

CENTRAL CANADA EXHIBITION.

Elsewhere will be seen the advertisement of the Central Canada Fair. This is the eleventh year of the show, which, since its inauguration, has progressed and improved, until now it is equal to even the Toronto Industrial, the greatest exhibition held in North America. That the directors of the Central Fair know their business is evident by the annual revisions and additions to the fair prize list. Every year sees changes in the interests of the exhibition. The live stock men and farmers generally have ever been treated especially well. Two years ago the directors erected new buildings—the finest in Canada—for the stockmen; last year the prizes were greatly increased in many lines in which the farmers are the competitors, and this year there have been still further increases. Every suggestion of a competitor has been thoughtfully considered, with the result that the association never loses an exhibitor. A new class in horses this year is for heavy-draught owned in the counties of Eastern Ontario. Heretofore farmers had to compete against city men and professional stock-raisers in the heavy-draught class. A new class in the prize list for swine is for hogs suitable for export. The values of the second and third prizes have been increased in the poultry department, while the building has also been remodelled and a large addition added, so that there will only be one storey of coops instead of two, as in the past.

Thirty-two gold medals are offered as special sweepstakes prizes for horses and cattle. As usual, there is a special prize for a milk test during the fair. And all this besides the extension and improvement of the grounds, the construction of a new main building, and the enlargement of the machinery building. Farmers who have exhibited at Ottawa in the past will be there again this year; those who have not yet been at the capital's great fair will do well to take their stock there this year. All particulars can be obtained by writing E. McMahon, secretary, C.C.E.A., Ottawa.

THE WINNIPEG INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

We are in receipt of the programme of attractions and prize list for this year's great industrial exhibition at Winnipeg, which will be held from July 8th to 16th, inclusive. The directors of this exhibition have spared no pains to insure the complete success of the undertaking. The prize-list is a very large one, the other attractions are highly interesting, and there is no doubt the exhibition will be attended by a large number of visitors from all parts of Canada, as well as from the neighboring States. Breeders of live stock, manufacturers and others who desire to establish trade relations with Manitoba and the North-West Territories cannot get a better or cheaper means of introducing their stock and goods to the public, or of keeping them before their notice where business relations have been already established.

DETECTIVES WANTED.—Particulars free. Cottrell's P. & D. A. of A., Waco, Texas.

BATTLE'S THOROLD CEMENT.

An industry which has made rapid advancement among the farmers in Canada during the last year or two is "Battle's" famous Thorold Hydraulic Cement. This cement has been extensively used by engineers, contractors, stonemasons, builders, millers and hardware merchants for a period of sixty-six years, but until with the last two years the idea that any farmer would ever require a whole carload of it would have struck anyone as extremely improbable. This, however, is an age of progress, and the Canadian farmer has given unmistakable evidence of his ability to keep pace with the rest of the world in all matters affecting his interests, and particularly in the employment of those agents which afford economy in the management and conduct of his business. The time, labor and expense entailed in maintaining his numerous buildings in repair has led him to seek in their construction for those materials which combine the qualities of strength, durability and cheapness with those of a handsome appearance, and last, but not by any means least, absolute cleanliness. In the investigation of the merits of different building materials at hand he has been quick to see the advantages of the hydraulic cement over lumber, and everything else in fact, particularly in the construction of bank barns, stables, pig pens, etc., and for the walls and flooring of the dairy, the cellar, and all underground spaces used for farm purposes. The Thorold Hydraulic Cement is consequently being substituted for lumber wherever it can be used. It makes a magnificent floor, will last for all time, and one of its very best features is that absolute cleanliness can always be maintained with very little labor and without the soakage which is found so annoying and unhealthy for man and beast in connection with wooden floors. It is impossible to enumerate all its advantages here, but we subjoin a few quotations from testimonials to its excellence from amongst hundreds of a like character received within the past few months. Mr. E. D. Tilson, of Tilsonburg, who is well-known to all the readers of FARMING, after enumerating the various buildings (some of them very large) in which he has used the hydraulic cement, says:

"I have used nearly all of the different brands of cement sold in Canada, both Portland and water-lime cement, having built a good many sidewalks, for which I used both English and German Portland cement and some Canadian Portland; but in water-lime cement I have used mostly the Thorold cement made by your firm and predecessors.

So you will see that I have had a good deal of experience in the use of cement, having probably used more than any other single man, for his own use, in Ontario.

The greater part of my cement was bought from the late John Battle. Although I have had a good many car-loads from other firms I think the Thorold cement is the best for general purposes."

Messrs. Beswetherick Bros., near Hagersville, Ont., a portrait of whose mammoth barn many of our readers have no doubt seen, write as follows:

"Having used your Thorold cement in our stable floors, which were put in last fall under the supervision of your Mr. Ward Hagar, we must say it has given us good satisfaction in every particular. Our floors are as hard as stone.

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GERMAN KALI WORKS, 93 Nassau St., New York.

We clean our stables by driving a team and wagon through the stable on the concrete behind our stock, and load the manure on the wagon. We can truly say it is just perfection for stable floors."

Messrs. Mills & Shaw, contractors and builders, of Bridgen, Ont., under date of May 13th, 1898, write as follows: "We intend using all Thorold cement on all our contracts and other work requiring cement. Our masons say it is A 1."

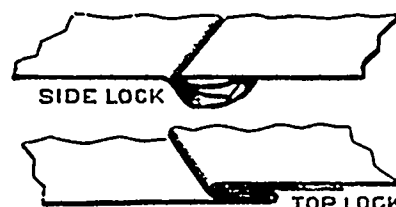
The manufacturers of the Thorold cement issue a very handsome pamphlet containing full and explicit instructions as to its proper use, which will be sent free to any one on application. FARMING can, with the greatest confidence, recommend the estate of John Battle as a first-class, thoroughly reliable business firm. They will be found to deal in an honorable manner with those doing business with them.

