

Miscellaneous.

South Riding of Waterloo Fall Show.

THE Annual Fair came off Oct. 3rd, at Preston. The cattle were rather late in coming on the ground, but when they did come a sight of them well rewarded a person for the annoyance of having to wait a little. The Durhams and grades were very fine, and of these beautiful beasts, Mr. Lowell, of Galt, was no mean exhibitor, and indeed so far as our observation extended, it was from the direction of Galt that the greater part of the articles made their way to the exhibition. Devon cattle also appear to stand more in favour in that section than they do about here, or indeed than in most other places. In the sheep department we noticed a few merinos, but not very many, nor did they appear to be first-rate of the class. They were lean, dirty, and presented an appearance even more forlorn than common. The Waterloo people are not by any means behind in the rearing of other species of sheep. In Southdowns they seem to take a pride, as we saw a very large number of these compact and beautiful animals. The show of Leicesters was also very large, for when we would have imagined that there were already enough to make the show a good one in this class, waggon after waggon came crowded with these long-woolled, bleating competitors for ribbons. The show of pigs was pretty large, and there were some superior specimens of both the Yorkshire and the Berkshire breeds. Early in the morning some rather indifferent colts made their appearance, and we asked ourselves the question, as we looked at these rather mean looking specimens of the equine species, what had become of all the fine horses of Waterloo. The exercise of a little patience provided an answer, for in an hour or two the steeds came in prancing and champing their bits, or with loose rein darting away like the wind. There is an opinion which forces itself upon us (but which may nevertheless be erroneous) that the county of Waterloo produces more good horses than most of the counties of the same size, or of a size approaching it, in the Western section. Some splendid heavy draught horses were shown at Preston, and we noticed one team of square built bays, the most serviceable looking team for farm purposes that we have seen in a very long time. There was an excellent show of grain, as might be expected. The wheat and barley were of a superior quality, and most of the oats would weigh well, although there were some light, and considerably the worse from having been exposed to the heavy rains. Better vegetables than were here shown we do not recollect to have seen, monster pumpkins, large cabbages, cauliflowers and beets, all bore testimony to the art that had been bestowed upon their culture. The fruits consisted chiefly of apples, pears, plums, and grapes. The apples were such as are seldom equalled, more particularly winter apples, which were as large as ordinary table turnips.

Besides all these things were many beautiful articles shown, giving evidence of brilliant mechanical genius, such as the threshing machine exhibited by Lutz & Co., Galt, the ploughs by the same firm, straw cutters by Mr. Whan, a threshing machine mounted on two wheels, as if it were the box of a cart, by the same gentleman, a beautiful, highly-finished open buggy by Mr. Shultz, Preston, and some very neat hubs, and efficient cutter stuff by McMillen & Co., Galt. There were also some good specimens of home-made cloth.—*Guelph Advertiser.*

Fall Exhibitions.

BURGESS FAIR.—The Fall Fair in Burgess was held at Stanleyville, on Monday last, and was well attended by the farmers and others in the vicinity. Cattle met with ready sale, and brought good prices.—*Perth Courier.*

THE PITTSBURGH SHOW.—The annual fair and cattle show of the township of Pittsburgh came off on Monday in the hamlet of Barriefield. The show of cattle and sheep was exceedingly good. There was not much grain, and very little butter, but what there was was good. The display of roots, especially potatoes, was excellent, never better, and the cabbages were splendid. On the whole the show was the best for several years past.—*Kingston Whig.*

CROWLAND.—Crowland township fair, held yesterday at the Town-hall, was a very successful exhibition. The attendance was large and the articles exhibited of good quality, and fair samples of the producing power of the township. The show of roots, grains, and in the ladies' department, was especially praiseworthy.—*Welland Tribune, 4th.*

EAST NISSOURI.—The annual show came off on Monday last, and for a township show the display of stock, grain and roots, was excellent. The number of farmers and their wives and daughters present on the ground was greater than on any former occasion. The dairy produce, butter, cheese, &c., were highly creditable to the farmers of East Nissouri.—*Woodstock Sentinel.*

SOUTH OXFORD SHOW.—The annual exhibition of the South Riding and North Norwich Agricultural Societies, was held at Norwichville, on Tuesday and Wednesday last. The show was fully equal, and in many instances far superior, to any previous county show, a fact which speaks volumes for the enterprise of our farmers and manufacturers. The Hon. Mr. Brown, member for South Oxford, Hon. Oliver Blake member for Thames Division, the Mayors of Ingersoll and Woodstock, together with most of the prominent residents of the county were present.—*Ingersoll Chronicle.*

PERTH FALL FAIR.—The regular Fall Fair was held on Tuesday, a large number of persons attending. Not many cattle were brought in, but the few which changed hands were sold at a high figure, cows bringing from \$30 to \$40, and other animals in proportion. The usual crowd of apple, cider and honey sellers, were present, and drove a thriving business, being patronized by all the urchins about town, as well as children of a larger growth. In reference to the market we may report that apples were firm; cider brisk; and honey, but particularly bees, very lively.—*Perth Courier.*

SOUTH HASTINGS FAIR.—The annual exhibition of the South Hastings Agricultural Society, was held in Belleville, on Thursday, the 4th of October. Compared with previous shows, in some respects the show was considerably in advance of last year, and in others there was a decided falling off. The number of entries was larger than last year, although then the exhibition was open to both North Hastings and Prince Edward. But, taking the exhibition as a whole, while in some respects we can favourably compare it with our former County Shows, it is not at all what an old and populous and wealthy section of the County like South Hastings should produce.—*Belleville Intelligencer.*

