

Dates of 1912 Fall Fairs.

J. Lockie Wilson, Superintendent of the Agricultural Societies Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, has issued the following dates of fall fairs:

Aberfoyle	Oct. 1	Kemptville	Sept. 19, 20	Vankleek Hill	Sept. 20, 21
Alexandria	Sept. 24, 25	Kilsyth	Oct. 3, 4	Verner	Sept. 23, 24
Alfred	Sept. 24, 25	Kinmount	Sept. 16, 17	Walkerton	Sept. 12, 13
Alliston	Oct. 3, 4	Kirkton	Sept. 26, 27	Wallaceburg	Sept. 24, 25
Alvinston	Oct. 1, 2	Lakefield	Sept. 17, 18	Wallacetown	Sept. 26, 27
Amherstburg	Sept. 23, 24	Lakeside	Sept. 27	Walter's Falls	Sept. 17, 18
Ashworth	Sept. 27	Lambeth	Oct. 1	Waterford	Oct. 10
Ancaster	Sept. 24, 25	Lanark	Sept. 12, 13	Waterdown	Oct. 1
Arnprior	Sept. 5, 6	Langton	Oct. 11, 12	Watford	Oct. 3, 4
Atwood	Sept. 19, 20	Leamington	Oct. 2, 3, 4	Warkworth	Oct. 3, 4
Bancroft	Oct. 3, 4	Lindsay	Sept. 19-21	Warren	Sept. 17, 18
Barrie	Sept. 23, 24, 25	Lombardy	Sept. 14	Wellandport	Sept. 27, 28
Beachburg	Oct. 2, 3, 4	London (Western Fair)	Sept. 6-14	Wellesley	Sept. 10, 11
Beaverton	Oct. 1, 2	Lion's Head	Sept. 26, 27	Wilton	Sept. 24, 25
Beamsville	Oct. 10, 11	Lyndhurst	Sept. 17, 18	Williamstown	Sept. 18, 19
Bellefleur	Sept. 10, 11	Maberly	Sept. 24, 25	Wilksport	Sept. 19
Berwick	Sept. 18, 19	Madoc	Sept. 24, 25	Windham Centre	Oct. 8
Blenheim	Oct. 3, 4	Manitowaning	Sept. 26, 27	Winchester	Sept. 3, 4
Blackstock	Sept. 26, 27	Mattawa	Sept. 18, 19	Wingham	Sept. 26, 27
Blyth	Oct. 1, 2	Markdale	Oct. 15, 16	Windsor	Sept. 10, 14
Bobcaygeon	Sept. 24, 25	Markham	Oct. 2, 3, 4	Woodbridge	Oct. 15, 16
Bolton	Sept. 30, Oct. 1	Massey	Oct. 3, 4	Wooler	Sept. 5, 6
Bothwell's Corners	Sept. 26, 27	Marmora	Sept. 16, 17	Woodville	Sept. 13
Bowmanville	Sept. 17, 18	Maxville	Sept. 12, 13	Woodstock	Sept. 18, 20
Bradford	Oct. 22, 23	Meaford	Sept. 26, 27	Wyoming	Sept. 27, 28
Brigden	Oct. 1	Melbourne	Oct. 11	Zephyr	Oct. 13
Brinsley	Oct. 10, 11	Merlin	Sept. 26, 27	Zurich	Sept. 18, 19
Brockville	Sept. 3, 4, 5, 6	Merrickville	Sept. 17, 18		
Bruce Mines	Sept. 25	Metcalfe	Sept. 16, 17, 18		
Brussels	Oct. 3, 4	Midland	Oct. 4		
Burford	Oct. 1, 2	Millbrook	Sept. 26, 27		
Burlington	Oct. 3	Milton	Sept. 24, 25		
Burk's Falls	Sept. 26, 27	Minden	Oct. 1		
Caledon	Oct. 10, 11	Mount Forest	Sept. 17, 18		
Campbellford	Sept. 24, 25	McKellar	Sept. 23, 24		
Carp	Oct. 2, 3	McDonald's Corners	Sept. 27		
Castleton	Sept. 27, 28	Napanee	Sept. 17, 18		
Casselman	Sept. 16	New Hamburg	Sept. 12, 13		
Cayuga	Sept. 26, 27	New Liskeard	Sept. 26, 27		
Centreville (Addington Co.)	Sept. 14	Newmarket	Sept. 17, 18, 19		
Charlton	Sept. 17, 18	Newington	Sept. 17, 18		
Chatsworth	Sept. 12, 13	Norwich	Sept. 17, 18		
Chatham	Sept. 23, 24, 25	Norwood	Oct. 8, 9		
Chesley	Sept. 17, 18	Niagara Falls	Sept. 25, 26		
Clarksburg	Sept. 17, 18	Oakville	Sept. 26, 27		
Cobden	Sept. 26, 27	Odessa	Oct. 4		