Publishers' Desk.

Secrets of Success.—Read the advertisement of Mr. H. H. DeWeese in this issue. "Secrets of Success" is spoken of as "the most practical farmer's book ever put in print." It will certainly pay any farmer to write to Mr. H. H. DeWeese, Dayton, Ohio, for the information he is prepared to furnish free.

The Noxon Steel Binder.—Please notice the advertisement of the Noxon Bros. Manufacturing Co., Limited, of Ingersoll, Ont., which appears in this issue. The Noxon steel binder is too well-known to require commendation from us. But if there should be any who do not know of its merits we should advise him to enquire of those who have used this excellent machine and found it to give perfect satisfaction in every particular.

Metal Shingles.—The necessity for a cheap and durable roof covering to take the place of the ordinary wooden shingle, especially for farm houses and buildings, has called into existence a great number of inventions, the most satisfactory and the most practical of these being the various metal shingles introduced during the past fifteen or twenty years. Even these, however, have for the most part been wanting in some of the essentials of a good substitute for the wooden material. While possessing the quality of durability and strength, they were difficult to lay, and comparatively expensive for the advantages they offered over the wooden shingles, and most of them were found defective in other respects. But some improvements have been recently discovered, and today a metal shingle is being manufactured by the Metal Shingle and Siding Company, Limited, of Preston, Ont., which is in every way suitable as a covering for all classes of buildings, and which has given entire satisfaction wherever it has been introduced. The



shingles are so constructed as to interlock one another on all sides. The above cut, illustrating top and bottom lock, shows how one shingle laps over another and hooks under a fold made in the bottom shingle near the top, while at the sides they interlock one another

in such a way that a double gutter is formed, which readily carries off any water finding its way into the lock. They are nailed to the roof along the top edge, the nails being fully covered by the next shingle, which laps over and hooks into the bottom shingle. There is no possibility for the ends or laps to open up so as to admit the weather. They are, therefore, absolutely waterproof. They are easily laid, have a very attractive appearance, and are practically indestructible. Ample provision is made for expansion and contraction, and every detail is so perfect that positively nothing seems wanting in them as a cheap, durable, and practical substitute for wooden shingles. They are made in several grades of painted steel, galvanized iron and stern plate, at prices which are easily within the reach of everyone. The company have been running their factory this season to its full capacity, and have filled orders from all sections in Canada. They issue a handsome catalogue, which will be sent free, together with samples and prices, upon application.

Moody's Hay Press.—Attention is called to the advertisement of Messrs. Matthew Moody & Son, of Terrebonne, Que., in this issue. The hay press which they advertise possesses many advantages over other machines of a similar kind. In the matter of convenience alone it is worthy of commendation. Those interested should send for the manufacturers' catalogue, which will supply all information required.

Stock Notes.

MR. JAMES MCKENZIE, M.P.P. of Burnside, Man., has purchased from James J. Davidson & Sons, Balsam, Ont., a team of mares exhibited by them at the Industrial last year, and where they were prize-winners.

MR. JAMES LEASK, of Greebank, Ont., in speaking of Moneyfuffel Lad, the unbeaten four-year-old Shorthorn bull, which now heads Captain T. E. Rolson's herd, says: "He is a sure stock-getter, as well as a first-class bull." Mr. Leask has not yet selected a successor to Moneyfuffel Lad, but will probably get something very fine when a successor is required. At present he has two registered bull calves, as well as a high-grade five-months-old, all of which were sired by Moneyfuffel Lad. They are rather too young for show purposes but will make capital bulls, and take a high place in the show ring when the proper time arrives. Mr. Leask will show a herd of four fine females at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition this year. They are, without any doubt, good enough to be put alongside the best in America, and it will take an extraordinarily strong herd to beat them in their class. He will also show the sweepstake yearling heifer of last year, and the best lot of fat cattle he has ever shown. This is saying a good deal when it is considered that Mr. Leask holds eight out of the nine first prizes for best grade cattle awarded in the competition in which his herd was shown. Altogether Mr. Leask's record is one of which he may justly feel proud.

THE HON. THOMAS GREENWAY'S herdsman, Mr. James Yule, has been making a tour of Ontario during the past few weeks making purchases of purebred stock for Mr. Greenway's farm at Crystal City, Manitoba. Among the purchases made were five Shorthorn s, all animals of the highest type. These are the Shorthorn bull, Catbness 22065, by Joselyn 17439, from Alex. Smith, Maple Lodge, a prize-winner, and one of the best animals in his class in the province. He is a four-year-old, and weighs 2,600 lbs. The Shorthorn cow, Vanity 24541, by Village Hero 14342, from H. & W. Smith, of Hay, Ont. This cow was the winner of first prize in the four-year-old and upwards class at Toronto last year, and will be a valuable addition to Mr. Greenway's herd. The price paid was \$450. The bull, Crimson Knight 26077, by Canada 10536, from W. D. Platt, Hamilton. This animal will also make a valuable addition to the herd at Crystal City. In addition a young bull and heifer were purchased from Alex. Smith, Maple Lodge. A splendid pair of Yorkshires were purchased from J. E. Brethour, of Burford, Ont. The boar at eight months weighed 400, and is one of the very best animals that has ever been shipped from Oak Lodge, which is saying a good deal. The sow was a first-prize winner at the leading fair. Mr. Greenway has always made a practice of purchasing prize-winners for his herd where possible, and consequently he has been able to gather together a herd which can hardly be surpassed in the Dominion. His herd will be on exhibition at the Winnipeg and Brandon fairs.