

quantity of green forage for cutting in the middle of May. Those who are not in the habit of soiling their stock would find it to their advantage to sow a plot of rye to help out their pastures.

Rye is often sown also at this season for early pasture. Either as pasture or soiling it may be plowed in time for turnips or mangolds, and by this means the land may yield three profitable crops in two years. Gardeners have been long conversant with the profits to be derived from such stolen crops.

The Provincial Exhibition of 1878.

The citizens of Toronto have acted nobly in furnishing suitable buildings for the Exhibition this year. They have erected the best buildings for the purpose to be found in this Dominion. The Main Building is a handsome one, high, spacious, neat and airy. The Horticultural Hall and Machinery Hall are both good and handsome buildings, but rather too small.

The exhibitors filled all the available space in these buildings to overflowing. The exhibit was very good in the Fruit Department, and in the Art Gallery we thought the display superior to that made at any previous Provincial Exhibition.

The Agricultural Building for dairy products was not as well filled as it might have been. The display of vegetables was good. In grain the display was but medium. The exhibit of stock and implements was very good.

The weather was most favorable, the attendance large and the crowd very orderly. Lord Dufferin opened the Exhibition with an appropriate speech. He remained there throughout the Exhibition and passed through the different departments, examining the different products, unattended by officials. The attendance was large each day. The Provincial Exhibition is to be held in Ottawa next year.

NEW MACHINERY.

A novel plow was shown by Messrs. Thompson & Williams, Stratford, Ont.,—a large circular steel plate in the form of a disk. It revolves and turns the furrow. It appears as if it may do its work, but whether it will displace the use of the old plow or not remains yet to be seen. A new and very cheap hay tedder was also exhibited. We should judge that it could be constructed at one-third the price of the old tedder. John Abel, of Woodbridge, Ont., exhibited an attachment to his thrasher, by which the hulls of the barley are removed.

McMurray & Fuller, of Toronto, Ont., made an enormous display of woodenware. One would judge they could supply this Dominion.

COMPLAINTS THAT SHOULD BE REGARDED.

Complaints are made of the disposal of goods in the main building. They were badly mixed, making it difficult for the visitors or judges to find articles. The space for visitors is altogether too small, the passage-ways at places far too narrow, and the crowd was allowed to enter at every point, making it dangerous to be in the building. When such large crowds are expected in such small spaces, they should be kept moving in one direction. There was scarcely a seat to be found on the ground. Planks are cheap and they would not be damaged. The poultry shed was kept closed till late on Wednesday to accommodate judges only. They should be made do their work on Tuesday, or before 11 o'clock on any other day. Complaints are made of the sudden alteration in the prize list. Due notice should have been given to the public that changes would be made in time to let all prepare for such. The regulation regarding the shearing of sheep should be either expunged or enforced. As it now stands it gives general

dissatisfaction; neither judges, exhibitors nor the public are satisfied.

A great attempt has been made to fix the Provincial Exhibition permanently in Toronto, but the sense of the farmers is against such a proceeding.

The Western Fair.

This exhibition was held in the City of London on the week following the Provincial Exhibition in Toronto. The weather was favorable and the attendance of visitors was good. The implement manufacturers made an excellent display. The exhibit in stock was not as large as usual. The Directors have, we think injudiciously, reduced the amount of prize money offered for stock. The deficiency was more particularly noticeable in the Hereford and Galway classes, neither of which were represented. In the Ayrshire class the prize list has been too much reduced. The Shorthorns were exhibited in larger numbers, but not as many of them as have been shown on former occasions. The animals exhibited were excellent. Many of them would have compared favorably with those exhibited at the Royal Exhibition in England, and we think might have had a good chance to bring home some of the English honors. The display of sheep and swine was good.

The exhibit of grain was not equal to that of former seasons. Samples were not as good.

In fruits, vegetables and flowers the exhibit was not near as large as at Toronto, and the display in the main building, although good, was not to be compared to that made at Toronto. The large amount of money offered for prizes by the Provincial always tends to draw exhibitors, who exhibit for the prize money alone.

