

Cobourg Spring Fair.

An esteemed correspondent from Cobourg has sent us the following account of the Spring Fair held at Cobourg. The first of what is intended to be an annual spring fair for the sale of horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, grain and seeds, was held at the market place, Cobourg, on Thursday the 10th March, and as the day was fine and the sleighing good, there was a large attendance of farmers and others from the surrounding country. Though pretty well for a first trial, it was a matter of regret that more stock and grain were not brought out on this occasion. There can be no doubt that when people understand the advantages of such fairs, enough stock will be brought to them to induce the attendance of buyers from a distance.

There were ten stallions on the ground, shown for the prizes offered by the County Agricultural Society. The first prize was awarded to Mr. Chapman's horse; the second to Mr. Underwood's, and the third to Mr. Brisbin's. There were several young horses on the ground for sale.

Several lots of fat cattle were shown. The prize offered for this class was awarded to a pair of very fat cattle shown by Mr. John Henderson, of Gore's Landing. They were estimated to weigh each about 2,400 lbs., live weight. Mr. John Fisher, Haldimand, ex-Warden, showed a very fine fat ox, that was sold to one of the Cobourg butchers for something over a hundred dollars. Mr. G. Craig had a very fine pure white Durham heifer, three years old; she was very fat—indeed it was thought the finest beef on the ground; one of the local butchers bought her for Easter beef. Mr. G. R. Malay showed a pair of fat cattle. There were also on the ground several other lots of fat cattle, whose owners I did not learn. Mr. T. McIvers showed some cows, Mr. J. Ballagh a bull and some heifers, Mr. Lant some young stock, Mr. G. Johnstone some cows; and several others had cows and young stock for sale. Mr. R. Lane was awarded the first, and Mr. J. Henderson the second prize for fat sheep. Mr. Jarvis Craig and others had some very nice fat sheep on the ground for sale. There were several lots of seed wheat, peas, oats, &c., which found a ready sale.

Amongst the implements shown, there was a self-raking reaper made by Mr. Haggart Brampton, several cultivators, horse rakes, &c., &c.

It is to be hoped, now that a beginning has been made, that future fairs will show a marked improvement, that stock, grains and seeds in abundance will be brought to them, and a large amount of business be transacted.

The Quarterly Fair held at Manchester, County of Ontario, on the 2nd March, was good in every respect. The attendance was large, and the display of cattle very good. Bees changed hands at from \$5.50 to \$6.50; but \$6 was the ruling figure.

East London Emigration.

We learn from the *Times* that on the 10th Feb. a large and influential meeting was held at the Mansion House, under the auspices of the committee of the East-end Emigration and Relief Fund, for the purpose of ascertaining how far the present extreme and increasing distress among artisans and labourers at the East of London could be remedied by having recourse to an organized and continued system of emigration. The chair was taken by the Lord Mayor; and among those present were Baron Alfred de Rothschild, Lord Northbrook, Marquis Townshend, Sir T. F. Buxton, Hon. A. Kinnaird, M. P., Mr. Alderman Salomons, M. P., and many others. The East-end Committee was formed in July, 1867, and has aided 911 to emigrate, and assisted 361 to other districts—1,772 persons in all. It was stated most of the emigrants had been sent to Canada, and very satisfactory and encouraging accounts had been received from them. They had all been well placed, and the Government Emigration Agent had reported a want of mechanics, labourers, and several other classes. The Society had expended about £6,400 in about a year and a half in emigration and migration. Of that sum the passages of the emigrants cost £3,320, outfits, £1,589, and the expenses of migration were £528; £2,059 had been received in donations, £1,000 from the Manufacturers' Relief Fund, £1,000 from Her Majesty's Government, £836 from the Herbert Emigration Fund, £268 from the United Executive Fund, and £731 from the Poplar Board of Guardians. The balance in the hands of the treasurer was now only £23. Several speeches were made, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—"That, in the opinion of the meeting, the affording assistance in emigration to British colonies under proper precaution, is a satisfactory method of relieving the distress existing among deserving unemployed workpeople and their families." Letters of apology were read, among others, from Sir George E. Cartier and the Hon. W. Macdougall, who were unavoidably absent. But Mr. W. Dixon, of Wolverhampton, was present. Very favourable opinions concerning Canada, as a field for emigrants, were expressed.

