

several of its counties each send annually into the market from half a million to a million bushels. In Indiana the crop has suffered to the extent of 16 per cent. Illinois is deficient to extent of 7 per cent. Wisconsin makes very encouraging returns, averaging 7 per cent. above average upon an increased area. Dane County, almost always good for two millions of bushels, returns average; and Dodge County, also exceeding two millions, claims 20 per cent. above average. Minnesota is the banner State in the year in wheat production. There is a large increase in average, and the average for condition is 9 per cent. above. Returns from two-thirds of the wheat area of Iowa indicate an average yield upon an increased area. Missouri, average; Kansas, nearly average, Nebraska, crop large, quality excellent; California, not so good as was expected, consequently a large reduction from the yield of last year. In Oregon the general average of counties this year is 7 per cent. above the average of years. The reports from the Territories are favourable. One county, Walla-Walla, in Washington, offers to export 500,000 bushels.

THE Annual Provincial Exhibition of Ontario is the great Agricultural event of the year in this Dominion, and, we may add, on the American Continent. The following details of the recent Exhibition, which was held this year at London, Ont., are condensed from the *Globe* newspaper:—

We have had glorious weather and the hopes of a large attendance have been realized to the fullest. The influx of visitors to the city set in at an early hour, and by nine o'clock people were thronging to the fair grounds in thousands; by ten it was difficult work making one's way through the Palace and other buildings, and by noon they were crowded almost to suffocation, a state in which they remained until near the time for the closing of the gates. All the money received to-day at the turnstiles is not yet counted, but we are given to understand that it will amount to about \$8,000, which will make the number of paying visitors to the ground about 32,000. This is about 12,000 more than visited last year's show at Hamilton, and about 6,000 more than attended the last Provincial Exhibition held in London, although Prince Arthur and Lord Lisgar were both there, and, of course, their presence assisted materially to swell the crowd. To get at the total number of those who were on the grounds to-day it will be necessary to add about 2,000 assistants and other dead-heads to the 32,000. As may well be supposed the

length and numbers of the trains coming into the city during the day, bringing people from all quarters, were something amazing. The money such large crowds brought with them of course made the metaphorical mare to go at a prodigious pace, the wooden animals of the merry-go-round, as well as the numberless steeds employed as stages between the railway stations and the fair, taking part in the furious race. Between five and seven o'clock, the jam at the Great Western Station was immense. Owing to the large number of persons congregated for the purpose of taking train for home, the rush to get aboard a train, special or regular, when it drew up to the station might almost be termed dreadful, and when the train moved away, though it might consist of 25 cars, every car was crowded both inside and on the platforms, and yet the city is to-night thronged with people, and among the hardest worked persons in it are the hotel keepers and their assistants, and not only physically, but mentally in the solution of the problem, the burden of which in every case is how to dispose of the thousands of applicants for lodging, so as to make their respective hostleries accommodate the greatest possible number. The city is honoured to-day for the first time with the presence of a very distinguished personage, His Royal Highness the Prince of Hesse, the husband of our Princess Alice. His Royal Highness, whose ship now is lying at Halifax, came here last night, very quietly—so much so, that although a *GLOBE* reporter heard yesterday evening that some Prince was expected, he could not verify the information. Upon reaching the city, His Royal Highness, who was met by the Bishop of Huron, whose guest he is during his stay of a day or two in the city, was driven to his Lordship's residence. This forenoon His Highness paid a visit to the fair ground, and was conducted by the President of the Association, Mr. Andrew Wilson, of Maitland, and other officers around among the cattle and implements; in the afternoon he returned and spent a considerable while in the horse ring, where he seemed to be much interested in the trials to which the animals were being subjected. He stated that the show was far ahead of anything of the sort he had ever seen. He intends to pay the Exhibition another visit for the purpose of viewing the contents of the industrial and arts departments.

The judges have made rapid progress with their work. Those in the class of grain, field, seeds, &c., have awarded the first prize of \$100 for 25 bushels of fall wheat of the growth of 1873 to James McNair, of Vaughan; the second, \$40, to David Roelofson, of Barton; the third, \$20, to George Oliver Price, of Dumfries.

In the United States, the Apple and Peach crops have been very poor, in many counties of several States amounting to an entire failure. Apples appear to have suffered most in the Southern and Western States, although in the New England States the highest average is 39 per cent. below the usual crop, and Vermont is the only New England State that reaches even that. The Peach crop, however, is if possible in a worse condition than the Apples. Oregon is the only State that has an average. *Per contra*, one Aprioot tree in Maryland netted \$102 over and above the cost of marketing.

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