

addition of \$104, being principally on breeding pens, and \$322 has been added to the prizes in the horticultural department, chiefly on collections of fruit and plants.

The American Shorthorn Breeders' Association give a special prize of \$150 for a butter test in the Durham class, and special prizes are also given by the Eastern Dairymen's Association, the Ontario Creameries' Association, the Beekeepers' Association, the American Shropshire Association, Leicester and Lincoln Breeders' Association, the American Berkshire Association, the Canadian Clydesdale Association, the Canadian Hackney Association, John Holderness, and many others. Altogether, the prize list for the Toronto fair this year will be a very liberal one, and it will, no doubt, as usual bring out the finest stock in the land. All entries in the stock department have to be made before the 13th of August, and for grain and roots before the 20th of August.

The following statement of the amount awarded in prizes and the amount received as gate money in 1891 by the three principal fairs in Canada, as taken from their annual report, may be of interest to our readers:—

AWARDED IN PRIZES, 1891.	
Toronto Industrial Fair.....	\$27,059.00
Montreal Exposition.....	15,375.50
Western Fair, London.....	8,924.34
GATE RECEIPTS AND GRAND STAND, 1891.	
Toronto Industrial Fair.....	\$64,000.25
Montreal Exposition.....	28,167.45
Western Fair, London.....	18,470.02

Western Fair London, September 15th to 24th, 1892—The Great Nine-Day Fair.

All is life and activity in the Western Fair offices. The committees are busily engaged in going over the prize list and arranging details for the coming great fair. The several committees are greatly pleased with the action taken by the Board of Directors in arranging their estimates so as to add about \$2,000 to last year's prize money. This step they felt was necessary to further encourage the farmers and breeders who go to a large expense annually to secure and prepare their stock and products, as nothing but the finest seed and breeding stock satisfy the present demands. Of the \$2,000 the live stock departments will receive about \$1,500. The balance will be divided among the agricultural, horticultural, dairy interests, etc. Third prizes have been added to the cattle classes where they had been omitted heretofore, and new sections have been placed in the sheep classes. In short, new sections have been added where considered necessary, and the already large prizes have been considerably increased. The principal alteration in the live stock department is the adding of a class for the Tamworth pigs which has of late been accepted as one of the leading breeds.

A large number of specials have been received, and among the donors are the Canadian Clydesdale Association, the American Shropshire Association, the American Berkshire Association, the Western Dairymen's Association, the Ontario Creameries' Association, the Ontario Beekeepers' Association, and several private individuals and firms.

The dairy exhibit of last year was the most successful ever seen in Canada, and the chairman, Mr. J. S. Pearce, has again secured the hearty co-operation of the manufacturers, which insures for the Western Fair even a better display of cheese and butter than heretofore.

The Association have thoroughly refitted their new poultry building, so that it is a credit to them, and pronounced by fanciers as second to none in the Dominion. This, together with the fact that \$100 has been added to the prizes in this department, replacing a 3rd prize in every section, is beyond a doubt sufficient to pack the building from end to end with the best poultry on the continent.

The Directors have decided to adopt the one judge system in all classes practicable, and have

received from the principal live stock associations a list of the names of men selected by them as good, reliable, competent judges; from the lists received most of the judges will be chosen. This should give the utmost satisfaction to the exhibitors, from the fact that they themselves had a voice in nominating these men. This will no doubt do away with the petty exhibitions of dissatisfaction sometimes noticeable after the awards have been made.

The beautifying of the grounds has not been lost sight of; roads are being laid out where desirable, and 500 maple and spruce trees are being planted. Other improvements are in contemplation. The Directors mean to keep up with the times in these matters. The Secretary, Mr. Thos. A. Browne, informs us that the horse stables are to receive all necessary repairs. He also states that the Prize List will be ready for distribution not later than the 1st of June. He will be pleased to mail one or more copies to any address on application. The features of the special attractions will be made known to our readers in due time, and it is quite certain they will be of the first order of merit. We fully expect the Western Fair of 1892 to surpass any of its predecessors.

Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition.

