

and satisfactory one. But some of our friends who had travelled from Halifax to Buffalo, on purpose to see it, came back with the impression that the animals and vegetables, and fruits and flowers of Nova Scotia, were not to be despised after all. Let us bear in mind that at our Exhibition next year, our neighbours of the States and the other Provinces will come to see what sort of stuff *our* country is made of. Whether we send them back to their homes with a beggarly account of the nakedness of the land, or a glowing description of its riches, will depend entirely upon the efforts which our farmers and miners, and manufactures may make, to shew them the right side of the picture. The official account of the Buffalo Fair contains some useful hints:

"The Executive Committee would acknowledge their grateful thanks to all the contributors who aided in making this exhibition worthy of our State. Never has it been equalled. The weather was, upon the whole, satisfactory; and the throng present on Wednesday and Thursday indicated the deep interest which the people of Buffalo, and the counties adjoining, took in the exhibition."

The representative of one of the Chicago papers—*The Western Union*—gives a very interesting account of the entire exhibition. We give a few extracts from the same:

"The Twenty-seventh Annual Exhibition of the New York State Agricultural Society, held at Buffalo, October 1-4, was, in many respects, a highly successful one. The weather was, in the main, favorable, and the attendance very large—larger than usual. The receipts were about \$22,000—making the Fair, financially, a decided success. We suppose it impossible to manage such a Fair to the satisfaction of all parties, so it is not surprising that complaints should be made as to this one. The buildings were very roughly constructed, and the grounds were not as suitable as could have been desired. The grounds selected were the best offered. We do not know who was responsible for these things, and take it for granted that the Society did the best possible under the circumstances."

"There are some features of the exhibitions of this Society that are worthy of consideration, and some of them of adoption by other Societies. A noticeable feature is the absence of 'tests of speed,' either of running or trotting horses, hurdle races, 'female equestrianism,' and other popular features. All shows, swings, &c., are kept from the enclosure. The convenience of visitors is consulted

in the arrangement of the ticket office, which is so built that three sides are open to the public, so that, if necessary, a dozen clerks can be employed in furnishing tickets. The plan of having an office for the General Superintendent, and for the Superintendent of each Department, is one that seems a decidedly good one. The stalls for cattle were built so as to give a full side view of the animals, the advantage of which arrangement will be appreciated by those who have attempted to carefully examine cattle in the ordinary narrow stalls. The pens for sheep and swine were arranged on the same plan.

"Visitors to most Fairs have noticed the difficulty almost always found in getting an opportunity to examine the horses, unless more time be given than many persons can spare from other departments. It is not, of course, either safe or desirable to have horses 'handled' by a crowd—as this 'handling' would generally consist in 'making 'em stand round' by means of a smart cut with a whip or cane; but there should certainly be some provision by which the horses could be seen in their stalls."

"Representatives of the press were most courteously treated. A comfortable office, with all needed conveniences, was provided for their use, and the different daily papers made all the arrangements so satisfactory to the press who were present from abroad."

"The display of Agricultural Implements and Machinery has, probably, never been surpassed in the United States. The show of Reaping and Mowing Machines was particularly large and good. Almost every variety of farm machinery was represented, and there was a large number of recent improvements and inventions—some of them of much apparent value."

"Mechanics' Hall was well filled with an immense variety of articles, many of them designed especially for farmers. The same may be said of the building in which Domestic Manufactures and Machinery were shown."

"The show of Vegetables, Grain, and of Dairy Products was not large, nor particularly good."

"Of Flowers but a very small display was made. Fruits were fairly represented, although the display was not what might be expected. Among the principal exhibitors were Ellwanger and Barry, Sylvester, Zimmermann, Crane, Moore, Dickerson, Hoag, McCulloch, &c. The display of Grapes was the best in this department."

"The number of Horses shown was smaller than is usual at exhibitions of this Society, nor, so far as we could learn, were they of superior character. In some classes the show was very meagre. The young stock shown was generally better than the old. There were some very good mules on the ground."

"All the leading breeds of Cattle were represented, and generally by good specimens; but in point of numbers, the show fell short of our expectations. Hon. E. Cornell, of Ithaca, was the leading exhibitor of Short Horns—taking off a number of the principal premiums."

"The leading exhibitors of Ayrshires were Wolcott, Campbell & Co., and their cattle were remarkably fine. O. Howland, Auburn, and E. Harvey and J. F. Converse also showed Ayrshires."

"The display of Alderneys was unusually good, both in quantity and quality. W. B. Dinsmore, Staatsburgh, showed some twenty head. E. Corning, jr., Albany, also showed some very good specimens."

"W. Cole, Batavia, showed twelve Devons of very good quality—dividing the premiums with Geo. Rudd, Guelph, Canada."

"E. Corning, jr., and F. W. Stone were the principal exhibitors of Herefords. Some of the animals shown were the best we have seen of this breed."

"The show of Sheep was really very good, and worthy of extended notice."

"The show of Swine was large and good. Yorkshires, Cheshires, Suffolks, and Berkshires were represented—in name at least. Most of the stock was from Jefferson county, N. Y. Messrs. Brodie, Huffstater, Cavanaugh, Converse, and Dinsmore were the leading exhibitors."

"Poultry was fairly represented."

Ex-President Fillmore was present, and other distinguished gentlemen, and delegates from the Agricultural Societies of Canada."

The immense labors of the clerks and assistants are appreciated by the Executive Board, and they return them their most cordial thanks for the manner in which their duties were discharged."

The discussions in the evening were very interesting. The address of Major H. T. Brooks, of Wyoming county, on apples and their culture in New York was very ably enforced."

The discussion the second evening on Cutting and Cooking Food for Cattle, was opened by E. W. Stewart, of North Evans—giving the result of his experiments. He was followed by Lewis F. Allen, H. T. Brooks, George Geddes, and G. A. Moore."

Following this discussion, Mr. Hawley, of Onondaga, opened the discussion on the Manufacture of Butter, and the kinds of salt used. The superiority of our own salt was established."

On the third evening, the eulogy on the late John A. King, Ex-President of the Society, by Ex-President Gould, was one of great interest."

To all who aided in giving success to this exhibition, the Executive Committee returns their most cordial thanks."

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