n the left breast, and there was also a over the right eye. The deceased had n living in Oakville a few weeks, and ut 60 years of age.

Paradis, proprietor of a cattle near Lake Francis, while on the way ge La Prairie Exhibition with a herd , was horribly lacerated in various f the body, and disembowelled, by an ull. The body was so swollen and d before surgeons arrived that they o little for him, and death was con- probable at latest report.

Wm. Darville, who jumped from a ear Newbury on Thursday evening, s found Friday morning with his skull d lying beside the track, died on ay. He had $300 when found, and there spicion of foul play, although the ay the affair occurred can only be sur- He leaves a wife and five young chil- Deceased was 29 years of age.

Munro, of Dover, Guysboro' Co., was hurrying to get a shot at some ocks when his gun accidentally dis- d, striking his wife and child. The whose breast was completely torn died instantaneously, and the woman precarious condition. The mother her own wounds as she cried, "Maggie , Maggie is shot," and the father's ave way under the shock.

he train from Essex Centre on the Southern railroad was approaching sburg, at 10 p.m. Thursday, a switch mhersburg yard had been left open, train took the track which ran into undhouse, but as the turntable was the wrong way the engine plunged e pit at the bottom of the table, and s brought up against the engine, smash- some of the freight cars and injuring gine. There were only five passengers coach. J. H. C. Atkinson was thrown ree seats, and Thos. Ouellette, Essex's king, was also thumped about roughly, body seriously injured. The turntable secked.

Railway Accident in Quebec.

TTAWA, Oct. 9.—As the train for Mat- was approaching Deux Rivieres last t about 9.30, and when two miles east t Rivieres, running at a rapid rate on n grade, the front axle of the baggage ke down, and after bumping over the a short distance the baggage car oose from the train and fell down the kment, about six feet, followed by two -class and one first-class passenger early filled with passengers, probably ndred in all. The first-class car took d it, with both the second-class cars, tally consumed. Great consternation ed, intensified for a time by the dark- hat night. A number are injured, severely, but none dangerously, the being a boy named Levens, severely

Among the others are Hector Mc- lumberman, shoulder broken; W. J. rt, commercial traveller, both hands burnt, and a man named Price, said to e employ of Thistle, Carswell & Co., idly cut. Several are injured internal- a number are more or less bruised. exertions of the train hands and pas- the burning baggage car was extin- d, and the mails and baggage saved. from here and Pembroke went to lief with medical attendance, and all w being cared for.

FIRES.

Briggs' woollen mill at Stayner was yed by fire on Saturday. Loss, $6,000. t's hotel, outbuildings, and stables eau were destroyed by fire on Satur-

in the lumber-yards of Shortreed at Craighurst on Monday, did $5,000. e. No insurance.

ttawa, Saturday, a house, barn, and belonging to a man named Leblanc estroyed by fire. Loss, $2,000.

elegant cottage of Wm. Clendin- stove manufacturer, of Montreal, was ed to the extent of $7,000 on Sunday, Stanislas stove store on James street maged $2,000 worth by fire.

re and Barn Burned in Lindsay.

DSAY, Ont., Oct. 5.—A fire broke out two o'clock this morning in the grocery wned by Wm. Robson, and occupied M. Armstrong. The loss is about covered by insurance in the Royal an. The fire originated in the cellar. barn and driving sheds belonging to J. ndas, M.P., were totally destroyed by 5 o'clock this morning. It is supposed e been incendiary. The loss is about insured in the Western for $250.

Disastrous Fire in Chatham.

THAM, Oct. 4.—Last night about twelve a fire was discovered in the third of the Kent mills, and despite the ns of the fire brigade the mill and use were burned to the ground. The s and boilers are said to be in good ion. The night force were working as and the engine was running up to the of the firemen. This is the most ous fire that has occurred here for years. forty men are thrown out of employ- The loss is variously estimated at 50,000 to $75,000, with insurances as —On stock, Fire Insurance Associa- 2,000; London and Lancashire, $2,000; Canadian, $2,000. On mill and ma- y, Northern, $3,000; Queen's, $3,000; $4,000; Norwich Union, $4,000; ign, $4,000; Mercantile, of Waterloo, Gore District, $2,000. The origin of e is unknown, various theories being ed, spontaneous combustion, friction, journals, etc. The most probable is d journal in the upper storey. Much hy is expressed for Messrs. Campbell They will rebuild at once on a larger

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FALL FAIRS.

Successful Shows in Various Parts of Ontario.

WESTERN.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—The attendance at the Western fair to-day was very large, $5,200 being taken at the gate. The weather was fine, and the different trials of speed were witnessed by thousands of spectators. The three bicycle contest was won by Westbrook, of Brantford; Burns, of London, second.

