

o'clock precisely, to make arrangements for entering immediately upon their duties.

13. Arrangements will be made for Agricultural Lectures or Discussions during the evenings of Wednesday and Thursday on the Show week.

14. While the Directors will take every possible precaution under the circumstances, to ensure the safety of articles sent to the exhibition, yet they wish it to be distinctly understood that the owners of the articles must themselves take the risk of exhibiting them; and that should any article be accidentally injured, lost or stolen, the Directors will give all the assistance in their power towards the recovery of the same, but will not make any payment for the value thereof.

15. The Treasurer will be prepared to commence paying the premiums immediately after the successful competitors have been declared, and parties who shall have prizes awarded them are particularly requested to apply for them before leaving Cobourg, or leave a written order with some person to receive them, stating the articles for which prizes are claimed.

The Local Committee will make arrangements with Steamboat and Railway proprietors for carrying the passengers at reduced rates; also with the Hotel and Boarding house Keepers, for accommodating visitors at their ordinary fixed charges. Full particulars will be published hereafter in Show Bills.

Short Horn Stock in the County of Wellington.

We gladly insert the subjoined extract from a recent number of the *Guelph Herald*. That country has had from the first a goodly number of intelligent and enterprising settlers from the mother country. We shall always remember with pleasure attending a Farmer's Dinner at Guelph, a few years since, when we were struck with the appearance and spirit of the company, so characteristically British. We could imagine ourselves again in merrie England, and blessed our stars that we were in a country so marvellously like it. At that time it would have been preposterous to have mooted even the probability of Guelph being a place for holding our great Provincial Exhibition, as it could be reached only by ordinary roads. But how soon do railways change the state of things! We are quite sure that whenever the Association may decide on holding the annual Show in Guelph, the merchants and inhabitants of that town, and the farmers and mechanics of the County of Wellington and adjoining districts, will nobly sustain it.

The County of Wellington has for several years occupied a prominent place among those districts of the Province that boast the possession of superior agricultural stock, for which honorable position she is chiefly indebted to the energy and ability of a number of skilful and enterprising proprietors in the townships adjoining her capital, ably seconded by the local agricultural societies. We have frequently had the pleasure of chronicling the arrival of superior animals selected from the herds and flocks of first class English breeders, and the sale of their progeny at what would even in the "old country," be

reckoned high prices. Recently our fellow townsman Mr. F. W. Stone, has acquired no small distinction as an importer and breeder of Short Horns," and three animals shown by him at the County Show in October last, although only imported the previous week, and consequently in poor condition, attracted general admiration, and were regarded by our best judges as likely to prove essentially beneficial in improving the stock of the vicinity. We are gratified to learn, as evidence that the value of superior stock is fully appreciated in the neighborhood, and that our judiciously enterprising farmers may safely calculate on a fair remuneration for the money and labor expended in breeding first-class animals, that Mr. Stone has sold a heifer calf, four months old, the produce of a heifer imported by him last fall, to Mr John Iles, of Farnham Plains, Puslinch, for \$500, the largest sum, so far as we are aware, ever paid for a calf in the Province. We have not seen this "golden calf," but we feel persuaded it must be a beauty, for Mr Iles is reckoned one of the best judges of stock in the county.

Mr Stone's herd, which may now, as regards quality, compare favorably with any in the Province, comprising over twenty Short Horns of the very highest class, kept in first rate condition, is a credit to himself, to his manager, and to the county. In addition to four splendid heifers imported by him this spring, he has at present *en route* for Canada about a score of superior Cotswold Sheep, to be followed by a further importation of carefully selected Short Horns. The introduction of so much pure and fresh blood, combined with Mr Stone's very liberal arrangements for the accommodation of his neighbors, must obviously be largely beneficial to the locality.

While on the subject, we are induced to ask whether the Directors of the Provincial Agricultural Association are not likely soon to direct their attention to Guelph as an admirable site for one of their early exhibitions? Our two lines of railroad now on the eve of completion, will render the locality A 1 as regards transit accommodation. We are situated in the very centre of the finest and best cultivated district Canada can boast, possessing some of the best farmers and best conducted agricultural societies in the Province; and, from the astonishing rapidity with which the town is increasing, we will soon be able to accommodate a few thousand guests within new stone walls. The Town and County Municipalities, we are persuaded, would subscribe handsomely to the prize list; the citizens would make up a heavy purse; and our farmers, who are a present actually overburdened with cash they don't know what to do with, would astonish the Province by their liberality for such a purpose. We trust the Hon. A. Fergusson, Mr. Harland and other friends of "the centre of creation" at the Board of Agriculture, will exert themselves in this matter; we dare pledge ourself they will be well supported by the county.

REAPING MACHINES.—We have been informed by a manufacturer of agricultural implements, one who is excellent authority, that between fifteen and sixteen thousand reaping machines will be manufactured and sold this year in our country. The demand is so great that manufacturers cannot make them fast enough for their orders. This affords evidence of agricultural prosperity, as the cost of these machines will amount to nearly two million of dollars. Our farmers exhibit wisdom in using and patronizing machinery. A reaping machine will save the price of itself in one season.—*Scientific American*.