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We entered the main building and got a pretty  
good squeeze by the crowd that was trying to  
pass both ways in the same narrow passages. We  
saw the great inconvenience and even danger of  
this plan, and took the trouble to go to the  
President and ask him to have proper ar-  
rangements made so that the people would only  
pass one way. That business did not belong  
to him—Mr. So-and-so must attend to that.  
It was not our place to hunt up this subordinate,  
but we spoke to another member of the Board,  
an M. P. P. He slighted the suggestion even  
worse. We gave them no more suggestions.

One of the most interesting exhibits in the main  
building was a display of minerals, fossils and  
plants, made by Mr. D. Boyle, late Principal of  
the High School at Elora, among which was a fossil  
tooth of an elephant. This tooth, which weighs  
20 lbs., and a pair of fossil tusks weighing 200 lbs.,  
were found at the mouth of the Grand River.

It had been announced that a trial of implements  
was to have taken place, but this part of the pro-  
gramme did not come off. Of course that was no-  
body's business, but there were some who had  
come specially to see that trial, who should have  
had their expenses paid.

Scattered through the exhibition ground, in the  
midst of the stock, between and around the ma-  
chinery, and everywhere, were to be found side  
shows, tents, quack medicine vendors, "Aunt  
Sallies," shooting ranges, jewelry vendors—any-  
thing and everything that should not have been  
allowed in the midst of the exhibition.  
But the greed for cash by the Board of  
Directors was so great that notwithstanding the  
\$10,000 grant, such despicable means  
to get pelf were resorted to. We have  
touched on this before, and think that  
those members who sanctioned such pro-  
ceedings as we have and can yet depict about this  
exhibition, should be strictly called to account; and  
those who cannot justify themselves should be re-  
moved from office. We know too well the devices  
used by members of this Board; they will each try  
to lay the blame on others or on the Board. The  
grounds were not half large enough to accommodate  
the exhibitors and visitors, and they knew this.  
Then why let it be taken up by showmen, vendors,  
and auction sales, to the detriment and hindrance  
of the proper purposes of the Provincial Exhi-  
bition, which should be conducted as a  
pattern for others. We pity any town-  
ship exhibition that attempts to follow such a  
standard bearer. Why, in the horse ring we saw  
horses standing that had been exhibited, but the  
first prize ticket was placed on an unsound animal  
—so unsound that it could be detected a quarter of  
a mile away. In grain the highest prizes have  
been awarded to wheat that is the most unprofit-  
able to raise. In stock we heard one director ask  
a partizan friend, when stock was being exhibited,  
which was his animal. That animal by some  
means was awarded the prize. (Don't ask too  
much!)

The annual meeting of the Board of Agri-  
culture and Arts was held on Wednesday  
evening. The power that was once placed in the  
delegates' hands is now taken from them, and is  
vested in the Board, and to such a low ebb has the  
Provincial Association descended that the great  
business of the evening consisted in a resolution  
being moved by one of the oldest members of the  
Board to ascertain the opinion of the meeting as to  
whether the Provincial Exhibition should be  
continued another year or not. We believe that  
the present Minister of Agriculture desires to do  
what he can for the benefit of agriculture and for  
popularizing the Agricultural College and Board of  
Agriculture; he has stepped into a chaotic slough,  
from which time alone can show whether he can  
bring order and good out of it or not. It is not  
the expenditure of money that must do it; there  
is and has been enough of that already. It is the  
expenditure of brains that must do the good.

We met the Hon Jas. Young on the grounds.  
He spoke in highly flattering terms of your  
journal, the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, admitting it to  
be the best agricultural journal in Canada. As he  
has been a subscriber for many years, he has had

an opportunity of judging of its merits. He ex-  
pressed himself as desirous of making the Model  
Farm more beneficial and popular than it now is.  
The farmers' interests would be the first and  
main object we wished to obtain information about,  
and he at once endeavoured to gain it for us, put-  
ting himself to some inconvenience for that pur-  
pose. Many have erroneously looked on our writ-  
ing as being opposed to the Provincial Exhibition  
and the Model Farm, because we have exposed  
some of the mismanagement of these institutions.  
Our object in doing so is that they should be im-  
proved. It is the continuation of mismanagement  
in them that has tended to bring them both into  
such low repute, and it is to improved manage-  
ment alone that we must look for the popularizing  
of these institutions. We are ready and willing  
to lend our aid to their improvement, and we  
know that all our readers would desire this. You  
have the opportunity of expressing your approval  
or disapproval of our attempts, both in our col-  
umns and in your support. If errors exist and  
they are not amended, you have yourselves to  
blame, for we never decline to publish our con-  
tributors' opinions, even though they may differ  
from our own.