SHEEP.

The sheep classes are fairly represented in numbers and quality. Contrary to the usual rule at fairs in recent years, the longwools predominate here. In Lincolns Geary Bros. show a number of animals of their own breeding and importation. Wm. Walker, London, shows sixteen head of Lincolns of various ages. Leicesters are shown by Geo. Douglas, Ilderton, who has several pens of very nice sheep. Jno. Kelly, jr., Shakespeare, has fifteen head of Leicesters, and James S. Smith, Maple Lodge, is also an exhibitor in this class with several large, nicely woolled animals. In Cotswold James Main takes the lead with a part of his recent extensive importations of royal prize winners. Joseph Franks, Dorchester, has several fine Cotswolds, including four shearling rams, a pair of shearling ewes, and one or two pens of lambs. Joseph Salkeld, Stratford, shows several pairs of Southdowns, mainly of Walsingham blood. One or two pens of lambs of this lot deserve special mention for their evenness and quality. Robert Marsh, Richmond Hill, has six or seven pens of the lot shown by him at Toronto and Guelph. John Rutherford, Westminster, shows a number of lambs and shearlings, and John Jackson, Abingdon, has a large selection from his well-known flock. In other downs, Peter and Henry Arkell are pretty extensive exhibitors of Oxfords and Hampshires. Geary Bros. have the largest number of Shropshires, and their display in this class is a good one. T. D. Hodgson, London, shows eighteen head of Shropshires. Other Shropshire breeders represented are Frank Shaw, Westminster; Hugh Love, Huron, and James Cooper, Kippin. In American Merinos Rock Bailey, Union, is as usual the sole exhibitor. Mr. Bailey is an enthusiastic breeder of Merinos, and boasts of having individual sheep in his flock with a record of 30 pounds of unwashed wool at one clipping. His entire flock numbers about 250 head.

SWINE.

The number of swine on exhibition is not as large as has been seen at former Western Fairs, but if somewhat deficient in this respect, the show has the merit of being pretty well up to the average in point of quality. Two well-known exhibitors, Messrs. Main and Featherstone, take the lead in Yorkshires and Suffolks. Mr. Featherstone also shows a number of Essex pigs, the only exhibit noticed in this class. Of local breeders, Malcolm McArthur, Lobo, shows a number of good Suffolks, including two breeding sows with litters. H. Sorby, Guelph, shows an aged Berkshire boar and several sows and young stock, nearly all imported. John Talbot, Delaware, shows a boar and five sows of the Berkshire breed. C. M. Simmons, Ivan, shows twelve Berkshires of various ages, and Angus McKay, Lobo, has a number of young pigs giving evidence of good keep and careful breeding. In Suffolks, the only other exhibitor of note is T. F. Kingsmill, London Township, who shows eleven head, including two fine breeding sows and several good pigs in the one year and up ward class.

POULTRY.

The show of poultry is ahead of that of former years in numbers, but it is not up to the usual standard in point of merit. This is ascribed largely to the fact that the cold, damp season has been unfavourable for rapid and thrifty growth, and a good deal of sickness has prevailed in consequence. Naturally, the Asiatic breeds would suffer most under such conditions, and the show in this class is poor indeed. In a few cases good individual birds are found, but they are rare and isolated, and very few coops are seen of the uniform standard of former years. In Leghorns there are a few good birds, and the Plymouth Rock class, though more numerous than at Toronto, is only fair in point of excellence. Dorkings are well represented, and a lot of good birds are shown; Polands also are quite up to the average in numbers and quality. In the two last-named classes the birds shown by Messrs. Bogue and Main are deserving of special mention. Games are not a good class as a whole, though there are a few coops of fine birds. Mr. Main shows one extra fine game cockerel. The Hamburgs are not as healthy-looking as usual, but there are some good birds amongst them, especially in the chicken classes. The silver spangled Hamburgs show the greatest falling-off in numbers and appearance. The turkeys are a fine lot, bronzes monopolizing the entire show in this class. In water fowl there is a splendid display. Geese of the Bremen and Toulouse varieties are extensively shown, and the birds are large, healthy, and well formed. In ducks the show is not quite so large as usual, but the birds are of good size and breeding. Game bantams are generally poor, but the other varieties of bantams are quite up to the average in quality.

GRAIN.

Amongst the principal exhibitors in fall wheat are Messrs. R. Ruthven, Collingwood township, and R. Plant, Artemisia. There is a good exhibit of spring wheat, the principal prize-winners in which are Messrs. James Stuart, Artemisia; John Marquis, Holland, and Ruthven, of Collingwood. In barley Messrs. Stuart and James Brodie, both of Artemisia, take first and second respectively. Mr. D. Stinson, Artemisia, and Mr. Kells, president of the society, make an excellent exhibit of oats, and are first and second prize-winners respectively. The entries in peas are small, but the quality of the samples is above the average. This section of country is remarkable for good pea crops, the farmers never being troubled as others are with the bug.

