

TOBACCO.

An increased acreage was planted in Virginia, Texas, West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska. Arkansas and Tennessee return the same acreage as last year, while a decrease is reported in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Ohio, and Illinois. The crop was full average or above in Alabama, Arkansas, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, and Kansas. In all the other States reported it was below average. The maximum, 102, was in Alabama; the minimum, 76, in Massachusetts.

WOOL.

The wool-clip was full average or above in Maine, Vermont, New Jersey, Delaware, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, West Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, California, and Oregon; it was below average in all the other States. The maximum, 127, was found in Oregon, the minimum, 92, in Tennessee.

FRUITS.

In the northern sections of the country, the intense cold of last winter, and in the southern, late severe frosts and freezes in the spring, did immense injury to the fruit-trees and grape-vines, and, only in a less degree, to the strawberry-vines. Vast numbers of peach-trees and apple-trees were killed outright, and very many more were seriously injured. The injury to apple-trees was more serious and extensive than was apparent when the report for May and June was made up. Many trees that leaved out and bloomed profusely have since died; and where apples appeared to be well set the complaint is general that they wither and drop off. Insects are doing more or less injury to the portions of the crop which are otherwise in fair condition. In Kansas "an apple-tree blight" prevails somewhat extensively. It is described as closely resembling the "pear-tree blight."

Apples are below average in condition in every State except Oregon, (where but few are produced,) which is 101. The States in which the condition is lowest are Tennessee, 36; North Carolina and Illinois, 50; Delaware, 53; Connecticut, 55; Kentucky, 56; Massachusetts, 58; South Carolina, 60; Rhode Island and Wisconsin, 66; Indiana, 69; New Jersey and Texas, 70; Pennsylvania, 71; Iowa and Missouri, 73; Maine, Maryland, Georgia, and Minnesota, 75; New York and Ohio, 76; New Hampshire, West Virginia, and Kansas, 77.

Peaches are below average in condition in all the States producing them; the lowest is in Ohio, 26; Tennessee, 33; Pennsylvania, 35; Kansas, 36; Illinois,

42; South Carolina, 44; Michigan, 45; Connecticut and Missouri, 48; North Carolina, 54; West Virginia and Kentucky, 56; New Jersey and Maryland, 58; Massachusetts and Nebraska, 61; Indiana, 63; Texas, 66. The highest condition is in Rhode Island, 98; and the next in Oregon, 95.

Pears, the condition of which is not reported by figures, promise relatively better than apples and peaches.

Grapes.—The average condition of grapes in Nebraska is represented by 106; Delaware, 103; West Virginia, 100; in all the other States it is below 100. North Carolina, 60; Pennsylvania and Ohio, 62; Illinois, 63; California, 70; Indiana, 72. The remainder range between 77, (Tennessee,) and 98, (Oregon.)

Strawberries.—The average condition of strawberries was, in Nebraska, 127; Delaware 125; Oregon, 113; Kansas, 106; Maryland and Alabama, 104; Mississippi, 101; Arkansas and Minnesota, 100. In the remaining States the range was from 61 in New Jersey to 96 in California.

THE ONTARIO EXHIBITION.

The Twenty-Eighth Exhibition of the Provincial Agricultural and Arts Association, will be held in the City of London, Ontario, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Sept. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 1873.

PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK.

1. MONDAY, September 22nd, will be devoted to the final receiving of articles for exhibition, and their proper arrangement. Officers and members of the Association, judges, exhibitors, delegates, members of the press, and necessary attendants, will be admitted on presenting the proper credentials, badge, or ticket of admission. Other persons will be admitted on payment of 25 cents each time. The rules for admission will be the same throughout the exhibition.

2. TUESDAY, 23rd.—The judges in all the classes will meet in their respective Committee Rooms at 10 a. m., and will make arrangements to commence their duties. On receiving the class books, they will be also furnished with the blank prize tickets, which they shall fill up and affix in each section so soon as they shall have finally determined their awards. The First Prize Tickets will be Red; the Second, Blue; the Third, Yellow; the Fourth, White; Extras, Green; the "Highly commended" and "Commended" Tickets, White. On completing the class, the judges will report to the Secretary. The main exhibition building will be closed all this day, for the purpose of affording the judges an opportunity for discharging their duties properly. Non-

members admitted to the grounds on payment of 25 cents each time. The Annual Meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association will take place at the Court House, at 7 p. m.

3. WEDNESDAY, 24th.—The judges of the various classes will complete their awards as early in the day as possible. All the buildings and grounds will be open to visitors. Admission the same as on Monday and Tuesday. The Annual Meeting of the Mechanics' Institute Association will take place at the Court House this evening at 7 o'clock.

4. THURSDAY, 25th.—Admission, 25 cents. The Prize Animals will be exhibited in the ring at 2 p. m. The Annual Meeting of the Directors of the Provincial Agricultural Association, for the purpose of electing auditors, deciding upon the place of holding the next exhibition, and other business, will take place at 7 p. m., at the Court House, on Ridout Street, between King and Dundas Streets, London.

The President will deliver his address at the Annual Meeting.

5. FRIDAY, 26th.—Admission the same as on previous days, till 2 p. m. At 2 p. m., the Exhibition will be considered officially closed, after which no one will be admitted into the Crystal Palace, and exhibitors may commence to take away their property.

6. SATURDAY, 30th.—The Treasurer will commence paying the premiums at 9 a. m. Exhibitors will remove all their property from the grounds and buildings. The gates will be kept closed as long as necessary, and none will be admitted except those who can show that they have business to attend to.

A Catalogue of all the Entries of Animals and Implements, giving the names of Exhibitors, the names and short pedigrees of the Animals, &c., will be prepared and will be on sale at the Grounds. Price Ten Cents.

PLOWING MATCHES.

For the purpose of holding Ploughing Matches the Province of Ontario is divided into Four Sections, each such Section consisting of three Agricultural Districts, for electing members of the Council of the Association, viz: Section No. 1, of Agricultural Districts Nos. 1, 2, and 3; No. 2, of Districts Nos. 4, 5, and 6; No. 3, of Districts Nos. 7, 8, and 9; No. 4, of Districts Nos. 10, 11 and 12.

A Ploughing Match will be held in each of the above named Sections, under the auspices of the Association, as follows, viz: For Section No. 1, in the neighbourhood of Ottawa; No. 2, in the neighbourhood of Port Hope; No. 3, in the neighbourhood of Paris; No. 4, in the neighbourhood of Chatham.

The members of the Council residing in each of the Ploughing Match Sections