

Guelph Exhibition.

The Union Exhibition held at Guelph was very poorly attended this year. The cause of this was the losses the Association had sustained the two previous years, thus necessitating the reduction of the prize list to less than one-fourth of what it had formerly been. The stock and poultry exhibit was good. The thermometer took a low dip just after the horticultural display was arranged, and such havoc we never saw made in any such display. The fine plants were all cut down. This was the only place where the Model Farm made a show of their stock. By recent purchases they have added some good animals to their herd. There was a fine display of Herefords. A prize for the best herd of cattle of any breed was given at this Exhibition. The competition lay between Shorthorns and Herefords, and the latter carried off the prize. Perhaps it would have been better to have held this exhibition a little earlier in the season.

The Great Central Fair, Hamilton.

The result of the Central Fair is summed up in the words: A good show and a large attendance. On the first day (Tuesday, Oct. 4,) the same dilatoriness that was remarked at other exhibitions was the subject of complaint here also. Up to noon of the first day no department was complete, and many contained only a few of those that had been entered. There were not many people on the ground. The arrangements, however, were complete, and the exhibitors received every attention from those in office and were afforded every facility for getting the articles into place. Wednesday merited the name of the Farmer's Day; the visitors were nearly all from the country. There 12,000 people on the ground. The receipts at the gate during the day amounted to \$1,235. The special morning train of the H. & N. W. Railroad conveyed to the fair over four hundred visitors, and the G. W. R. trains were crowded with excursionists.

The grain display was large and of superior quality. The wheat was in especially good condition and there were some very choice samples. Mr. Smith, Emigration Agent, purchased seven bags of very fine grain and a collection of grain in straw to send to England as a sample of the grain that is grown in Ontario. The show of butter was not large, but of extra quality. There were exhibited some very fine Stilton cheese and some factory-made; but the exhibit of dairy products, on the whole, was very small.

The exhibit of Durham cattle was large and excellent, the greater portion of them being from the ridings of Wentworth. There were one hundred entries, many of them animals that could not be beaten. The Devons were fewer in number, the exhibitors being confined to the neighborhood of Guelph. Of Ayrshires there was a very fair entry. There were not as many competitors in this class as in the Durhams, but among them, however, a number of the best Ayrshires in the Province were exhibited. There was a lively competition in the classes of grade and fat cattle.

The number of horses exhibited in each class was very large. Especially was this the case in the class of Road and Carriage horses. Blood horses were well represented; so also were Agricultural and Heavy Draught horses. There were some quite superior animals.

There were large lists in nearly all the classes of sheep. There were seventy-eight entries of Leicesters, which formed a splendid show. The entries of Lincolns were not so numerous. In the South-down class there were over fifty entries, the animals coming from a wide district, and the show being described as first-class.

In pigs there were 118 animals exhibited. Of these thirty-three were of large breeds and eighty-five of small breeds—Suffolks, Berkshires and Essex.

In agricultural implements there was not a large exhibit; but all the implements now considered essential to improved farming were there. They are most of them such as engrossed such attention at previous exhibitions and are well-known to our readers.

The display of fruit of all kinds was magnificent. There were choice specimens from the Grimsby, Niagara and Hamilton districts, some of the best fruit-growing districts of Canada. Of apples there was, for the season, a creditable display. The display of peaches was very fine, notwithstanding the time of the year. Plums were scarce, there being but few entries; but the quality was good.

Pears—The exhibit of this delicious fruit was an exceptionally fine one. There were sixteen entries. Of Quinces there was but a small exhibit, but the specimens were good. There were about two hundred plates of grapes, making this the crowning exhibit in the fruit department.

The display of flowers, ferns and foliage plants was an excellent one.

The show in itself was announced to be a financial success, and as showing a handsome balance to carry over for the next fair.

The Provincial Exhibition of Prince Edward Island.

The exhibition this year was a very creditable one; it may be pronounced a great success, and, on the whole, a good representation of the industries of the Garden Island of the Dominion. The samples of grain—wheat, barley, oats and buckwheat—exhibited were not inferior to any in the old provinces of Canada. The oats shown at the Summerside Exhibition weighed from 42 lbs. to 48 lbs. to the bushel, and those shown at the Provincial were, it is said, fully equal to them. The roots and other farm products were all not to be surpassed. The potatoes shown maintained the reputation of the Island for this valuable crop. The varieties for which prizes were obtained were Early Rose, Burbank Seedling, Prolific and Blues.

The show of horses (whose superiors, it is said, are not to be found in Canada) was certainly of a high character. In this class there were awarded twenty-five prizes.

The exhibits of cattle bore testimony to the great improvement in stock in that province. There was an excellent exhibit, especially of Shorthorns. For this breed fourteen prizes were awarded. For Ayrshires the awards were only twelve; for grades, twelve; and three awards for best steers.

There was an excellent exhibit of sheep, whose condition proved that the climate and soil of the province are well adapted to this stock. Leicesters still maintain their position in the province. For this breed twelve prizes were awarded. For Shropshire or Southdown, grey or black face, twelve prizes; for sheep of other classes, sixteen prizes.