CHEESE AND BUTTER.

The exhibit of both butter and cheese marks this as an excellent dairy country. All the samples of butter are remarkably fine, that shown by Mrs. James Ferris, Proton, taking first prize. This lady also captured a red ticket for home-made bread. The cheese exhibited by the Flesherton Company received first prize.

HORSES.

Like last year, it was in this department that the most signal success of the fair was made. All the sections were well filled with entries, and the animals shown were generally of a high class. The principal centre of attraction during the afternoon was the horse ring, where the speeding of saddle, carriage, and buggy horses was in progress. Amongst the stallions exhibited is Clear Grit, owned by J. R. Trimble, Markdale. This animal took first prize at the Industrial Exhibition of Toronto amongst roadsters. Mr. McAleer, Artemisia, shows a fine general purpose stallion. In draughts Mr. S. Stokes as usual took first prize, his team being a fine imported one of dapple grey. The exhibit of general purpose horses was good, Mr. G. Dunwoodie capturing first prize with a handsome team of brown six-year-olds. In roadsters Mr. James Johnston was the successful competitor, while in carriage horses Mr. J. H. Henderson captured the coveted "first." There was a remarkably good exhibit of buggy horses. The first prize was taken by Mr. J. R. Trimble's Golddust. This horse was exhibited at Toronto, and was set down for second prize, but owing to an accident could not go through with the competition. About twenty entries were made in saddle horses, Mr. W. G. Moffatt taking first.

CATTLE, SHEEP, AND PIGS.

Why East Grey should be behind its neighbour of the south in the matter of cattle raising is a question which has puzzled a good many in this section. Still some progress is being made in cattle-raising here, and the exhibit this year is far better than last year. A few Durhams, Ayrshires, and Devons are shown. Mr. R. Oliver, of Artemisia, however, exhibits a very creditable-looking herd of Devons. This gentleman has taken first prizes for oxen, aged Devon bull, yearling Devon bull, Devon cow and calf, and for the finest herd of milch cows with pedigree bull. The principal exhibitors in Durhams are Messrs. R. Black, Proton; H. D. Irwin and — Wright, of Artemesia. In sheep Mr. Joseph Howe, Kimberley, has taken first and second prizes for Shropshire and Devons, and Mr. Shepardson all the first prizes for long wools. Mr. W. H. Campaign, Flesherton, has taken first prize for the best aged Berkshire sow and second for Cheshire white boar.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

In agricultural implements and machinery the display at London is always large, and this year it is, if anything, more extensive and varied than usual. Of late years the great attraction for the public in this department has been the self-binders, which promise to work such a revolution in the labour of the farmer's harvest. The success and permanence of this improvement is now assured beyond a doubt, as the experience of thousands of farmers who have worked these machines during the past two seasons can testify, and manufacturers have only to go on simplifying and perfecting the details of the principle and educate the public by exhibitions of its working to ensure its general adoption. At the fair here nearly every manufacturer of implements in the country is represented, and each supplies his own power to run his machinery.

COMPARISON OF ENTRIES.

The following comparison of the entries for this and last year will prove interesting. It must be remembered, however, that the entries this fall would have been even more numerous but for the fact that many of the farmers have too much to do at home to think of the exhibition:—

	1883.	1882.
Horses	136	91
Thoroughbred cattle with registered pedigree	15	10
Grades	43	49
Swine	16	14
Poultry	46	42
Grain	80	78
Roots and vegetables	175	172
Fruit	119	66
Dairy produce	50	40
Domestic manufactures	197	179
Total	868	741

GREAT CENTRAL FAIR.

HAMILTON, Oct. 4.—The weather to-day was most charming for exhibition purposes, and the morning sun had only been a short time above the horizon when the energetic officers and directors of the association put in an appearance on the grounds for the purpose of having everything in readiness for the exhibitors and spectators at a later hour of the morning. The trains from east and west brought in large numbers of excursionists, and the farming community fairly poured into the grounds from the time the gates were opened until the evening, when the hall was opened with a concert and the building was brilliantly illuminated.

The exhibition of horses is of a very creditable description, and far in excess of that of last year, which was of a superior character.

J. W. Thompson, of Orkney, exhibits a splendid two-year-old roadster stallion, sired by King Tom.

A very fine exhibition of cattle is made here this year, reflecting much credit upon the farmers of this locality and the fancy stock breeders generally.

