

bited in a field, the property of Mrs. Boulton, adjoining the enclosed ground, and marked on the plan "The Horse Park." The Toronto Cricket ground and the pleasure grounds of Caer Howel formed the northern boundary of the Show ground. Upon the smooth bowling green attached to Caer Howel a large refreshment tent was erected, in which the Judges and Officers of the day breakfasted before proceeding to their allotted duties. Upon the east side of the enclosure the noble avenue leading to the spacious and ornamental grounds of the Toronto University, offered entrance to and exit from the Show grounds, through Caer Howel. The carriage drive round the open half of the enclosure set apart for the display of agricultural implements, was well marked out by small pine trees, which added greatly to the pleasing effect of the whole.

The buildings erected by the Local Committee for the display of those articles which would have been injured by exposure, were five in number, the Fine Arts Hall, the Floral Hall, the Agricultural Hall, the Mechanic's Hall, and a small building attached to the Fine Arts Hall for the display of School apparatus. In front of the Mechanic's and Agricultural Hall two magnificent tents were placed for the display of Horticultural and Agricultural specimens, and specimens of Mechanical industry, which could not be conveniently arranged in the buildings designed to receive them; and well it was that these auxiliaries were obtained from our American friends, otherwise the buildings erected for the reception of articles would have been so crowded as to render inspection an impossibility. Even with the large amount of additional space obtained by the erection of the tents, into which articles not easily spoiled by exposure were placed, the halls were found far too small for the display of the industrial products which filled them to excess. In the open space before the halls and tents a large and varied assortment of implements covered a considerable portion of the area; Machines of Canadian construction occupying the inner portion of the area, bounded by the carriage road; the Foreign implements covering the space between the road and the eastern fence, as shown upon the plan.

Along the southern fence, ticket offices, committee rooms, pens for poultry, &c., and refreshment booths were arranged, together with the entrance and exit gates. The horse park was well adapted for the display of the eighty noble looking animals which were at one time assembled in it. The thanks of the Local Committee were tendered to Mrs. Boulton for the liberality that lady exhibited in placing the field at their disposal.

Numerous varieties of sheep occupied between fifty and sixty pens, constructed against the western portion of the fence. The pigs were disposed upon the opposite side of the grounds near to Caer Howel.

The general appearance of the Show Grounds during the whole of Thursday and Friday was remarkably striking; outside of the high fence enclosing them it was not less so, and at one time it threatened to be more animated than agreeable, indeed, at about 10 o'clock on Thursday grave fears were entertained that the fence would not have been able to sustain the pressure of the vast body of people anxious to obtain admission, and

delayed by the necessity of giving up their tickets to the constables in charge of the narrow entrance door-ways, of which there were but two. Eighteen thousand single tickets were sold on Thursday, besides upwards of two thousand members badges, which admitted the member and his family.

We were also informed that no less than eleven hundred vehicles passed through the toll-gate situated on Yonge Street, in the immediate neighbourhood of Yorkville, on Thursday the 23rd September. This number does not include those which entered Yorkville by the Davenport plank road, which may be estimated at three hundred more, thus making a total of fourteen hundred vehicles entering Toronto by the great northern road in one day.

However delightful it must have been to every well wisher of Upper Canada to witness the very large display of almost every kind of Agricultural produce and implements, yet it was evident to all who visited the ground that the arrangements of the Local Committee were made on much too contracted a scale. We question whether one-tenth of the curious who thronged the halls, conveyed away any distinct impression of the merits and peculiarities of their contents, neither do we suppose that one-tenth part of the solid and practical information which such an agricultural show was eminently calculated to inculcate, could have been received by the thousands who came not only to see but also to learn. In relation to this subject, we were glad to notice that some steps are about to be taken by the Board of Agriculture, which will unquestionably be attended with benefit if proper use is made of the advantages which may be expected to accrue from the recognition of the principle contained in the subjoined resolutions, which were submitted to the meeting by Angus Cameron, Esq. of Kingston, and referred to the Board of Agriculture for further consideration:—

"That it would be of great importance to the interests of Agriculture throughout the Province, that each county should be enabled to erect buildings for the purpose of receiving and protecting all such productions as may be exhibited at County Shows, rather than continuing the present practice of erecting temporary buildings at great expense, and removing them after a few days use.

"That it be recommended that the President of the Association and Board of Agriculture memorialize the Governor General in Council, to appropriate a sum of money, not less than £250 to each county, for the purpose of procuring land wherever to hold their annual exhibitions and erect buildings. This boon from the Government to be conferred only on such counties as shall procure by subscriptions an equal amount for the purpose of erecting such buildings as may be required."

We do not presume to offer any opinions as to the mode in which future arrangements for County or Provincial Agricultural Shows should be carried out, but we are well pleased to see that the subject is under the consideration of the Board, and trust that some measures may be adopted which will obviate many of the difficulties, and lessen many of the disappointments which so frequently accrue from defective arrangements in our annual expositions of industry. We think too, that if permanent buildings for County Agricultural Shows were erected, a great step towards the establishment of a County Agricultural Museum would be gained, the most feasible method of instructing the people at large in those artifices and contrivances which distinguish the progress of the age, and are now so necessary to success.