

best, but a majority finally decided in favor of the former, believing that that machine cut the closest to the ground, while the latter was the easiest for the team and for adjustment over uneven and stony surfaces.

The first premium the Committee awarded to Ketchum's machine, and the second premium to Manny's machine, with Wood's improvement.

The Committee had not the time to examine minutely the mechanical construction of the different machines, or their liability to get out of order, both important points upon which the Committee expressed no opinion.

Ketchum's machine was entered by James P. Ross, of Ogden, and cost \$110, and another by John Rapshj & Co, a combined Reaper and Mower, costing \$125.

The Manny machine with Wood's improvement, entered by Mr. Blackmer, of Wheatland, cost \$110. The same machine with reaper combined, entered by J. C. Cooper cost \$125.

The third premium is awarded to Wheeler's machine, of Cayuga Co. costing \$125. This machine cut with shears and performed good work, having an adjustable beam, and so arranged as to have little or no side draught,

Forbush's machine, entered by E. D. Hallock, of Rochester, is a combined Reaper and Mower, and cut equally well; did not leave the grass evenly spread. This machine cost \$110, and with the reaper \$130.

The other machines upon the ground were most of them so nearly alike in the character of the work done, that any further discrimination or expression of opinion of their respective merits is perhaps uncalled for.

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JAMES WARING,
WILLIAM BROWN,
ALEX. KELSEY,
Committee.

Rochester, June 27, 1855.

THE APPROACHING PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

The readers of this Journal are doubtless already aware that the next exhibition of the Provincial Association will be held at Cobourg, October 9, 10, 11 and 12. A convenient and beautiful site has been selected for holding the Fair, (the same as on a former occasion) and every thing at present seems to indicate a successful result. The contract for fencing erecting buildings &c., has been taken and preparations commenced. An efficient Local Committee has for some time been actively engaged in the important work of preparation. The following are the names of the Committee of Cobourg. Sheriff Ruttan, *Chairman*; Asa A. Burnham, *Treasurer*; Henry Jone Ruttan, *Secretary*; Sir Edward Poore, Bart, John Wade, D. E. Boutton, Alex. Alcorn, G. E. Castle, Thos. E. re, Walter Riddell, R. Wade, Junr., C. H. Morgan, O. W. Powell, P. R. Wright, F. Burrell, W. Weller. We call the attention of our readers to the following

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. The payment of 5s. and upwards constitutes a person a member of the Agricultural Association of Upper Canada for one year; and £2 10s for life, when given for that specific object, and not as a contribution to the local funds.
2. No one but a member will be allowed to compete for prizes (except in classes 30, 32, 34 and 35).
3. All Entries must be made on printed forms, which may be obtained of the Secretaries of Agricultural Societies, free of charge. These forms are to be filled up and signed by the exhibitor, enclosing a dollar for membership, and sent to the Secretary of the Association, Board of Agriculture, Toronto, on or before Saturday Sept 22nd, after which time a charge of 5s will be imposed on each article.
4. Exhibitors in the Horticultural and Ladies Department may enter articles up to Friday Evening, Oct. 9th, when the Books will be finally closed.
5. Blood Horses and Thorough-bred Cattle must be entered and have their full Pedigree properly attested and sent to the Secretary in Toronto, not later than Saturday, Sept. 22nd. No animals will be allowed to compete as pure breed, unless they possess regular Stud and Herd Book pedigrees, or satisfactory evidence be produced that they are directly descended from such stock.
6. Badges from the Treasurer's Office will be furnished each member, which will admit himself on y, free to every department of the Exhibition, during the Show. Life members admitted free.
7. Tickets of admission to those who are not members, 7½d each time of admission. Carriages, including drivers, 5s; passengers to pay 7½d each. Horsemen to pay 1s 3d each admission.
8. Every article exhibited for competition must be the growth, produce, or manufacture of Canada, except Classes 34 and 35. Live Stock for breeding must be the property of persons residing in Canada. All premiums for articles, except Stock, are to be awarded to the manufacturers or producers only.
9. Discretionary Premiums will be awarded for such articles as may be considered worthy by the Judges, although not enumerated in the List, and the Directors will determine the amount of premium.
10. In the absence of competition in any of the Classes, or if the Stock or articles exhibited be of inferior quality, the Judges will exercise their discretion as to the value of the premiums they recommend.
11. The Judges, Competitors, and Officers of the Association only will be permitted to enter the Show Grounds until 12 o'clock, on Wednesday Oct. 10th, at which hour Members will be admitted. Non-members will be admitted on Thursday and Friday mornings after 8 o'clock.
12. No Articles or Stock exhibited will be allowed to be removed from the grounds, till the awards are made, without the permission of the President, under the penalty of losing the premiums. An Auctioneer will be on the spot after the premiums are announced and every facility afforded for the transaction of business.
13. Delegates, Judges and Members of the Press, are requested and expected to report themselves at the Secretary's Office immediately on their arrival.
14. The Judges are to meet at the Secretary's office on the Grounds on Wednesday morning, at 9