The exhibit of swine, though by no means up to what it was in former days, when such noted importers and breeders as Messrs. Geo. Roach, John Snell, J. R. Craig, and others contended for the prizes with magnificent displays in each particular class, and the prices of fancy pigs went up into the hundreds, is still very creditable, especially in the Suffolk, Yorkshire, and Essex classes. There are a good many shown in Berkshires, but none of notable merit.

The show of sheep in the Down classes is, by all odds, the best yet seen here.

The Ontario Experimental Farm makes a fine exhibit in several classes, but not for competition.

NORTH YORK.

NEWMARKET, Oct. 3.—The sun shone out gloriously over the town to-day on the occasion of the second, or rather chief day of the annual fall exhibition, which was formally opened by the Lieutenant-Governor. Yesterday the exhibits were being brought in, and in the afternoon the dairy and farm products were judged. Several city gentlemen were present and were appointed judges, amongst whom Ald. Baxter was left to exercise his taste amongst the dairy products. The exhibition of butter, cheese, and general dairy articles was very fine, and the only difficulty experienced by the judge was in giving any decision, so great was the quantity of first-class stuff. Besides the butter prizes there were specials for the best rolls of butter in small quantities. Near the butter exhibits were placed the grain bags, and this exhibit was also as complete as usual. There were several samples of white winter wheat which were fit for any exhibition, and worthy of this district. The winter wheat generally brought out a numerous supply of all the varieties, and in each class the samples were fine, and looked to be good, healthy, full-bodied seed. The spring wheat was also fully represented, as also the other varieties. Barley was well forward, and the exhibits of the Russian variety were as good as any shown this fall. Rye was plentiful, not in the abstract, and for the two prizes in this class there was a close contest, there being little

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in any of the samples. Oats were well shown, and the black and white varieties were very fully represented. Peas and beans had a good show, and, in the former especially, the exhibit was very creditable. Buckwheat was not so well represented, though there were some very fine exhibits. In seeds there was a big show, the best exhibits being amongst the red clover, timothy, Alsike clover, Swede turnips, and flax seeds. Roots and vegetables were a most creditable show, and the potatoes were as fine as could well be seen at any fair.

The horse ring runs round the grounds, and is as fine a speeding ground as any that could be got. On this was shown some of the finest stock that could be looked at. The farmers of North York have ample reason to be proud of their live stock, and it is well known that Newmarket and the district around it can show as fine animals as any part of the Dominion. The display of draught, saddle, and driving horses could not be surpassed by any like number of entries, and the horses actually engaged in farm work were a treat to see. Amongst such material it was hard for the judges to make a selection, and the judging was a somewhat tedious matter. The number of ponies was large, and a young French stallion, owned by Mr. McClintock, of the Royal hotel, and driven by Miss Roadhouse, of Newmarket, was the cynosure of all eyes. Blood stock was fairly well represented, and the English imported Clydes were present in numbers. This was the most successful portion of the fair.

EAST YORK.

MARKHAM, Oct. 4.—The thirty-first annual exhibition of the East York and Markham Agricultural Societies opened here to-day. The weather was favourable, and the attendance was as large as usual on the opening day of a fair, amounting probably to between two and three thousand admissions. The entries in all classes are quite up to, and in some cases exceed, the average. This is specially noticeable in horses, ladies' work, and dairy produce. To-day the exhibits were confined to agricultural products, implements, and manufactures, but to-morrow the live stock will be on the ground, and with a complete exhibition and good weather a large attendance may be expected. The show of roots, vegetables, and dairy produce is excellent. In grain the exhibit, though fairly large, is not quite up to former years in quality, owing to the unfavourable season. There is a good show of carriages, waggons, and omnibusses, the well-known firm of Speight & Sons, who manufacture so largely of these vehicles, being right at home here.

IN THE HORSE RING.

During the day the contests in the speeding classes came off in the horse ring. The events included driving in harness for single horses and teams and running, best two in three, donkey race, pony race, hurdle jumping, and lady driving and riding. Most of the events were keenly contested, and created the liveliest interest. To-night the village is crowded to overflowing with exhibitors and visitors from a distance, and the cot in the corridor is a luxury which many would prize.

MARKHAM, Oct. 5.—The attendance on the second and last day of the Markham fall fair shows that this old established exhibition is not declining in interest and attractiveness. A large number of visitors came to the fair by train from Toronto and intermediate points, as well as from those to the north, and every available corner was occupied with the teams and vehicles of those who drove in from the surrounding country.

During the forenoon the animals entered in the live stock classes were brought on the grounds, and the judges were set at work without delay. The Markham fair has always been noted for its display of stock, and this year it has been no exception to the rule. In horses alone there were upwards of 450 entries, and the number of horses brought into the show ring did not fall far short of that figure.

WEST DURHAM AND DARLINGTON.