The Agricultural Society of the township of Hibbert, having complied with the provisions of the Act, has been incorporated.

Within the past few days, hay has gone up to \$15 per ton in Arthur, and some are asking as high as \$20; so an early thaw will be very acceptable.

The people of the village of Aetion have guaranteed \$100 to be prize list of the Esqueving Agricultural Society on condition of holding their fall show in that place.

The amount of butter exported from Kingston to the United States from January 6th to March 17th, not including butter purchased in Kingston, and exported from Picton, Belleville and other places, was 36,000 pounds, valued at \$8,415.83. At present there is a lull in the demand and a prospect of a decline in price.

The St. Catharines *Times* is pleased to learn that the peach trees all around St. Catharines, and throughout the Niagara District generally, are entirely unimpaired after the winter. The fruit-buds are fresh and green, and if the blossoms are not cut off by frosts in May next, there will be a heavy crop of peaches. Cherries, pears, apples, grapes, and indeed all kinds of fruit, promise a most abundant yield the coming season.

The barns of Mr. Francis Kent, Esquire, containing his seed, grain, wheat, fodder and some implements, were destroyed by fire on Saturday, March 27. By great exertions the horses and cattle were saved. One calf was burned. Unfortunately the only insurance Mr. Kent had effected was on his dwelling. The fire originated in the barn, and is supposed to have been the work of some malicious person.

A big pine tree was not long since felled in the township of Cavan, which the owner boasted would give fully 3,000 feet of lumber. The *Ottawa Times* says that a foreman of Gilmour & Co., on the Gatineau, has recently cut down, in the township of Leslie, a pine tree, from which he made ten good saw logs, the largest one measuring 64 inches in diameter. He estimates the lumber in the ten logs at 7,000 feet. The tree forked into three branches at 40 feet from the ground and the tallest limb was over 150 feet high. If the Cavan men want to see big pines they had better go up the Gatineau.

The St. Catharines *Journal* says the fields are now sufficiently cleaned of snow to give the farmers some idea of the state of the fall wheat, and the majority report that in all parts of the Niagara Peninsula the crop never promised better. The wheat presents a very healthy and strong appearance, and there is good reason to believe that the yield this year will be much better than last. The loss from winter-killing will be almost nothing, while the midge has been kept on such short allowance of food for some years that very little fears are entertained of serious damage from its ravages.

On the 19th March, 61 magnificent cattle were shipped from Oshawa to Montreal by Messrs. Fanson and Knox. The *Indicator* says they were probably the finest drove that ever left that station. The prices paid were large in proportion to the cattle. In fact they were fancy prices, in being far above the market rates. The following are the persons from whom they were purchased, and the prices paid:—J. Ellice, West Whitby, seven head, \$600; Jas. Atkinson, W. W., three head, \$275; Alex. Ross, Pickering, two head, \$195; J. Thompson, Pickering, 7 head, \$460; R. Hamilton, 4 head, \$360; Alex. Wilken, Pickering, four head, \$250; Robt. Medd, West Whitby, four head, \$290; J. Mitchell, W. W., five head, \$625; Daniel Lamon, W. W., three head, \$325; Tweedie & Bro., W. W., nine head, \$756; Alex. Knox, Darlington, two, no price named; Jesse Wells, W. W., three head, \$150; Jno. Smith, East Whitby, four head, no price; D. Whighian, W. W., four, \$230.

THE MODEL FARM.—The Council of the Agricultural Association have determined to give up all connection with the model farm that at one time existed in the northern part of the city. The farm was in reality given up, as far as all practical purposes were concerned, about eight years ago, and since that time has been leased, first to Prof. Buckland and afterwards to Mr. Shanly. When first used for model farm purposes the ground was about 100 acres in extent, but the University park and other lots having been taken from it, the property gradually dwindled down to 14 acres. The Association only held it on license of occupation, but built a fine house and spent a considerable sum in drainage and also in beautifying the premises. For their outlay they claim an allowance from the Council of the University, and the amount to which they are entitled will probably become a matter for arbitration.