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### THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

Hamilton, Sept. 29th, 1864.

In many respects the great exhibition of 1864 is an improvement on former years. The ambitious little city has been thronged by visitors from all parts of the country, and the weather—an important consideration—has been particularly fine. The dust is true, as at first almost suffocating, but there are very few who would prefer a little dust to torrents of rain and oceans of mud. I have never been more thoroughly impressed with the importance of such exhibitions. The crowds may contain a number of ladies and gentlemen of care who come here for mere pleasure, and not a few of the swell more on business, but the vast majority is composed of enterprising farmers and intelligent-looking farmers and their sons. Here the latter especially must pick up a vast amount of knowledge which shall be of great value in future years. The congregation of splendid stock, produce and improved implements gives an opportunity for observation and comparison which can be secured by no other means. May the lessons learned be laid to heart. I cannot, of course, accord to your instructions, do more than glance at general results, but I must say that these are of a very cheering nature. The number of entries is considerably in excess of that of last year, being 6,138 in all, against 4,338 in 1863. The entries of stock are very large, and some splendid animals are on exhibition. Mr. Stone of Guelph is unusually in the leading ranks, his dove being unusually large, and the quality superb. He is closely followed however by other leading breeders. It is a pity your splendid county is not better represented in this respect. Mr. Geo. Anderson, of Stanley, I am happy to see, has entered the lists and has taken some prizes. The show of Sheep is magnificent, the best I have ever seen in this country. Mr. John Snel, of Edmonton, a member, if I am not mistaken, of one of the latest improvements, finished, of which you have a worthy local representative in Mr. Humphrey Snell of Hullett, carries off many prizes for his superior sheep, and is about equal to Mr. Stone. The competition for the Canada Company's prize for the best 25 bushels of Fall Wheat was very keen. Mr. J. Hamilton of West Flamboro' was the successful competitor, and pocketed \$100. His wheat was of the white south variety. There were 17 entries in all.

I had the pleasure of witnessing the great ploughing match on Tuesday. It was a trial of skill indeed. The field selected was on the farm of Mr. Hugh Nowik, about 8 miles out of the city. Over 50 ploughmen competed, and the competition was very keen. From the following list of prizes offered, you will see that it was a battle worth fighting:— First Prize—For the best ploughing, according to the rules of the Association, prize presented by Mr. Joseph Hall, of Oshawa, one of his combined Old Reaping and Mowing machines, with all the latest improvements, finished in superior style, valued at \$150. Second Prize—For the best ploughing according to the rules, the iron plough which shall take the first prize at the exhibition; value, say \$40. Third Prize—For the next best ploughing, the wooden plough which shall take the prize at the exhibition; value, say \$30. Fourth Prize—For the next best ploughing, a set of Harrows; value, say \$20. The result is not known yet.

In some branches of Manufacture, considerable rivalry is shown, while in others a spirited competition is going on. Of agricultural implements there is a large display, and no one can inspect the splendid specimens of reapers, separators, ploughs, &c., without being convinced that in this respect Upper Canada is making rapid strides. By the way, my attention was drawn to some splendidly-finished iron and other ploughs manufactured by R. Ranciman & Co. of Goderich, which I must say, bear a comparison with any shown. It is a great pity that some branches of manufacture are almost unrepresented. The interests of our country demand that local manufactures of all kinds should be fostered and encouraged by all means in our power, as they tend to develop home industry, give occupation to our young men, and keep money in the country, which is a consummation to be devoutly wished for.

Strange as it may appear, your great County of Huron may be fairly considered first in the department of arts. Mr. W. N. Crosswell of Harpeshay, whose works are known to connoisseurs through former exhibitions, displays this year quite a large number of really beautiful paintings in oil and water-colors. His groups of animals, landscapes, and marine views, principally Canadian—I am glad to say—are most favorably pronounced upon by persons capable of appreciating the truly

beautiful in art. The drawing is very correct, and the coloring, careful attention to minute, &c., betray the refined mind and skillful touch of a master. You will see when the prize list goes up that Mr. C. carries away a large number of first prizes.

