

The annual fall exhibition of the Township of Hamilton Agricultural Society was held at Colourow on Tuesday, the 11th Oct. The morning was very wet, which doubtless prevented many from being present. The show was on the whole good.

The Annual Fall Show of the Township of Etobicoke Agricultural Society was held at the pleasant village of Islington, on Dundas Street, and, as far as the number of articles shown were concerned, was far in advance of the exhibition last year at St. Andrews; the entries for the present exhibition numbering 600, against 400 for that of last year. The attendance of visitors was rather smaller than had been expected, owing no doubt to the unpropitious state of the weather.

The fall show of the Albion Agricultural Society held in the village of Bolton, on the 13th of October, was the most successful exhibition yet held under their auspices. Both in the number of entries and in the quality of the stock, as well as in the general excellence of other departments, there was a marked improvement over former exhibitions.

The Halton County Fair held at Milton, Oct. 10th and 11th, proved very successful so far as entries of stock and attendance went. Fully five thousand of the yeomanry of the county, with their wives and families, were on the grounds on the 11th, the opening day of the fair.

The South Monaghan Society held their show at Bloomfield on Friday, the 14th Oct. The day was fine, and there was a large turn out of farmers with their wives and families.

As only one item in the cost of a war, it is calculated that the farming classes in France have already lost £170,000,000.

The New York poultry show is announced for December 14th to 22nd. The prize list will be sent to any applicant, by addressing the N. Y. Poultry Society, P. O. box 316, N. Y. City. Entries close on December 3rd.

The last monthly report of the United States Department of Agriculture states that the corn has been injured in some localities, but not enough to threaten a material reduction of the anticipated aggregate. There are complaints in regard to the cotton crop, but the general prospect is not discouraging.

The California State Board of Agriculture have awarded State premiums to Mrs. E. M. Weston, Sacramento, for 626,000 silk cocoons; A Packard, of Santa Barbara, for 150,000 cocoons and to several parties for mulberry plantations.

The owner of a thrashing machine, who has done a good deal of thrashing for several years past, informs the *Guelph Advertiser* that the wheat this year yields on the average about fifteen bushels to the acre, the sample though better on the whole than last year, is not first-class, such as produced in former years.

The wheat crop in North Wellington, especially in Arthur, Luther, Proton, Minto and Egremont, is reported by the *Galt Reporter* to be poor this year.

The sample is better than last year, but the yield is small. Barley is a good crop, and very fair sample. Oats a very fair yield, but poor grain. Peas fair.

The farmers in these townships will market a large amount of pork this year, the supply of killing hogs being large.

The French Agricultural Societies have put off all their meetings, as the whole force is required for its defence. The Paris Society of Carpenters has decided that the sum of 1000fr., destined for its annual *etc.* shall be applied in aid of the families of agricultural labourers of the neighbourhood serving in the army. It is the same all over the country.

AGRICULTURAL JOURNALS.

An intelligent correspondent of the *Journal of the Farm*, discourses in this wise upon the value of agricultural journals in the last issue of that paper:

There was a time when opposition to what is generally termed "Book Farming" was almost universal. The idea of a farmer gleanng any information that would be likely to prove of the least practical value to him from an agricultural journal, was regarded as so absurd, that it is not surprising that so many enterprises in the line of publishing papers of this class failed. But, happily this erroneous impression has given way to a wiser and more correct one, and to-day, perhaps no industrial interest is more largely or better represented by newspapers and magazines than that of a farmer.

Retrospecting the past, it seems remarkable that there should ever have been entertained for publications of this class, any other than the most favorable feeling. The amount of good that has always been done by them—the vast revolutions in agriculture that have been introduced through their salutary agency, and the immense increase of their circulation in every section of the country, and amongst all classes of farmers, entitle them to such generous support at the hands of the cultivators of the soil, as would place one and all of them beyond the contingency of failure.

Were it possible for farmers to communicate to each other, verbally, the results of their farming operations—their experiments, failures and successes—agricultural journals might be dispensed with, but as this is simply beyond the reach of human possibility, there is no remedy but the farmers' newspaper. One farmer may communicate to his immediate neighbor, or to any with whom he may come in contact, some important agricultural fact. But under the most favorable circumstances the process of making the information generally known, would be tedious, if not impossible. But if this fact is put on paper, sent to the printer, set up in type, and distributed far and wide over the country, it becomes the property of all. Other journals in turn give it a place in their columns, and thus in a month's time, nearly every farmer in the country is in possession of it, and in the enjoyment of the privilege of using it or not, as he may prefer. Without agricultural newspapers, the same result would not be reached in half a century, perhaps, if, indeed, it were ever reached.

Farmers should bear these things in mind, and