

that ample provision will be made for accommodating all visitors and exhibitors, with their animals and articles, at fair and reasonable charges.

Through the liberality of the large steamboat owners, I am authorized to state for the information of the public, that the usual reduced rate of fare, only, will be charged during the show week; and there is little doubt of a like liberal course being adopted by the enterprising managers of the railroads throughout the country.

I have the honour to be, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

KINGSTON, July 29th, 1858.

WILLIAM FERGUSON.

1st Vice President, Agricultural Association.

**MARKHAM PLOUGHING MATCH.**—On Tuesday last was held in this place the Ploughing Match of the season. Never before in Canada has there been brought together to test their skill, side by side, so many first class ploughmen as we saw together on this occasion. Canadians and Scotchmen, “Englishmen and Yorkshiremen,”—the comparatively youthful as well as the veteran, all alike true knights of the ploughshare—contended manfully for the prizes. The field selected was on the farm of Captain Armstrong, and of a heavy clay, some rather wet, some broken and rolling, while a considerable portion of the field was very good. We believe every competitor was what is styled a “crack ploughman,” and had, in his time, carried off premiums at smaller matches.

The day was as pleasant as was ever experienced under a pure Canadian atmosphere, the sun shone brilliantly, and it was just warm enough to be agreeable. Precisely at fifteen minutes past ten o'clock, the Union Jack was hoisted, and the ploughs started, and continued their work steadily until 2 p. m.; some,

whose lands were larger than others, were allowed a proportionate extra time to finish their work.

**JUDGES:**—Messrs. Alex. Gibb, York; Thomas Aunan, Pickering; George Evans, Scarborough; Walter Dalzel, Vaughan; James Clark, Markham.

**SUCCESSFUL COMPETITORS:**—Dougal McLean, 1st Prize, Iron Plough, \$40; Archibald Shaw, 2nd do., \$25; Duncan McLean, 3rd do., \$20; William Hood, 4th do., \$15; Matthew McDennie, 5th do., \$10; John H. Sylvester, 6th do., \$8; James McLean, 7th do., \$7; John Bushby, 8th do., \$6; James Weir, 9th do., \$5; Simpson Rennie 10th do., \$4. Total \$140.—*From the Markham Economist, April 29th.*

**ALDERNEYS FOR KENTUCKY.**—The *Homestead* states that John A. Taintor, of Hartford, recently shipped five head of Alderneys—four heifers and a bull—to Hon. Jas. B. Clay, of “Ashland,” and adds: “Finer animals of their race we have never had the pleasure of seeing.” The Alderneys are superior for the dairy, and are gradually being introduced throughout the country.

**DREADFUL FIRE IN SAGUENAY DISTRICT.**—A dreadful fire caused by the clearing of lands has occurred in the County of Chicoutimi, and has been carried by a strong wind springing up at the time, over the greater part of nine townships in the County, consuming all before it, and rendering desolate and houseless over 150 families, equal to 700 souls. By this calamity, it is said, that more than \$100,000 worth of property has been destroyed, besides an immense amount of fencing, with several costly bridges. More than a third of the seed sown this spring has also been destroyed, which will be very severely felt by the settlers, owing to their inability to procure seed and re-sow so late in the season. The residents of the county have come forward most liberally to relieve and assist the unfortunate sufferers, but the means of giving help in a new settlement of the kind, are necessarily inadequate to the absolute wants of the poor sufferers.