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PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION—1854.

The Ninth Annual Exhibition of the Provincial Agricultural Association of Upper Canada, was held, as our readers are probably now all aware, at the newly created city of London, on the 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th of September last. The site selected for the Exhibition was the Old Parade ground, near the Military Barracks, now unoccupied, and about 23 acres in extent. It was enclosed in the usual manner with a high temporary board fence, and the buildings for the several departments of the Show were all finished as soon as required, to receive the various contributions. The ground approached a square in form, though not precisely a square. The Floral Hall, for the display of Fruits, Flowers, the Fine Arts, and the Ladies' Department, was a building of circular form, and stood nearly in the centre of the ground. At a sufficient distance from this, and radiating from it, stood the tents and buildings for the reception of the Agricultural and Vegetable products, the Mechanical department, Domestic Manufactures, &c. The refreshment booths, of which there were nine in number, were placed in different parts of the ground, interspersed among the other buildings. Several acres, on the northern portion of the ground, were occupied by a small artificial lake, named Lake Horn. The Horse-ring was placed between this and the Floral Hall, and the Horses were exhibited principally in this portion of the grounds.—The pens for the Cattle, Pigs, Poultry and a few Sheep, were ranged on the eastern side of the enclosure. The greater number of the Cattle

were, however, exhibited tied to poles, which were fastened horizontally to posts sunk in the ground for the purpose. These were also on the eastern side of the enclosure. On this side were also exhibited, Carriages, Waggons, Agricultural Implements, &c. The pens for the Sheep occupied the whole of the western side of the enclosure, and were all taken up. The offices for the Secretary, Treasurer and Committee, and the gates of Admission, were on the southern front.

Carriage roads were made through the grounds in various directions and were lined with evergreen trees, temporarily planted out. The buildings, tents and fences were liberally decorated with flags and devices of various descriptions, giving the whole a very gay and lively appearance.

The Secretary and Treasurer of the Association arrived in London on the Thursday preceding the Show, and commenced taking subscriptions and receiving entries on Friday. The greater portion of the exhibitors in the neighborhood made their entries on this day and Saturday, thus avoiding the crowd which must necessarily take place on the Monday and Tuesday, when strangers arrive. Visitors and articles for exhibition began to arrive on Monday, the 25th. The Great Western Railroad Company had liberally offered to convey articles to and from the Exhibition, free of charge, but the amount of accommodation required, was so much greater than the Company had anticipated,—that many articles, as well as persons,—were unfortunately unable to reach London so soon as desirable. The entries were nearly all completed by Tuesday evening. A few articles, however, belonging to persons who could not get them brought by the Cars on Tues-