In the art department the display was meagre, and many pictures that carried off prizes were scarcely deserving a frame. There were a few paintings worthy of commendation, but some should be condemned as unworthy of a prize, or even of space near good work. The pictures displayed in Toronto were well worth the payment of an extra admission fee to see. The Toronto artists would exhibit in London if a suitable space were allowed them for such a purpose. To display a good picture in an unsuitable light does injury to an artist. London should aim to induce artists from other cities to compete.

There were great complaints about the appointment of judges in some departments. One judge in the fruit department had given such offence previously that some exhibitors objected this year, and declare they will not show again. Some exhibitors of Ayrshires complain that some judges in that department knew nothing about this class of cattle. In many instances the names of exhibitors were attached to exhibits. This is strongly objected to by many who claim to ask a fair field and no favors.

Every person prefers the Exhibition grounds at London; they are always in good order. It gave us pleasure to see that the ladies were accommodated with seats—one long one in the shade of the agricultural building, which we noticed was covered with ladies every afternoon. This accommodation might be increased.

Guelph and Hamilton Exhibitions.

The Guelph Exhibition was well attended by stock exhibitors, and was equal in that respect to the London Exhibition; but the attendance of visitors was very small. The elections coming on the same week may have detracted from the attention to that exhibition.

The Hamilton Exhibition taking place the same

week as the London Exhibition tended to weaken both. The attendance of visitors was small.

Exhibitors generally consider that there are far too many exhibitions. They cannot attend to them all, and in fact some are contemplating cessation from exhibiting, the expense attending them being so great when followed for weeks together, as they now are.

Facts Deserving Attention.

We have often heard it remarked that manufacturers and stockmen would rather exhibit at the Western Fair in London than at the Provincial Exhibition if held at any other place. To satisfy ourselves on this question, on Friday morning (the closing day of the Western Fair) we inquired of the leading exhibitors who had attended both the Provincial and Western Fairs, and asked the following question: At which place have you effected most sales, or where do you find the best prospect for business, in London or Toronto? The following are the replies from the principals of the several firms or their foremen:

Bell Brothers, of St. George, said their business and prospects were three times as good at London as at Toronto. Green Brothers, of Waterford—business and prospects were both much better in London. Toronto Reaper & Mower Co.—sales and prospects much better in Toronto. Haggart Bros., of Brampton and St. Thomas, considered they were about equal. Massey, of Newcastle, said the prospects were much better in London, for more real farmers came to inquire and examine machines in that city. Harris & Sons, of Brantford—London was a better place for them than Toronto. Noxon, of Ingersoll—much better in London. John Abell, Woodbridge—about equal. McPherson, Glasgow, said business was hardly as good in London; prospects much better. Sawyer, of Hamilton—better in London. Watson, of Ayr—sales have been 100 per cent. better in London than in Toronto. Waterous & Co., Brantford—London Exhibition is the best. Thompson & Williams, of Stratford—business done and future prospects are both much the best in London. J. Snell & Sons said there was a better demand for Cotswolds in Toronto, and a better demand for Leicesters in London; in Shorthorns the prospects were about the same. Mr. Thompson, of Bright P. O., was the largest exhibitor of Ayrshires at London; he made two sales, but sold nothing in Toronto.

The testimony of all the London manufacturers would show much stronger in favor of London as an agricultural centre, but we do not give their opinions. These facts should be borne in mind.

There has been less done to make the Western Fair a success this year than for many years. The prize list for stock had been so much pared down that many breeders became disgusted and would show nothing, while everything was done in favor of Toronto—new grounds, new buildings, and the attendance of our much-respected representative of our Queen, Lord Dufferin, who favored the Toronto Exhibition with his presence three days. If such attractions had been made in London, the probability is that the attendance would have been nearly doubled.

Tree Planting on Barren Lands.

Somewhat has been done in Ontario in the draining of marshes, and the consequent improvement of waste lands, but as yet it is but the beginning of a good work. Very much remains to be done at a future period. Especially is this the case in the western part of the peninsula. The reclamation of waste lands has long claimed the attention of the nations of Europe, and even in the New World whose sparser population rendered an equally large proportionate area of arable land unnecessary, the