. W. Bailey performed the duties of judge, and, being a husky fellow got away without losing any hair. The prize for the prettiest baby under 12 months went to Mrs. O. Cook, Mrs. Fred Conkey, second, Mrs. E. Davidson, third; Special, Mrs. H. Kerton, Mrs. Butler. Heaviest baby, Mrs. Fred Conkey, Mrs. O. Cook. Youngest baby on grounds, Mrs. H. Kerton. Youngest pair of twins, Mrs. J. Manders.

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Mrs. H. J. LEACOCK has left town. She is at present staying with relatives at Petrolia, previous to taking up her residence in Toronto with her son Frank, who is now in the head office of the Metropolitan bank.—Brigden Progress.

The last but not the least of the local fairs will be held at Wyoming on Tuesday, Oct. 9th. A special effort is being made to make the coming fair a success, and everything looks favorable for a good show.

O. F. BIRCHARD, of Kingscourt, left at this office the finest sample of a fall apple we have seen this season. It is of the Wealthy variety and weighed 14 oz each. Mr. Birchard's fruit would be winners at the fairs.

ALL accounts due T. Dodds are requested to be settled not later than Oct. 20th. OWNING to the interior of the Methodist Church undergoing a renovation, services on Sunday will be held in the S. A. Barracks at the usual hours. The Rev. Mr. Spenceley, of Wanstead, will preach morning and evening. S. S. in the afternoon.

THE Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church will hold their annual Thank-offering Service in the school room, Friday Oct. 5th. A cordial invitation is extended to all. The meeting opens at 8 p. m.

CHILDREN'S white coats, don't try to make them. See our stock.—SWIFT BROS.

THE Ontario Provincial convention of the W. C. T. U. will be held in London the first week in November. This is the first convention that has been held so far west, they being held in the eastern part of Ontario before.

At the nomination meeting held in the town hall at Adelaide village on Thursday last, Mr. Daniel Campbell was elected by acclamation to fill the vacancy in the township council caused by the death of Mr. Samuel Harris.

In a recent case, cattle broke out of a pasture field belonging to the owner, got on a public highway, and thence into a field of mangies belonging to a neighbor. The Municipal World holds that the owner of the cattle is responsible for the damage done.

MR. JAS. O'BRIEN, of the High School staff, has tendered his resignation, having been offered a position in Woodstock. The board has accepted the same conditional on a suitable substitute being provided. Negotiations are under way to secure Miss Johnston, a former teacher on the staff.

FRIDAY is the big day at the Forest Fair. The speeding event includes an open trot and pace for a purse of \$150, and a 2.50 trot and 2.40 pace for \$100. Other specialties will make up an attractive program, and the fair itself promises to be the best yet held in Forest.

P. DODDS & SON are headquarters for fancy china, dinner, tea and chamber sets. Parlor and hanging lamps bought direct from the makers. Inspection invited.

ALVINSTON had a big crowd and the usual fine exhibit at the B. and A. Fair on Wednesday. All departments were well represented, the stock classes being extra good. The speed events were keenly contested by some of the best horses in the west. Nettie Star won the 2.30 race, Cap. Spinx the free for all, and Paddy S. the 3-yr-old class.

MR. FRED DEAN, Government dairy inspector, has been in Petrolia looking over the Danville creamery plant. He reports everything in good condition. Mr. Dean looks for a still higher rise in the price of butter this winter, owing to the decreased output of Australian and New Zealand butter to the old country.

The department will allow an open season for quail this year during the month of November. A circular sent out draws attention to the necessity of sportsmen practicing a little self-denial and be satisfied with three or four partridges per day, instead of destroying whole bevy's, as in the past. Mr. Tinsley trusts that the lovers of sport will be guided by the admonition contained in this letter.

MAVOR FOLINSBEE, of Strathroy, has been enacting the roll of dictator in town matters ever since his election last January, and the trouble came to a focus last week, when he refused to sign certain bylaws passed by the council regarding the collection of taxes. The council then elected one of its members as deputy-mayor, and gave him authority to sign the bylaws with the clerk. The mayor, in return for this, threatens legal action to settle the matter.

AND now it transpires that the swartly foreigners who carry packs throughout Ontario are adroit smugglers only paying duty on a small portion of the goods they import. People should be careful about dealing with these people, as the purchaser of smuggled goods, when detected, is liable to have the goods confiscated and is also subject to a heavy fine.