Yesterday was a grand day for Hamilton. By train, by boat, by private conveyance people poured in, until it was estimated that we had nearly, if not quite, 25,000 visitors in the city. The sidewalks were crowded, the stores filled with customers, the hotels with lodgers, the avenues to the Crystal Palace jammed—a perfect sea of humanity everywhere, and all seemed to be in a happy frame of mind. Nearly 14,000 tickets were sold at 25c, and the Exhibition grounds, galleries, &c., were thronged by eager crowds of sight-seers. The arrangements are not perhaps perfect, but we have reason to feel proud that everything is going off as well as it is.

### FALL ASSIZES.

TUESDAY—CONTINUED.

**McRitchie vs. Rags &c.**—Verdict for plaintiff \$36.90. Cameron for plaintiff, Harrison for deft.

**Shannon vs. White.**—Verdict for plaintiff \$24.76. Cameron for plaintiff, Lewis for deft.

**Majot vs. Wallace.** action on note.—Verdict for plaintiff \$597.28. Davison for plaintiff.

**Bell vs. Potts.** Verdict for plaintiff, \$448.81. Sinclair for plaintiff.

**Hillier vs. Frutick.** Assault.—This was a case growing out of an assault committed by Mr. Frutick upon Mr. Hillier, during a kind of justification at or near Ainleyville, in the course of which, the latter party got rather warm, as one of the witnesses expressed it, meaning slightly. Verdict for plaintiff, \$35.00 damages. Sinclair for plaintiff, Moss for deft.

**Ranciman vs. Barber.**—Verdict for plaintiff by consent \$35.07. Cameron for plaintiff, Shaw for deft.

**Sullivan vs. King.**—Verdict for plaintiff \$473.30. Cameron for plaintiff, Sinclair for plaintiff, \$70.

**Bolton vs. Houck.**—Verdict for plaintiff. Davison for plaintiff. M'Dermott for deft.

WEDNESDAY.

The Court opened at 9 o'clock.

**Little vs. Foley.**—This was an action of trover brought by the plaintiff to recover the value of a considerable quantity of square timber, which he claimed had been got out for him, although the defendant had purchased it from two men named Bevis, who had been employed by Little in getting the timber out. As usual in such cases, a great number of witnesses were called on both sides.—Verdict for plaintiff, \$70.

**The Queen vs. Jeremiah Parker, Forgery.**—The prisoner was charged with having altered orders to which he had forged the name of one William Buchanan, of the township of Hay, during the month of September, inst.

**Mrs. MELLISH, sworn.** I live in Tuckersmith. An wife of Mr. Robert Mellish, who does business in that township. On the 10th of the present month prisoner came to our shop and asked if we would take an order on Wm. Buchanan for goods. I said I must ask my husband first. Next morning, my husband having consented to take the order, prisoner came in and presented me with the \$15.00 order now shown me, saying it was Buchanan's order. He said his name was Robert Reid. He said he lived with Wm. Buchanan and was working for him. I gave him \$15 worth, and he took it away.

**MR. HARRISON.**—On the first day of the month Smith was talking concerning parties in the States—Hessan, Morriway, Sayers and others. We were at McFarlane's Tavern and I drank three times. Prisoner was drinking also. The next time I saw him was at Betton's tavern, near which the offer of enlistment and bounty jumping took place. I told him I could not go for I had a case in the Division Court. That was a lie, and it was only pumping him, my motive being to prevent young men being taken away. This was all the evidence of any importance.

After being charged by His Lordship in a very careful manner, the jury retired, and after about an hour spent in noisy consultation, sent out word that they had not agreed, and were to keep their case before me on the 22nd inst, when I gave him a couple of hours longer, when they came into court and announced that they could not agree. The jury was discharged, and Smith bound over in his own recognizance for £100 and one surety for a like sum to appear at next sittings.

**John Mullen,** who has been in goal for 24 months in default of finding sureties to keep the peace, on a charge of threatening, was dismissed, with a warning to keep a civil tongue in his head for the future.

PRESENTMENT.

The Grand Jurors, through their Foreman, Mr. John Treleven, Presented:—That they had examined the grand order and the prisoners well satisfied with their treatment at the hands of the gaoler and his subordinates. They found two confirmed lunatics of a dangerous

character in the goal, and urged the necessity of their removal to the Lunatic Asylum. They recommended a change in the law, so that witnesses in criminal cases might be entitled to compensation for loss of time and travelling expenses.