BOWMANVILLE, Oct. 3.—The West Durham county and Darlington township Agricultural Society's fair was held here to-day and yesterday. Notwithstanding that the Whitby fair was held on the same days the Bowmanville show was a great success both in regard to attendance and number of entries. The latter amounted in all to about 1,500. The weather was fine and cool to-day, and the grounds were in capital condition for both visitors and exhibitors.

HORSES.

Bowmanville being situated in a district noted for its horses, it was not surprising to find that there was an excellent show in this department, particularly in the heavy draught class. Robert Beith, well known as an importer of Clydesdales, showed four stallions of this breed, all of them being 2-year-olds. They are magnificent animals, and were much admired. Mr. James Beith showed a 3-year-old Clydesdale stallion, Canadian bred, which attracted almost as much attention as the imported animals. The general purpose teams were strongly represented. The principal exhibitors were W. B. Allen, of Newcastle; G. Much, of Darlington; D. Smith, of Liskard; and John Trewen, of Cartwright. In the single class, general purpose, Mr. R. L. Rolls, of Liskard, showed a 1-year-old filly; R. Virtue, of Enniskillen, a 1-year-old filly; and Samuel Allen, of Bowmanville, one filly, all handsome females. In addition to the Clydesdale stallions we have mentioned, J. Wilcox, of Hampton, showed three heavy draughts. There was a very pretty display of single road or carriage horses in harness, over 15 hands. John Virtue brought his chestnut gelding, a Crown Imperial, and carried off the first prize. Dr. Mitchell, of Enniskillen, was a close competitor with his light sorrel and took second prize. R. H. Collacutt, Bowmanville, showed a very stylish roadster and carried off the third prize. Other entries of great merit were Mr. Frank Henderson's grey gelding, and the roadsters belonging to Charles Williams, of Darlington, Mr. McMurtrey, Bowmanville, and Mr. W. R. Prower. The single road or carriage horses, 15 hands and under, were as usual an attractive lot of ponies. Mr. Henry Galbraith showed his Molly Garfield, now four years old, the mare that won first last year at the Bowmanville fair, and has taken numerous other prizes. She is a stylish and fast trotter, and after being tested against six competitors was again awarded the first premium. Mr. Phillips, of Hampton, showed his black gelding, a remarkably showy pony full of fire and spirit, and took second. Mr. Fisher, of Bowmanville, who came into the grounds with a very natty gelding, was awarded the third prize. William Walstcott, Bowmanville, also showed in this class. John Stevens showed a very handsome Royal Exchange black stallion; James N. Duncan McNeil a two-year-old carriage filly; John Marshall, of Hampton, a four-year-old roadster horse; Sandie McCullough a two-year-old roadster stallion; and W. Cooney, of Kirby, a two-year-old carriage filly by Aurora Chief. There were other horses on the grounds, but the names of their owners could not be ascertained. In the saddle class there were but two competitors, Mr. Marshall Porter and Mr. Frank Henderson. Mr. Porter rode his black mare, while Mr. Henderson entered a sorrel gelding of blooded stock. The sorrel was the fastest runner, while the black was the best trotter and walker. The first prize was taken by the black, and the second, of course, fell to Mr. Henderson's horse. The only lady rider who put in an appearance was Mrs. L. E. Toole, of Enniskillen, who, after giving a pretty exhibition, was accorded the first prize.

CATTLE.

There was a larger number of cattle than one would have expected to see at a county fair. Samuel Allen showed a herd of Durhams—a two-year-old bull and eight females; R. Collacutt, of Tyrone, twelve shorthorns, including a yearling Cruickshank bull and two imported females; L. Skinner, of Tyrone, two shorthorn heifers; William Curtis, a herd of Devons, which were shown at the Industrial and the Provincial; W. Werry, of Solina, a number of shorthorns, and Thomas Hardy, Tyrone, a Durham grade heifer. Mr. James Leask, of Taunton, exhibited largely in grades.

SHEEP.

The show of sheep was unusually large. Mr. Albert Tamblyn, of Orono, exhibited nine Leicesters, including the ewe lamb which took the prize at Toronto. John Elford, Bowmanville, had four pens of Leicesters, and Thomas Hardy, Tyrone, an aged Leicester ram. W. B. Allen, of Newcastle, made a large display with fourteen Leicesters, while Samuel Allen showed five. R. Collacutt & Sons were very prominent exhibitors, showing eleven Cotswolds and twenty Shropshires imported from Shrewsbury. Daniel Dyer, of Enfield, showed five Shropshires, Daniel Pollard five Southdowns, W. C. Blackburn a number of Leicesters.

In swine South Snowdon took a prominent place in Berkshires. There were some capital Suffolks on the ground.