MESSRS MONCRIEFF & Wilson of Petrolia acting under instructions from J. J. Hunt, a prominent ratepayer of Alvinston have instituted quo warranto proceeding against Daniel Genge, the reeve of that village, to have him disqualified and unseated. The ground for the proceedings is based on the alleged fact that Genge has a contract to supply acetylene gas to the village hall. Under section 80 of the Municipal Act, this would appear to be fatal to his right to act as presiding officer at the village council, if proved. The matter will be threshed out before Judge MacWatt, of Sarnia, on Oct. 12th.

If you are indebted to McDonnell & Son settle your account before they are handed over for collection.

MISS F. CAMPBELL, of Strathroy, would like to form a class in oil and water color painting, also crayon work, in Watford. A few specimens of her work may be seen at L. D. Caldwell's music store. Persons desirous of taking lessons can meet Miss Campbell on Thursday, Oct. 11th, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at L. D. Caldwell's music store.

The Municipal World says that a township council has no authority to pay damages for sheep killed or injured unless a fund is created for the purpose by the imposition and collection of a tax on dogs. If there is any balance to the credit of the dog fund in the hands of the treasurer carried forward from a period during which a dog tax was collected in the township the balance can be used in paying damages for sheep killed or injured so far as it will go.

MR. H. C. POPE, of Strathroy, solicitor for Metcalfe township, has served notice of appeal in the case in which the townships of Metcalfe and Brooke were recently interested in regard to the \$2,000 damages awarded to Duncan Campbell and wife by Chief Justice Falconbridge. The townships have instructed their solicitors to enter an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada. The townships are determined to find out the limit to which the courts will go in placing responsibility on the township for accidents on the highway.

MENS coats of all kinds. Now is your time to buy rain, tweed, fur and fur-lined.—SWIFT BROS.

THE recently revised threshing law means that for ten days after the threshing machine has moved off his farm the farmer is liable for the wages of the working men employed during his threshing, and also for any repairs done to the machine during his threshing in case the creditors enter an action to recover wages or cost of repairs inside the limit of ten days. This is, of course, up to the amount of his threshing bill. This law will have the effect of making it quite unsafe for a farmer to pay for his threshing until ten days after completion.—EX.

RECENTLY some parties have taken it upon themselves to shoot tame pigeons, possibly without knowing that it is contrary to the provisions of the criminal law which reads as follows: "Title VI, sec. 307, criminal code—Everyone commits theft who kills the creature killed who kills any living creature capable of being stolen with intent to steal the carcass, skin, plumage, or any part of such creature. Section 501 provides a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars fine or three months' imprisonment at hard labor."

WE can supply you with the best stoves and ranges in the market and at prices that will please you.—T. DODDS.

DONALD ROSS, a farmer, whose home is near Forest, was found dead in bed Thursday morning at the Walker House, Toronto. The gas jet was turned on, the fumes of the escaping gas being detected by some guests in the adjacent rooms. Ross had evidently turned off the gas and then turned it on again. Coroner Cotton investigated and deemed an inquest unnecessary. Ross, who was about fifty years of age, came to the city on Wednesday and intended returning home yesterday. The remains were taken in charge by Mr. Alexander Millard, and were shipped to Forest for interment next morning. Deceased was a prominent member of the Forest Masonic Lodge and is survived by a wife and family.

THERE was the usual crowded house at the concert in the Music Hall, Friday evening. President Farrell presided and introduced a first-class program. Mr. Geo. Ellis Fax made his first appearance before a Watford audience and well sustained his reputation as a vocalist of high rank, and a versatile entertainer. John A. Kelly, of Toronto, Ventriloquist, presented a novel and entertaining number with his talking figures, and kept the audience in the best of spirits. The clever Caughlin Sisters in their vocal and musical specialties pleased everybody, and our own Male Quartette sang in splendid form. The program was the best presented here for some time. Miss Etta Smith was the efficient accompanist of the evening.

P. DODDS & SON have now in stock a large assortment of long boots, heavy shoes and rubbers from the best makers in Canada. Prices right.

### BRUTEN—CAMPBELL.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mrs. P. McLean, Rokeby, on Wednesday, Sept. 26, when her eldest daughter, Miss Eliza, was married to Mr. Charles Bruten, of Brigden. The Rev. J. Wallace, of Inwood, performed the ceremony in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. H. McLean, and looked handsome in white silk chiffon over blue silk and carried a bouquet of white roses. Miss Christy McLean, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid and wore green reseda and carried pink carnations. Weda Lucas, dressed in white silk, made a very pretty little flower girl. Mr. R. Armstrong, Brigden, supported the groom. The presents were beautiful and costly showing the high esteem in which the young couple were held. Mr. and Mrs. Bruten left for a short wedding trip to Rochester, Canadaigua and other points, after their return they will take up their residence in Brigden.