

## A FEW NOTES.

The following paragraphs, obtained by our representative at the late Provincial Fair at New Westminster, cannot fail to be of interest, not only to people in our midst, but to intending immigrants, as they not only show the yield, but the latitude and altitude at which the farming was done :

Mr. Donald Graham exhibited a fine sample of wheat grown on his farm at Spallumcheen in latitude 51.30.

S. Brighthouse of the North Arm, Frazer river, raised in 1877, 102 tons of red and white carrots and mangolds from one acre of land.

At the Cherry Creek Ranch, near Kamloops, owned by Mr. Wm. Roper, potatoes have been raised weighing fourteen pounds each.

Mr. J. F. Hawks exhibited a sample of wheat from 280,000 lbs. grown on his ranche at Soda Creek, in latitude 52.20 N., longitude 122.30 W., altitude 1690 feet.

In 1881, there was raised on Miller and Ferguson's farm, on the North Arm of the Frazer River, 440 bushels of barley, from five acres of land, an average of 88 bushels to the acre.

On the farm of Hugh Boyd, North Arm, Frazer River, in 1882, the first crop of timothy averaged three tons to the acre, the second crop averaging two tons to the acre, making the season's yield five tons to the acre.

At Douglas Lake, in the upper Nicola country, the different transactions of Mr. C. M. Beak in cattle and horses, since May last, have amounted in the aggregate, to the very large sum of one hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars.

Pinchbeck & Lyne exhibited a sample of spring wheat, taken at random from 250,000 lbs., grown on their ranche at Williams' Lake, in latitude 52.10 N., longitude 122.30 W., altitude 2135 feet; average yield 40 bushels to the acre. Also a sample of red fall wheat, grown on same ranche, averaging over 40 bush. to the acre; and a sample of barley, also grown on the same ranche, averaging 60 bushels to the acre. These samples are to be sent to the Minister of Agriculture at Victoria.

A friend informs us that in the Peace River country, in the year 1871, he saw wheat growing at Tatlah Landing, Tatlah Lake, the height of which was 4 ft., 6 in., the ears being 6 inches long. This place is in latitude 55 N. The seed had been accidentally scattered outside Hawkins' store, and when found growing of course it was cared for.

The same friend also states that he has seen timothy growing in Cariboo 7 feet 9 inches high. He says that this grass seems to come naturally and grows luxuriantly wherever the hill sides have been denuded of timber.

## PROVINCIAL FAIR AT NEW WESTMINSTER.

The British Columbia Agricultural Association held its third annual show and fair at the Agricultural Hall, Market Square, on the 10th, 11th, and 12th of October, 1883.

The fine grounds and building were admirably adapted for the purpose and glorious weather and courteous officials helped to make the affair what it was : *a success*.

The exhibition was opened by the Hon. Mr. Smithe, who, during his speech, remarked that the hall he was about to open, was to be devoted to other purposes than the present one—it was to be an immigrants home, and would be exceedingly useful, as large numbers were coming into the country and taking up land. The immigration agent had informed him that during the present season, no less than six hundred settlers had taken up land in New Westminster district. After congratulating the people on the quality of the exhibits, he formally declared the exhibition open.

The premier's statement that so large a number as 600 settlers had actually gone on to land during the present season in New Westminster district, although gratifying, is not at all in keeping with the ability of the district to absorb population, and the quality of the land is fully proved by the character of the exhibits. Pumpkins weighing seventy-six and fifty-six pounds from J. Reece's farm at Chilliwack. Squash from the same place weighing fifty-eight and fifty-five pounds. Hubbard squash from Ladner's Landing, weighing twenty-two pounds. Vegetable marrows from E. Grayell's Chilliwack, weighing nine pounds each. White carrots weighing three and a half pounds each. Cabbage from Ladner's Landing, weighing twenty-five pounds each, and carrots from the same place, weighing over four pounds each, early rose potatoes, five of which weighed thirteen pounds, sugar beet weighing fourteen pounds each, and onions, three of which weighed five and-a-half pounds. From Boundary Bay, John McKee Senr., brought parsnips, three weighing six and three-quarter pounds, white carrots, three weighing nine pounds, red carrots, three weighing six pounds, Mangold wurzel, three weighing twenty-eight pounds, and Swedes, three weighing forty-eight pounds. From Sapperton, Garnet Chile potatoes five weighing thirteen and-a-half pounds. J. Kirkland of Ladner's Landing, brought sugar beets, six weighing seventy-four pounds and mangold wurzels weighing twenty pounds each. From Hawkins' at Matsqui, cauliflower weighing twelve pounds each. Pears from Lulu Island weighing two pounds each. Apples from Greyell's of Chilliwack, five weighing five and-a-quarter pounds, and five others weighing