The learned Judge remarked, with regard to the last suggestion, that many Grand Jurors had recommended the same thing. The payment of all witnesses might lead to serious abuses, but he believed that in all cases of *bona fide* crime the witnesses should be paid, and he hoped a law to that effect would be enacted ere long. With regard to lunatics he was sorry to say that the same complaint was heard in other counties, but the answer in most cases when application was made to have them admitted to the Provincial Asylum, was that there was no room. It was certainly a hardship that this class of unfortunates had to be kept in the common goals. The business at the present sittings had been very light, which certainly spoke well for the peace of these Counties. The Jury was then dismissed and the Court closed.

### TERRIBLE FIRS IN WOODSTOCK.

This town has suffered severely by fire lately. On Monday morning, 50th inst., a conflagration broke out, which destroyed five buildings, which, together with the contents unreservedly involved a loss of \$40,800, \$10,200 of which was insured. Suppose to be the work of an incendiary.

Again, on Wednesday, another fire occurred, demolishing a fine block of stores. Losses very heavy. The incendiaries still supposed to be at work.

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Patrick Sullivan, a laborer at St. Marys, fell dead on Sunday, the 25th.

OSINGTON.—Not more than 21 notices of Insolvency appeared in the last issue of the Canada Gazette.

Mr. Brydges has presented to the directors of the Montreal General Hospital a cheque for \$2000.

### HULLET COUNCIL.

At a meeting held on the 29th inst.

All the members met this day, pursuant to notice of adjournment.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Moved by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Snell, that the Clerk be authorized to receive the piece of land as a site for a bridge, on lot 15, con. 8, on Tuesday next, at 10 o'clock A. M., and direct the same to be executed by Mr. Moore in favor of the Corporation.

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to meet again at Lamborough, on Saturday, 25th day of November, at ten o'clock, A. M.—Carried.

THOMAS SLOAN,  
Township Clerk.

### European News.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 27, 1 p.m.

The City of Baltimore, from Liverpool on the 16th, via Queenstown on the 16th, has passed here. The Daily News admiral says that Semmes was to have a new vessel is constructed. The Daily News says:—The Federalists reduce the proceeds at the Chicago Convention to comparative insignificance, a large one. The daily papers generally are deceiving the prospects of peace, most of them seeming to take the view that peace by armistice is highly probable. It is stated that Denmark is encouraged by the Western Powers to refuse the cessation of North Schleswig, a view sanctioned by the votes of the people.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 14.

The Cotton market opened on Monday with a more steady tone, but the continued discussion of the proceedings of the Chicago Convention in their bearings towards peace, has rendered the market very irregular, and almost stagnant. The Standard (Wednesday) shows that the sales of the last three days amounted to 12,000 bales for speculators and exporters. The Manchester market is dull and lower, and the price to sell is increasing. Very little doing in the Cotton market. The Standard (Wednesday) shows that the sales of the last three days amounted to 12,000 bales for speculators and exporters. The Manchester market is dull and lower, and the price to sell is increasing. Very little doing in the Cotton market.

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### Republican Decisions.

The New York Herald says:—The "backbone of the rebellion is now broken"; they will not meet any more at the Lincoln organ; "a hundred thousand more men and the Confederacy will be annihilated." So it has been from the beginning. Let us go over the catalogue of the delicious and the fatal and fatal prophecies of republican leaders.

Sixty days: Four years. Statute books: Three hundred thousand killed, and wounded, and disabled. Seventy-five thousand men: Over two millions. Hamilton strayed out in three months: Hamam in 1864. Backbone broken at every excess: Not yet. Opening of the Mississippi to commerce: Ransacking a gauntlet of guerillas. Keep new laws on the statute books: Paper as good as gold: Gold 220. The people richer for the war: Prices advanced three hundred per cent. Every couple for the last: But one. Free soil: Four States making such election returns as bayonets dictate. Free speech: The suppression of newspapers. A man City his Throat with a Razor: On Monday morning last Mr. E. W. Leonard, one of the old inhabitants of Esquimaux, committed suicide at the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. G. W. Watts of Hillburgh, by cutting his throat with a razor. He had been suffering for some time with a melancholy mood, and had been very much distressed of late. It was some private business matter, on Sunday he visited his brother-in-law, who after breakfast, went out into the streets to look after some business, and on his return found the room empty, and the door unlocked. He entered the room, and found the deceased lying on his back, with a razor in his hand, and a pool of blood on the floor. He was badly wounded, and died shortly afterwards. The cause of the tragedy is not known.

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