The Society made one improvement, and that  
was in furnishing a catalogue of stock exhibited,  
with the owner's name.

In the exhibition of sheep, we noticed that  
several had their fleeces colored by a mineral sub-  
stance. This coloring did not prevent them from  
taking prizes. Whether artificial coloring should  
be allowed or not is a question that should receive  
the attention of the Provincial Board. Our  
opinion is that it should not.

The Directors had caused the allurements to be held  
out that the electric light was to be seen. In the  
evening an attempt was made by the police to drive  
the visitors off the grounds, so as to compel them  
to pay another 25 cents each. They succeeded in  
driving some out, while others would not go.

Guelph is a good place in which to hold an  
exhibition, the accommodation for visitors being  
better than we anticipated, and the Exhibition was  
a success.

### The Government Sale of Stock

Took place on the Friday, the day that stockmen gen-  
erally expected to make sales on the ground. It  
caused a desertion from the exhibitors' stuff. There  
were some good stock sold, consisting principally  
of Polled Aberdeen and Hereford cattle. Some  
stockmen regretted they had not purchased them  
at higher figures, although to the common farmer  
the prices offered for some seemed fabulous. For  
instance, a Polled Aberdeen calf brought \$650,  
while the principal part of the other stock  
sold was not such as our breeders of first-class  
stock wanted, still there were many good beasts  
that would improve the general stock of the  
country. The sheep were not as good as the cattle.  
The Cotswolds were considered good, but the  
quality of the wool was not what they wanted.  
We met one good breeder of Cotswolds who came  
a long distance on purpose to purchase,  
but after examining the best, said he would not put  
one of them on his farm. The sale was considered  
an excellent one by stockmen, judging from the  
quality of the animals sold, and with very few ex-  
ceptions high prices were received, quality  
being considered. The stock was sold as adver-  
tised, without reserve, and the attendance of such  
a large number of stockmen would ensure the full  
value being offered, as many beginners and specu-  
lators were there.

The stock was the surplus of the farm and animals  
which had to be sold to make room for fresh im-  
portations. It comprised two hundred and sixty  
head of fifteen distinct breeds of cattle, sheep, pigs,  
and dogs. The sale began with Mr. A. Taylor, of  
Guelph, as auctioneer. A large crowd of buyers  
and others interested densely crowded around the  
ring, and stood hour after hour, catalogue in hand,  
noting the progress of the sale or putting in bids.  
At times when a famous animal was offered excite-  
ment ran high, and bid after bid was rapidly made  
amidst the very perceptible flutter of interested  
spectators. Eight Shorthorn cows or heifers and  
one bull calf sold for \$1,101. The six Hereford  
females and a bull sold for \$1,775. In Aberdeen  
Angus Polls, of which a very fine lot were offered,  
the competition was very keen. Most of the ani-  
mals were bought by Americans. Donside Lass, a

heifer, went for \$525 to Geary Bros., of London  
Meldrum, a three-year-old bull, sold for \$700; and  
the Marquis of Huntly, a bull calf, found a Neb-  
raska purchaser at \$550. The prices paid show  
the success attained at the Farm with Aberdeen  
Polls. The four females of this breed realized to  
the Farm \$1,545, and the two bulls \$1,250. The  
four Devons brought \$351. The Ayrshires being  
either very old or very young, did not sell at large  
figures. The five females and four males selling for  
\$666. The Jersey cow brought \$205, and the bull  
calf \$102. The 18 grades sold for \$1,212. Of fat  
cattle one only was offered, the White Duke, a  
Shorthorn steer of two years and four months,  
with a weight of 2,010 lbs. The price paid was  
\$270. The 56 head of cattle brought in all \$3,477.  
The following are the cattle sales:—

#### SHORTHORNS.

"Rosale 2nd," Jas McLellan, London, \$150; "Louan o  
Guelph," Thos Graham, Ottawa, \$210; "Louan of Wellin-  
ton," Jas Rowand, \$116; "Lady Elizabeth," W Graham,  
Ottawa, \$170; "Cambridge Queen 2nd," Amos Cutler, Cold-  
stream, \$160; "Lady Leonard," A Taylor, Dromon, \$75;  
"Rosale 4th," A T White, Pembroke, \$120; "Louan of Galt,"  
S Hogarth, Exeter, \$105; "A A C," John Tuff, Bake, \$145.