Cobourg	Sept. 18, 19	Onondaga	Sept. 30, Oct. 1		
Coe Hill	Sept. 18, 19	Oro	Sept. 17		
Colborne	Oct. 1, 2	Orangeville	Sept. 19, 20		
Collingwood	Sept. 25-28	Oshawa	Sept. 9, 10, 11		
Comber	Oct. 8, 9	Otterville	Oct. 4, 5		
Cookstown	Oct. 1, 2	Ottawa (Central Canada)	Sept. 5-16		
Cooksville	Oct. 2	Owen Sound	Sept. 10, 11, 12		
Cornwall	Sept. 5, 6, 7	Pakenham	Sept. 23, 24		
Delaware	Oct. 16	Paris	Sept. 26, 27		
Delta	Sept. 23, 24, 25	Parkhill	Sept. 24, 25		
Demorestville	Oct. 12	Perth	Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1, 2		
Desboro	Sept. 19, 20	Peterboro	Sept. 12-14		
Dorchester	Oct. 2	Petrolia	Sept. 19, 20		
Drayton	Oct. 1, 2	Pictou	Sept. 25, 26		
Dresden	Sept. 26, 27	Pt. Carling	Sept. 18		
Drumbo	Sept. 24, 25	Priceville	Oct. 4		
Dundalk	Oct. 10, 11	Powassan	Sept. 25, 26		
Dunnville	Sept. 17, 18	Port Hope	Sept. 24, 25		
Durham	Sept. 24, 25	Port Perry	Sept. 19, 20		
Elmvale	Oct. 2, 3, 4	Rainham Centre	Sept. 24, 25		
Elmira	Sept. 23, 24	Renfrew	Sept. 18, 19, 20		
Embro	Oct. 3	Richmond	Sept. 24, 25, 26		
Englehart	Sept. 12, 13	Ridgetown	Oct. 7-9		
Erin	Oct. 17, 18	Ripley	Sept. 24, 25		
Essex	Sept. 24, 25, 26	Roblin's Mills	Oct. 4, 5		
Fair Ground	Oct. 1	Rocklyn	Oct. 3, 4		
Fenelon Falls	Sept. 10, 11	Rockton	Oct. 8, 9		
Fenwick	Oct. 8, 9	Rockwood	Oct. 3, 4		
Feversham	Oct. 1, 2	Rodney	Sept. 30, Oct. 1		
Fergus	Sept. 26, 27	Roseneath	Sept. 26, 27		
Florence	Oct. 3, 4	Rosseau	Sept. 25		
Flesherton	Sept. 26, 27	Sarnia	Aug. 28, 29		
Fort Erie	Oct. 1, 2	Sault Ste. Marie	Sept. 16, 17, 18		
Fort William	Sept. 17, 18, 19, 20	Seaford	Sept. 19, 20		
Fordwich	Oct. 5	Shannonville	Sept. 14		
Forest	Sept. 23, 24	Shelburne	Sept. 24, 25		
Frankford	Sept. 19, 20	Sheguindah	Oct. 2, 3		
Frankville	Sept. 26, 27	Scarboro (Half-Way House)	Sept. 18		
Freelton	Oct. 2	Simcoe	Oct. 15-17		
Galetta	Sept. 25, 26	Six Nations	Oct. 2, 3, 4		
Galt	Sept. 20, 21	Springfield	Sept. 24, 25		
Gore Bay	Sept. 24, 25	Sprucedale	Sept. 19, 20		
Gordon Lake	Sept. 27	Spencerville	Sept. 24, 25		
Guelph	Sept. 17-19	Streetsville	Sept. 25		
Grand Valley	Oct. 15, 16	Staffordville	Sept. 18		
Gravenhurst	Sept. 19, 20	St. Mary's	Sept. 24, 25		
Haliburton	Sept. 26	Sturgeon Falls	Sept. 19, 20		
Hanover	Sept. 20	Stirling	Sept. 26, 27		
Harrow	Sept. 12, 13	Sundridge	Oct. 1, 2		
Hepworth	Oct. 8, 9	Smithville	Oct. 3, 4		
Holstein	Oct. 1	Tara	Oct. 1, 2		
Highgate	Oct. 11, 12	Tavistock	Sept. 16, 17		
Huntsville	Sept. 24, 25	Teeswater	Oct. 3, 4		
Ingersoll	Sept. 17, 18	Thamesville	Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2		
Jarvis	Oct. 1, 2	Thedford	Oct. 1, 2		
Kagawong	Oct. 1, 2	Thorold	Sept. 17, 18		
Keene	Oct. 1, 2	Tillsonburg	Oct. 1, 2		
Kemble	Sept. 24, 25	Tiverton	Oct. 1		
		Toronto (Canadian National)	Aug. 24-Sept. 9		
		Tweed	Oct. 2, 3		
		Udora	Oct. 8		
		Utterson	Oct. 1, 2		