The show of pigs was very creditable, so also was that of poultry. The exhibit of agricultural implements was not large or varied.

The show of fruit was not large, though there were some very fine specimens of apples, plums, damsons, grapes and cranberries. The exhibit of flowers shows that the science of floriculture is progressing in the Island. The butter and cheese exhibited were all dairy-made, factories being as yet unknown in Prince Edward. There were, of course, domestic manufactures and ladies' fancy work. Without them our agricultural exhibitions would be incomplete.

The Central, or Midland Exhibition.

This exhibition was held at Lindsay on Oct. 4th, 5th and 6th. From its central position in the midst of enterprising farmers and stock breeders, it is always looked forward to with interest. The fall exhibition of 1881 was, on the whole, very successful, though the number of exhibits in some departments was not so great as in former years. This was especially the case in products of the garden and the dairy. To the unprecedented drought of the summer and early autumn months this comparative falling off may be partly attributed. The exhibits in nearly every class within the building were far short of those of four years ago when the exhibition was last held in Lindsay. Though the number of exhibits was less than had been expected, there can be no doubt of their superior quality. Any disappointment that was felt at the small number of entries in the horticultural and dairy departments was, however, more than made up by the admirable exhibition of live stock. On Tuesday, the opening day, the grounds presented the appearance of active preparation; from an early hour till 2 p.m. the exhibitors were busy conveying stock, farm produce, implements, &c., to the grounds and arranging them in their places. The day following was the great day of the exhibition, the attendance was very large, there being not less than 10,000 persons on the ground. The receipts were about \$2,500, so that financially the show was a success. The live stock department was one that it would be difficult to excel; this was the main feature of

the exhibition. In agricultural implements the exhibit was very fair. In the horticultural there were some very fine specimens in its different sections, though the display of fruits and flowers generally was inferior to some former exhibits, owing to the drought. The total number of entries was about 3,500. The show of horses was especially good; the number of entries in this department was 252, including 11 blood horses, 133 carriage or road, 59 agricultural, and 54 heavy draught horses. The display of stock in cattle was fully equal to that in horses, and afforded a most satisfactory indication of the increased attention now paid by farmers to the quality of their stock; the number of entries was 185, including Durhams, 93; Devons, 32; Ayrshires, 24; and Grades, 32. The sheep exhibited were of excellent quality; the number of entries was 127, comprising Leicester, 49; Cotswold, 41; Southdown, 27; and unclassified, 55. The poultry department created a keen interest; the crush at their house was very great, and the number of exhibits was greater than could be well accommodated.

Manitoba Agricultural Exhibition.

The Agricultural Exhibition of this province is of general interest. Manitoba, with great fertility, and the vast extent of the great North-west, with its vast resources, are of deep interest, not merely to Canadians, but also to thousands in Great Britain and the continent of Europe. The Provincial Exhibition was opened in Winnipeg on Tuesday, October 4th. The weather was very favorable; but the means of access to the city were very discouraging. For a week previous there had been a downpour of rain, and the state of the roads was such as to prevent the large attendance at the Exhibition that there would have been otherwise. In spite of bad roads, however, the attendance was good, and the Provincial was on the whole a decided success.

In the pavilion agreed object of attraction was the C. P. R. "Pillar of Plenty." On the terraces of the pyramid were arranged specimens of the various products of the country along the line of the C. P. R. Very conspicuous among the products were many varieties of the native grasses. The main display on the terraces was that of the various cereals, some in the sheaf and some threshed, and interspersed with superior specimens of potatoes, and the whole was bordered with native flowers, pressed and preserved.

The staple grains made the finest display ever made at the Provincial Exhibition, though not in such large quantities as at our Ontario shows; but the quality was all that could be desired. Spring wheat was represented by twenty samples. White Fife, Red Fife, Russian and Golden Drop. Of the twenty samples there was not one pound that could not be classed A No. 1. Barley, next to wheat, may be considered the great staple grain of the province. The specimens exhibited were in plumpness and brightness at least equal to any on the continent. Of oats there was a good, though not a large exhibition—four white and seven black samples. Of peas and beans there were few samples and not worth mentioning. There was one sample of Indian corn, the white sugar variety. The potato exhibits maintained their reputation as being unsurpassed if not unequalled. The Beauty of Hebron, Early Rose and Climax seem to be most prized. The display of garden products was very large and in quality first-rate.

The outside department, in Dufferin Park, was not very large. The small number of exhibits was attributed, in part at least, to the condition of the roads. Horses made the best showing. For blood horses, roadsters, carriage horses, agricultural horses and heavy draught horses, there were awarded in all forty-four prizes.

In the cattle stalls were to be seen a few as fine animals as could be produced anywhere. Two or three bulls, Ayrshire and Durham, were objects of general commendation. For pure-red bulls and cows twelve prizes were awarded and for grade cattle the same number.

The sheep exhibited were Cotswolds, Leicesters and Shortwools; but there was not a large display. The swine were Suffolks and Berkshires. The display of agricultural implements was small. For dairy products the premiums for butter were in four classes—for shipping, crock butter, table butter and home-made cheese. For prizes for domestic manufactures and ladies' work there were many competitors.