

ently. Is this the proper step to take for the encouragement of private enterprise?

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 arrangements 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 programme did not come off. Of course that was nobody'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 machinery, and everywhere, were to be found side shows, tents, quack medicine vendors, "Aunt Sallies," shooting ranges, jewelry vendors—anything 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 proceedings as we have and can yet depict about this exhibition, should be strictly called to account; and those who cannot justify themselves should be removed 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 Exhibition, which should be conducted as a pattern for others. We pity any township 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 unprofitable 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 Agriculture 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 expressed 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, putting himself to some inconvenience for that purpose. Many have erroneously looked on our writing 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 improved. It is the continuation of mismanagement in them that has tended to bring them both into such low repute, and it is to improved management 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 columns and in your support. If errors exist and they are not amended, you have yourselves to blame, for we never decline to publish our contributors' 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 substance. 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 generally 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 exceptions high prices were received, quality being considered. The stock was sold as advertised, without reserve, and the attendance of such a large number of stockmen would ensure the full value being offered, as many beginners and speculators were there.

The stock was the surplus of the farm and animals which had to be sold to make room for fresh importations. 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 excitement 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 animals 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 Nebraska 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.

"Rosalie 2nd," Jas McLellan, London, \$150; "Louan o Guelph," Thos Graham, Ottawa, \$210; "Louan of Wellington," Jas Rowand, \$118; "Lady Elizabeth," W Graham, Ottawa, \$170; "Cambridge Queen 2nd," Amos Cutler, Coldstream, \$160; "Lady Leonard," A Taylor, Dromon, \$75; "Rosalie 4th," A T White, Pembroke, \$120; "Louan of Gait," S Hogarth, Exeter, \$105; "A A C," John Tuft, Bake, \$145.

HEREFORDS.

"Princess Mary 2nd," L G Drew, Oshawa, \$310; "Heatherbell," 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; "Speyside 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, Nebraska, \$395; "Marquis of Huntly," T W Harvey, Nebraska, \$550.

DEVONS.

"Nellie," F W Rothera, Simcoe Co, \$90; "2nd General Wyndham," W Curtis, Darlington, \$50; "3rd General Wyndham," 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 McNamee, 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, \$32; "Stoncalsey 4th," W Giles, Howick, \$60; "Stoncalsey," T W Rothera, Simcoe, \$101.

JERSEYS.

"Princess Alexandra," A Jeffry, St Catharines, \$205; "Prince Bouilvot," 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; Ayrshire grade heifer, \$41. B A Ramsay, Eldon 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 Renselson, Gait, 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. Indeed, we believe it was the general opinion, that as an agricultural and stock exhibition it has never been equalled in Canada. Preparations and provisions 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 Agricultural College two large sheds for their annual sale, which was held on the grounds, thus throwing exhibitors out till the extra accommodation was provided. This very naturally caused a great amount of complaint, for it was simply an outrage on exhibitors 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 superintendent to adopt a niggardly policy in respect to making 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