LINCOLN

ST. CATHARINES, Oct. 3.—The thirty-fifth annual union exhibition of the county of Lincoln and the township of Grantham was formally opened here yesterday, but owing to the heavy rain very few people visited the grounds. In the meantime, however, the president, Mr. J. W. Johnson, and his board of directors improved the time by having the articles sent to the hall placed in proper positions for the inspection of the visitors, who attended in large numbers to-day. In fact the weather could not be more favourable for the show than it is to-day, and as a natural consequence the town folks and those from the surrounding districts, or as this neighbourhood is familiarly termed, "The Garden of Canada," directed their steps to the show grounds in large numbers. Large crowds of people came in by rail also, cheap excursions having been arranged for the auspicious occasion. The exhibition park is pleasantly situated in the northern part of the city, and the roads leading thereto are in good condition. The agricultural hall is a commodious building, not unlike the horticultural hall at the Exhibition park, Toronto, and the grain sheds are well adapted for the purposes of the exhibit. The entries in all classes this year have reached the large number of 4,000. Of these 197 were of horses and 147 of cattle, so that the secretary, Mr. Andrew Johnston, had his hands full in attending to the requirements of the exhibitors.

FRUIT.

The exhibition of fruit, owing, no doubt, principally to the lateness of the season, although pretty good, was not nearly so large as one would expect to find in this celebrated fruit-growing district. The grapes, especially the white varieties, have greatly suffered by mildew, caused, no doubt, by the wet season. The dark grapes were not so sensibly affected by the damp weather, and consequently they presented a much better appearance. Only a few seedlings were shown, and no new varieties worth mentioning. The Jessica, a new white variety, which came to the front last year, could not stand the winter, one prominent gardener here having lost 15,000 vines by having the roots killed by the frost. The grape this year is also mildewed and dwarfed. The general opinion of gardeners this season is that the Jessica is no good. The display of pears and apples is very fine indeed, much superior to that at the Toronto exhibition.

HORSES.

The display of horses, as was to be expected in this city, was very good. Lincoln county has long been noted for the excellence of its trotting stock, and the visitors to the show always look forward to seeing a fine display of horses, especially of this class. The track here is a half mile and has been newly graded, and is now in excellent condition. Among the principal exhibitors may be noted Mr. John Carroll, of this city, who shows a fine roadster stallion, a Mambrino, and also an imported Reveller, also a number of fine colts. Dr. Goodman shows a very fine black roadster mare. Mr. E. P. Healey shows the celebrated four-year-old filly Nora, by Stanton. Mr. J. H. Boughner, of Clinton, shows a very fine pair of roadsters, and Mr. A. Haines, of this city, also shows a pair of black roadsters which are fine steppers for colts. Mr. A. Martin, of Jordan, shows a splendid team of brown roadsters, and Mr. Isaac Wardell, of Smithville, shows a team of roadsters which have fine action. Mr. F. P. House, of Beamsville, shows a splendid pair of roadsters. Mr. H. Helliwell, of St. Kitts, shows a roadster mare, and Mr. A. Lloyd, of this city, also has an exhibition his well-known roadster, Bob W. Mr. D. Vandelip, of Grantham, exhibits a chestnut mare, by Fulton. Mr. A. Henry, of this city, shows a fine grey gelding, which is much admired by good judges for his beauty, and may be classed as a 2.40 stepper. Messrs. B. Spence & Son, of Drummondville, exhibit a splendid stallion and a number of colts.

Mr. Robert Mitchell, formerly of Gerrard street, Toronto, but now the well-known contractor and stock-breeder of Stamford, shows a number of roadster and heavy draft horses, several brood mares and colts being of the number. Mr. Mitchell, it may be stated, is the owner of the dam of the celebrated trotter Fides, whose record as a four-year-old was 2.26. This horse is now in New York and doing well. Mr. Mitchell may be congratulated upon his success as a stock breeder.

In the general purpose horse class there are several noble specimens worthy of special mention. Among these may be noted a team shown by A. Huntsberger, of Jordan; Henry Cottonmeyer, of this city; John Dumble of St. Kitts; Wm. Brown, of Allanburg; A. W. Wilson, of this city; and Louis Bowman, also of this city.

In heavy drafts the following are worthy of mention:—Wm. Cottonmeyer, of this city, shows a fine team; Thomas Edmonson, J. R. Sways, A. Huntsberger, and D. C. Rowland are also exhibitors of heavy teams of a superior quality.

CATTLE, SHEEP, AND PIGS.

In the exhibition of cattle are found a large number of Durhams. Among the exhibitors are the following:—Mr. J. H. Crawford, of Stamford; Messrs. Hiscott & Son, of Grantham; James Brown, of Thorold; and P. Nihan, of this city; and among the exhibitors of grades are Depoty & Son, James Brown, of Thorold; R. Mitchell, of Stamford; Thos. Brown, of Thorold, and A. Vine, of this city; and Mr. James Johnson, of this city.