The prize list and programme of attractions for the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, July 25-29, announces no less than \$15,000 in prizes, special and regular. Of this sum \$2,500 is devoted to attractions, which include a programme of turf events, bicycle and other races, Rugby foot ball, gymnastic exhibitions, balloon ascensions and parachute descents, and other features, with band music galore. A grand lot of prizes are offered in the live stock, poultry, agricultural, and in fact in all the substantial departments of the fair. The display of horses, cattle, sheep, swine, and poultry promises to eclipse anything ever before brought together in the Prairie Province. Several eastern judges will be secured to award the trophies in the prize ring competitions. In horses, by the way, it might be mentioned, stallions of any age, Clydesdales, Shires, and Percherons (the three recorded draught breeds for which provision is made in the prize list), will meet in competition for a sweepstake silver medal offered by the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, which also offers another for the sweepstake pen of sheep (ram any age, two ewes any age and two ewe lambs) open to all pure breeds. The Provincial Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Thos. Greenway, supplements the silver medal by a cash prize of \$25, so that the sheep breeders should be forward in great force for the sweepstakes ring. The pen is made up the same as the pens in all the regular sections of the sheep departments. Last year the ADVOCATE medals went to dairy cattle, hence it is not inappropriate that they should go now to the encouragement of other classes. The dog show will this year be under the direct control of the Fair Association. In order to meet increasing demands for space, the Association is spending nearly \$11,000 in new buildings, extensions and improvements on the grounds. Among the larger items are \$1,500 for a new dairy building, \$750 for offices, \$1,000 for a carriage house, \$1,200 for horse stables, \$750 for cattle sheds, \$1,000 for dining hall, \$3,200 for wing to main building, and \$1,300 for general improvements. The Canadian Pacific, Northern Pacific, Manitoba and Northwestern, Great North West Central, and other railways carry all exhibits to and from the exhibition free from all points in Manitoba and the Territories, and low passenger rates are also quoted—in many cases under single first-class fare. All entries are to be in on or before July 14th. Write to the Secretary, Mr. J. K. Strachan, Winnipeg, for prize list containing full particulars. Send in your entries early. Large numbers of visitors from Eastern Canada are expected to visit the fair, as the C. P. R. proposes running a special excursion which will afford visitors an opportunity not only to see the exhibition, but the country and the growing grain crops.

Stock.

Chatty Letter from the States.

Too much cannot be said in condemnation of the habit of western breeders in using inferior bulls. The quality of a majority of the beef cattle at market is shameful, and yet good blood was never cheaper.

The distillery cattle feeders are holding back their cattle for better prices; so are many of the corn feeders.

Many of the big Texas cattle dealers if they make \$1 per head are well satisfied. Many of them pay 10 @ 20 per cent. for the use of money during a season.

Considering the great number of common horses being forced to market, the horse trade is very good. High time for those who intend to do something at the World's Fair to be "up and doing."

Current top prices: 1300 @ 1500 lb. steers, \$4.50; Texas steers, 1125 lbs., \$3.70; native heifers, 900 lbs., \$3.75; distillery steers, 1200 lbs., \$4; hogs, \$4.75; western woolled sheep, 116 lbs., \$6.15; lambs, \$7. Top prices a year ago: Native steers, 1370 lbs., \$6.10; Texas steers, 1066 lbs., \$4.80; native heifers, 947 lbs., \$5.65; distillery steers, 1267 lbs., \$5.75; Wyoming heifers, 1422 lbs., \$5.70; hogs, \$4.80; western sheep, \$6; lambs, \$7.25.

Spring lambs are being raised in the west more extensively than ever before. Holden & Brown, of Gallatin, Tenn., marketed 188 head of spring lambs averaging 59 lbs., which sold for \$8.

Live cattle exporters have made money this year, but the latest prices do not leave them much margin, best American steers making 11 cents against 14 cents a year ago; but they have been costing \$4.25 against \$5.50 a year ago.

The late floods all over the western country have stopped general farm work, but facilitated stock shipments, especially cattle, as the feed lots have been in bad shape.

Studs, Herds and Flocks.

SHORTHORNS AT MEADOWVALE.

For several years Messrs. S. J. Pierson & Son, of Meadowvale, have been found at the different Shorthorn sale rings, and it is evident from the class purchased by them that they intend to get in the front ranks as breeders of Shorthorn cattle. It was, therefore, no great surprise to find upon a recent visit so good a selection in their barns. The herd proper was started as early as 1879, when was purchased the cow Zee of the Rose, by Skipton tribe, and bred by John Snell's Sons, of Edmonton. From this cow a lot of good things have been produced, some of which are still retained in the herd. Among these is Zee 3rd, a wonderfully thick, massive cow that has been quite successful in the show ring. In 1882 the imported bull Roderick = 1291 = was placed in the herd, bred by Lord Polwarth, and belonging to his branch of the Brawath Bud tribe, and again in 1886 was purchased the Booth bull Sir Redmond. He was bred by Mr. Chas. Morgan, New Jersey, and was sired by the Warlaby bull Royal George, dam imp. Rosamond 3rd. The bull now at the head of the herd is Tofthills, imported by Messrs. J. & W. Russell, Richmond Hill, bred at Kinellar, of the Claret tribe. This is a large, thick-fleshed bull, and particularly smooth in finish. Cows and heifers principally of the Kinellar line of breeding have been purchased during the last two or three years, among which are imp. Mina Lass, by Gravesend, and Wimple of Halton, the latest purchase being the very thick, handsome heifer, Jilt, sired by imp. Reporter, dam by Baron Linton, granddam the imp. cow Juliet. The above are all of orthodox Kinellar breeding. The yearling heifers sired by Tofthills are neat and good, the whole herd are displaying the greatest possible thrift. We were particularly impressed with a beautiful yearling bull of Jan. 1891, from imported Mina Lass, and sired by J. & W. Russell's prize-winning Stanley. The young calves by Tofthills are also most promising.