BLENHHEIM.—This is the banner township of the county for agricultural shows, and on Tuesday last, the vast concourse of people, men and women, together with the large number of stock of all kinds on the ground, were equal to if not surpassing the county show. The show of horses both for carriage and farming purposes was excellent, and the display of horned cattle, sheep and swine was creditable to the farmers of Blenheim. The grain was of excellent quality and the number of entries was great. The display in the dairy and ladies' department was magnificent. Potatoes, cabbage, and roots were of immense size, ample evidence of the fertility of the soil of this township.—*Woodstock Sentinel.*

ELORA FAIR.—The Fair in Elora, on Tuesday last was well attended, and at an early hour of the day the ground was covered with cattle. Buyers were in attendance in full force, and good beef was at once bought up. Working cattle were bought in largely, and commanded liberal figures—\$120 per yoke being asked and given. Sheep were freely offered, and more were on the ground than at any previous fair. The want of the pens, so foolishly removed to the south side of the river last year was much felt, and loudly grumbled at by the farmers. Horses were as usual, better in quantity than quality.—*Elora Observer.*

MINTO AGRICULTURAL SHOW.—The Minto Township Show, which took place at Harrison, on the 2nd instant, was very well attended, but the number of articles exhibited was not quite so large as on some former occasions. This is no doubt attributable to the late unpropitious harvest weather which exercised peoples energies sufficiently in saving their crops, without leaving them much time for the preparation of articles for exhibition, but, upon the whole, it was a very respectable show for a new township. The cattle and horses were not equal to what we are accustomed to see in Guelph. The grain and roots were very good in quality, but not in such abundance as on former occasions. The samples of butter and cheese were numerous, and appeared to be of excellent quality. There was also a very good display of ladies' work. Some very good waggons were on exhibition, but very few agricultural implements.—*Guelph Advertiser.*

GRANTHAM AND ST. CATHARINES ANNUAL FAIR.—This show, although probably a very respectable affair as contrasted with some of the neighbouring municipalities, was, for such a rich locality as this, meagre and indifferent. For instance, in the horse department only four horses were shown under saddle, not one of which could really be said to be a good saddle beast; while in the horticultural productions and in manufactures the exhibition was almost an entire failure. The people, we imagine have become tired of these little one-horse shows and will not bring out articles for exhibition where the taking of a premium does not amount to much either in a pecuniary or honorary sense.

NASSAGAWEYA SHOW.—On the 2nd instant we had the privilege of attending the exhibition of agricultural products of this enterprising little township. The day was all that could be desired, and consequently there was a large influx of people from every quarter of the township. The general opinion was that, in roots especially, Nassagaweya was at least equal to the Provincial Show, not merely in size, but in quality. The floral hall was well filled, but the fine arts were but poorly represented. There was a good show of horses and cattle, and also of pigs and sheep. There was a great display of butter. We are sorry to observe that the proceedings were marred by heavy drinking and consequent rowdiness and fighting.—*Canadian Champion.*

THE COUNTY SHOW.—This annual exhibition was really an extraordinary success. The beauty of the weather attracted great crowds to the crystal palace, and the large number of entries gave the visitors something to look at. It is impossible to do justice to the merits of the show, and therefore we shall not attempt to particularize. Suffice it, that the show of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry, was both large and good. The display of grain was also excellent, and that of vegetables was positively superb, far better, we are assured, than that of Toronto. The mechanical arts were partially done justice to, particularly in the show of agricultural implements and carriages of all kinds. The attendance of both county and city people was great.—*Kingston Whig.*

MITCHELL SHOW.—The Annual Fall Fair of the Fullarton, Logan and Hibbert Agricultural Society, was held in Mitchell on the 3rd. The weather was far more propitious than people had been led to look for, and the consequence was that a larger number of people thronged our streets and show grounds than on any previous occasion. Scarcely a single instance of intemperance was observable. Compared with previous exhibitions the accommodation for sheep and swine was greatly improved. Although the number of entries made were slightly ahead of last year, there were not so many cattle on exhibition. The show of horses was exceedingly good. The agricultural horses were a numerous class, and according to the *Mitchell Advocate*, from which we quote, other things were equally numerous and excellent, so that on the whole the show was a great success, and has given general satisfaction.

EAST GWILLIMBURY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The Annual Fall Show of the above society took place at Queensville, on the 2nd instant. The day proved remarkably fine, enabling exhibitors and spectators to attend in large numbers. It was decidedly the best show ever held by the society, clearly indicating marked progress in the science of farming. In horses, there was a fine display, especially in the classes of draught and general purpose teams in harness; also, single horse in saddle, and single horse in harness. In general purpose yearlings, too, there was no less than seven entries, including many fine animals. In cattle, sheep and swine, the show was well sustained—the animals being superior to those exhibited on former occasions, and more numerous. In grain, there was a better show than we expected to see, considering the very unfavourable harvest. At the close of the day's proceedings, the members and friends of the society sat down to an excellent dinner, provided at the Queensville hotel, by Mr. Fuller.

MATILDA FAIR.—The annual exhibition of the township of Matilda Agricultural Society was held at Dixon's Corners on Wednesday last. The day was fine but chilly, and the attendance was larger than we have yet seen it. In fine cattle the display was superior to last year; and indeed we think it would be difficult to find a better collection of stock in these parts. In native cattle the display was larger than usual. The display of horses was rather meagre, yet there were two or three very fine animals on the ground. In implements the show was almost an entire blank. Vegetables were good but scarce. The same may be said of root crops and grain. The sheep were far better than we have ever seen in this township before. The ladies' department was hardly up to last year in the number of articles on exhibition, although we think it was superior in point of excellence.—*Morristown Courier.*