Among the exhibitors of sheep are John Jackson, the well-known breeder of Abington; John Young, of the same place; P. Metler, Springstead, and Wm. Ash.

There are several valuable pens of swine shown; the exhibitors being F. Wyatt, of Jordan; A. Gregory, of Louth; Wm. Cottonmeyer, of this city; and J. R. Sways.

The display of grains and roots and field crops generally are very good, notwithstanding the backward state of the season.

The show of poultry was very creditable, and in fact all the departments were well filled, and the management throughout reflected credit upon the President, Secretary, and the directors generally. The show will extend until to-morrow night.

The speeding in the ring to-day was very much admired, and, as usual, created a great deal of amusement.

WELLAND.

WELLAND, Oct. 8.—The annual fall show for the county of Welland opened here today. As it was the first day of the fair the attendance was not large, and the event excited no very great amount of interest in the town.

The exhibits in most of the departments that were completed to-day appear to be quite up to the average of former years. The show of roots and vegetables is especially fine, and in most of the fruit classes there is a large display. The grain exhibit here, as elsewhere, is below the average.

In the live stock classes horses alone were on the grounds to-day. Besides a good representation of stallions, the show of teams and single-drivers was especially fine. In carriage horses J. F. Ellis shows a handsome pair of brown horses; Samuel Sherk, of Decew Falls, has a well-matched pair of black carriage-horses, and George Page showed a span of carriage-mares from the thoroughbred sire Major Macon. In general purpose horses there is a large show. The pick in the roadster class is a team made up of Clara Miller and Trinket, the property of Wm. Holder, of Crowland. E. Fortner and Jas. Spain are also exhibitors in this class. In single roadsters L. V. Garner, Welland, shows a fine bay mare; W. R. McKinney shows the well-known racer Joe Stoner; Jesse Steele shows a fine open-gaited brown horse, and Robert Cooper has a stylish little bay sired by Volunteer.

There is a large show of single horses in harness. Among the horses noticed in this class were a large rangy sorrel horse shown by Matthias Graham, a bay by Robert Pew, and a handsome black mare by Mr. Hoag, of Thorold. A. Griffith, Welland, also shows a bay horse in this class. In the horse classes the saddle horses alone are a poor lot.

The speeding in the ring, a feature now becoming general in agricultural shows, was the centre of attraction here to-day. In this class special prizes are offered for style and speed to single drivers and teams. The prizes are to be won by the best three in five. Two of the heats in the team class and one in the single drivers were trotted to-day. In teams, W. R. McKenny's Joe Stoner and Lady Myers came in first in each heat, with A. Griffith's Barney and mate second, and James Spain's pacer and mate third. In the single horse heat Joe Stoner took first, Lady Myers second, and Grey Barney third.

WELLAND, Oct. 9.—The second and closing day of the Welland fair was successful in attendance and interest beyond the most sanguine expectations of its managers. The weather was all that could be wished for, and from an early hour in the morning the town was thronged with visitors, who came in by rail and vehicles from the surrounding country. The success of this year's fair is all the more gratifying because it is the first that has been held under the new rule of management, which permits only residents of the county to become exhibitors. For several years past this has been the practice in adjoining county fairs, and eventually the Welland society were forced in self-protection to adopt a similar rule.

WEST HURON.

GODERICH, Oct. 9.—The annual exhibition on the West Riding of Huron opened to-day under very favourable auspices. The weather was more like summer than fall. Overcoats were at a discount, and everybody seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. The attendance to-day was of course small, as it always is on first days. Farmers are more interested in the stock and farm implements than in patchwork quilts or paintings, and as the former will not be on exhibition till to-morrow they will defer their visit till then.

On entering the agricultural hall, as the drill sheds have been named for the time being, one is struck with the excellent exhibit of flowers, fruit, and roots. Judging from this alone, farmers in the county can congratulate themselves on having as favourable a location as almost any other part of the province. No trouble or expense has been spared to make the exhibition a success, and although much of the grain throughout the country is still unthreshed, the farmers have done credit to themselves by the splendid exhibit they make. A walk through the building shows this.

The dairy is well represented. Butter and cheese occupy a prominent position, next the grain. No less than fourteen samples of butter were put aside from which to select one for first prize. The judges found it a difficult matter to decide.

THE LIVE STOCK.

Amongst the principal stock exhibitors are Humphrey Snell & Sons. In sheep they show very fine Shropshire downs and Leicesters. They also show some very excellent Durham cattle. Messrs. E. Cresswell and John Howick, of Tuckersmith; J. O. Stewart and A. Glenn, of Colborne, are also large exhibitors.