HOLSTEIN RECORD OF PERFORMANCE TESTS FOR JULY.

Mature Class.—Netherland De Kol Witzyde (7665) at 5y. 334d.; milk, 12,605.25 lbs.; fat, 429.63 lbs.; owned by J. M. VanPatter. Aaggie DeKol Witzyde (8440) at 7y. 329d.; milk, 12,039.5 lbs.; fat, 407.21 lbs.; owned by J. M. VanPatter. Johanna Rue DeKol Lass (5828) at 6y.; milk, 12,696.5 lbs.; fat, 405.12 lbs.; owned by W. E. Lambkin.

Three Year Old Class.—Kathleen DeKol (9782) at 3y. 17d.; milk, 13,703.5 lbs.; fat, 449.70 lbs.; owned by A. A. Johnston. Lady Fairmont Posch (10679) at 3y. 37d.; milk, 12,288.6 lbs.; fat, 380.90 lbs.; owned by F. I. Burrill.

TRADE TOPICS.

AN ORPHAN IN A FARM HOME.—Last winter, J. J. Kelso was addressing a meeting on the desirability of placing dependent boys in country farm homes, and at the conclusion a fine, well-dressed man asked to speak. "Mr. Chairman," he said, "I was just such a boy as the speaker has described. I had been an Orphan's Home for some years, and one fine day in early spring I determined to run away. I walked several miles into the country, and then stopped at a farm to ask for something to eat. The good woman to whom I spoke, whose influence and kind face I shall never forget, invited me to stay, and I remained there for three years. Then a gentleman offered to take me as an apprentice, and I afterwards went into business and have prospered in this world's goods." His remarks, coming as they did from a living example, made a deep impression on the audience.