#### HEREFORDS.

"Princess Mary 2nd," L G Drew, Oshawa, \$310; "Heather-  
bell," L G Drew, Oshawa, \$360; "Heath-rbell 5th," L G Drew,  
Oshawa, \$275; "Princess Louise," W Howitt, Guelph, \$250;  
"Princess Mary 4th," W Howitt, Guelph, \$230; "Little Lady,"  
Dr A Norris, Spencer, N Y, \$140; "Hopdale" (bull), Oliver  
Duck, Hannibal, Mo., \$210.

#### ABERDEEN-ANGUS POLLS.

"Houghton Lass," O Duck, Hannibal, Mo., \$430; "Spey-  
side Lass," O Duck, Hannibal, Mo., \$205; "Meldrum" (imp.  
bull), O Duck, Hannibal, Mo., \$700; "Donside Lass," Geary  
Bros., London, \$525; "Maid of Meldrum," T W Harvey, Ne-  
braska, \$395; "Marquis of Huntly," T W Harvey, Nebraska,  
\$550.

#### DEVONS.

"Nellie," F W Rothera, Simcoe Co., \$60; "2nd General  
Wyndham," W Curtis, Darlington, \$50; "3rd General Wynd-  
ham," H Hawes, Guelph, \$50; "General Wyndham," H  
Hawes, Guelph, \$191.

#### AYRSHIRES.

"Beauty of Drumlanrig," T Fisher, Creekbank, \$180;  
"Stoncalsey," T Fisher, \$72; "Flora 3rd of Drumlanrig,"  
D McNamie, Lansdowne, \$78; "Juno 2nd of Drumlanrig,"  
Arch Kearns, Flesherton, \$86; "Beauty of Elora," Thomas  
McCrae, Guelph, \$42; "Flora of Guelph," C Howitt, Guelph,  
\$65; "Stoncalsey 3rd," T Guy & Son, Oshawa, \$52; "Ston-  
calsey 4th," W Giles, Howick, \$60; "Stoncalsey," T W  
Rothera, Simcoe, \$101.

#### JERSEYS.

"Princess Alexandra," A Jeffry, St Catharines, \$205;  
"Prince Boullivot," A Jeffry, \$102.

#### OTHER CATTLE.

R Gibson, of Delaware, bought "White Duke," a two-year  
steer, of 2,010 lbs, for \$270. The following sales of grades were  
made:—W West, Guelph, four aged cows, at \$67, \$25, \$100 and  
\$49. Stewart Bennett, of Orangeville, aged cow, \$89. J  
Armstrong, Warkworth, aged cow, \$88. C Howitt, Guelph,  
seven-year cow, \$95; eight-year cow, \$81; heifer, \$92; Ayr-  
shire grade heifer, \$41. B A Ramsay, Eden Mills, heifer, \$72.  
J Welsh, Ospringe, aged cow, \$40. G Taylor, Rockwood, aged  
cow, \$35. Ward Langdon, Arthur, heifer, \$71. John Nelson,  
Orillia, Aberdeen Poll grade five-year cow, \$60. J Evans,  
Puslinch, A P grade heifer, \$83. T Motokindale, Paisley  
Block, a bull calf, \$80. J Rennelson, Galt, cow, \$64. All the  
grade females mentioned excepting the purchase of Mr Evans  
are in calf.

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### Live Stock at the Provincial Exhibition

As was generally expected, the holding of the  
Provincial Fair in such a great stock centre as  
Guelph called out an unusually large display of  
first class stock, and very keen competition. In-  
deed, we believe it was the general opinion, that as  
an agricultural and stock exhibition it has never  
been equalled in Canada. Preparations and pro-  
visions for stock were made on the basis of the  
largest exhibit of former years, and allowance made  
for an excess over this, but it was found that after  
all had been done, the accommodation was entirely  
inadequate and the management found it necessary  
to run up some four hundred feet of extra cattle  
and sheep sheds after the opening of the exhibition.  
This was partly due to an unfortunate blunder on  
the part of the Board in allotting to the Agricul-  
tural College two large sheds for the accommoda-  
tion of the stock catalogued for their annual sale,  
which was held on the grounds, thus throwing ex-  
hibitors out till the extra accommodation was pro-  
vided. This very naturally caused a great amount  
of complaint, for it was simply an outrage on ex-  
hibitors who make the show. Another cause of  
complaint in regard to the management was the  
insufficient supply of straw for bedding for the  
stock. It is a great mistake for the superinten-  
dent to adopt a niggardly policy in respect to mak-  
ing the stock comfortable and keeping them clean,  
and does more to sour the minds of exhibitors than  
almost any other cause.

#### HORSES.

The show of horses here was even larger and  
better than at Toronto, great as it was there, some