Nothing can be said about horses and very little about cattle to-day, as a great majority of the exhibitors will not have their stock on the grounds till to-morrow.

EAST SIMCOE.

BARRIE, Oct. 9.—The East Simcoe fall fair opened to-day here under the most favourable conditions. The weather, which for the last week had been cold and threatening, suddenly changed this morning into almost summer mildness, and if this continues through to-morrow it will be the most successful fair ever held north of Toronto. Of course to-day was only preparatory. The entries are not yet completed, and none of the live stock with the exception of some of the horses are upon the ground. The horticultural hall department is, however, completed, and the exhibit is a decided success.

The entries are fully double that of former years, and the improvement in quality is fully equal to that of quantity. The only drawback is in fall wheat, of which there is not one first-class sample on the grounds. In spring wheat, on the contrary, a decided improvement is marked both in weight and colour. In roots the display is excellent, and fit to compare with anything ever seen at a provincial fair. In fruit the gain is not so marked; the early frosts affected all late varieties. This was especially the case in plums, but there are a few splendid samples shown. Considering the season and the climate, the display of grapes grown in the open air is simply surprising.

CARDWELL.

BETON, Oct. 9.—The annual exhibition of the electoral district of Cardwell and Tecumseth branch Agricultural Societies opened at Beeton to-day. The number of entries is unusually large, about two thousand. The exhibit in grain, roots, fruit, and dairy produce is far beyond anything anticipated. The outside display, which consists the first day of implements, carriages, &c., is also much more extensive than heretofore The societies' grounds are undergoing repairs, and when completed would do credit to a very much larger show.

A half-mile track is in course of construction, and although not finished yet the speeding to-day was very good. For the fastest horse in harness, ten went out. Mr. Grey, of Schomberg, came off victorious, Mr. Kitely taking second place. All of the animals were of a very superior class, highly bred and trained and properly cared for.

The entries for to-morrow are large, especially in the live stock line. Some of Canada's best breeders have already arrived with their stock, amongst whom are Messrs. Frank & Sons, of Cheltenham, who has some very fine Durhams, pigs, and sheep. Mr. E. Jeffs also has a number of very fair animals of their kind. He shows in all classes of Durhams, also Mr. Jas. Riddell, of Beeton.

It is expected if the weather is at all favourable that six to eight thousand people will be present to-morrow.

PRINCE EDWARD.

PICTON, Oct. 9.—To-day is the first day of the Prince Edward Agricultural Society's show, and is far in advance of any previous show held in the county. The total entries in all classes number 1,430, which is twice as many as was recorded at the best shows of previous years.

There was a large display of live stock, 200 entries being received for horses, 130 for cattle, 100 for sheep, 162 for poultry, and 50 for swine. The horses in all classes were unusually fine, and people witnessing the show of horses to-day were compelled to admit that Prince Edward still maintained its reputation for producing first-class animals.

The show of cattle and poultry is splendid. There was the largest display of thoroughbred cattle ever shown in the county. Among the poultry were some very high classed birds that would have done credit to the provincial exhibition. There were 263 entries for grain and vegetables.

The grounds were in splendid order, the weather was beautiful, and there was a large attendance. If the weather should be favourable to-morrow there will be an immense crowd on the grounds.

CENTRE WELLINGTON.

FERGUS, Oct. 9.—The Centre Wellington exhibition opened here to-day with Queen's weather, and promises to be a great success. The number of entries exceeds former years, and the display in the hall is equal to the provincial, and pronounced by some to be superior. The dairy is very fine, showing that the ladies of Wellington take great interest in the making of butter. The competition is keen in ladies' work. The fine arts, fruit, plants, flowers, roots, and grain are all well represented.

On Wednesday the horses, cattle, sheep, and mechanical department will be exhibited in the driving park. The fine weather continuing, a large turn out is expected.

OTHER FALL FAIRS.

WROXETER.

WROXETER, Oct. 3.—The Wroxeter horticultural show was held here yesterday and to-day. The entries numbered over eight hundred. The exhibits were good, and compared favourably with past years. The ladies' work was above the usual standard. The cattle were good. Horses were a fine show, principally young animals. Pigs and sheep were good, but not numerous. Fruit surpassed expectations. Field roots were a fair average, but the display was small. In grains the display was better than was expected for the season. Poultry, a very small assortment. The attendance was not as good as usual.

WEST PETERBORO'.

PETERBORO', Oct. 3.—The annual exhibition of the West Riding Agricultural Society was held here yesterday and to-day, and was fairly successful. The inside exhibit was perhaps better than last year. Grains were well represented, but fruits hardly came up to the average. Roots were excellent. There was a light exhibition of agricultural implements, and the cattle were decidedly not up to the mark. The show of horses was good,