THE WESTERN FAIR, September 6th to 14th.—Exhibitors always report good results from showing at the Western Fair, London, Ont. Surrounded as it is by such an excellent farming country there is always a good demand for first-class stock of all kinds. The up-to-date farmer waits for the exhibition when he can see the best and make his choice. The exhibition of this year will be no exception to the rule, but every effort is being made by the management to surpass previous years. The prize list has been revised and made very liberal, not only in classification but in cash. The prize money will all be paid if the animals are worthy, even if there should be no competition in certain sections. Exhibitors are, therefore, always sure of being well treated at this old and reliable Exhibition. Prize lists, entry forms and all information given promptly on application to the secretary, A. M. Hunt, General Offices, Richmond St., London, Ontario.

THE WESTERN FAIR, September 6th to 14th, 1912.—The management of the Western Fair at London, Ont., have been very fortunate in being able to secure such favorable railway rates. The territory to which the rates apply over all roads extends as far east as Kingston and west to Port Huron and Detroit. The single-rates fare will go into effect the opening day of the Exhibition, Friday, September 6th. There will be three special excursion days, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, September 10th, 12th, and 13th, when only two-thirds of single fare rate plus 25c. will be charged. All tickets are good to return up to Monday, September 16th. This should afford a splendid opportunity for those having friends in London or vicinity to visit them during the Exhibition. This year will afford the opportunity of a lifetime to hear the famous Besses o' th' Barn Band. This is one of the finest brass bands in the world. They have appeared by Royal Command before the King and Queen at Windsor Castle. They have toured the world twice. On their last tour during the years 1909, 1910 and 1911, they travelled 46,000 miles and gave 526 concerts. All lovers of music should not fail to hear this famous combination. There will be many other new features this year, particulars of which will be given later. For privileges of any kind, prize lists, entry forms, or any information regarding the Exhibition, apply to the Secretary, General Offices, Richmond St., London, Ontario.

GOSSIP.

THE ERADICATION OF THE CATTLE TICK.

The taking up of the western cattle ranges by homesteaders, resulting in a shortage in the supply of beef cattle for consumption by the millions of people largely dependent upon cattle grown in that region, has brought about a rise in price of steers at the great abattoirs of the country and a decided increase of cost of meat to the consumer in the cities.

Naturally, also, it has caused both the growers and buyers to look about for fresh pastures for the herds upon which their prosperity and business depends.

The United States Secretary of Agriculture years ago saw the inevitable crisis and turned his attention to providing ample sustenance for the stock needed to supply the market, and which could no longer be furnished by the West.

The locality was found in the South and Southwest, but that country was infested with an insect that made cattle-raising unprofitable, if not impossible. So for the past six years the United States Bureau of Animal Industry has been conducting tick eradication work in all but one of the states of the infested region, in co-operation with the State authorities, and has freed 162,648 square miles of the Texas-fever tick and relieved that area of the restrictions placed by national quarantine on the shipment of cattle to other sections.

In a considerable additional area the work of eradication is well under way, but the territory already freed exceeds the combined areas of Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi. The eradication of the tick is of prime importance to the agricultural interests of the infested section, but the benefits resulting therefrom would not be confined to them, in fact it would be enjoyed to a great extent by the rest of the country.

The progress so far made in the co-operative campaign by the Department and the State authorities, demonstrates that it is entirely possible to accomplish the complete elimination of the cattle tick, although a number of years of hard work will be required to entirely free the country of this pest.

It is of great importance that the efforts of the officials should be supplemented by the farmers, and to this end a Farmers' Bulletin giving "Methods of exterminating the Texas-Fever Tick," in a practical manner that can be utilized by the farmer or stockman, who has already begun or who contemplates undertaking the complete extermination of this pest from his farm.

These methods may be improved upon as new facts become available, but they have already reached such a degree of perfection and have been giving such wide practical tests, that the main part of the task is to enlist a hearty, vigorous and conscientious co-operation on the part of the people—in other words, the work will progress from now on just as rapidly as the people desire it should and no faster.