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The Twentieth Exhibition of the Agricultural Association of Upper Canada, held at London, has just terminated, having, as usual, extended over the week, commencing Monday, the 18th, and ending Friday, the 22nd September. The limits of a monthly journal will not permit of more than a general notice of the prominent features of interest; and beyond this, with the exception of the Arts and Manufactures, which are the special considerations of our publication, we cannot venture. Not having been able to procure in time those statistics which would enable comparison to be made between this and last year's Exhibition, as to the number of entries, the number of tickets sold as the test of attendance, the amount received and paid, &c. &c., we can only record our own impressions, derived from a tolerably close inspection of the various classes (thirty-nine in number), as to the character and effect of the Exhibition.

Providence favored the occasion with the finest possible weather: heavy rain fell on the previous Sunday, which completely laid the dust, cooled the air (heated by many days of high temperature), and refreshed the face of nature, parched by the long drought. The number of entries was larger than the number of articles exhibited, chiefly, we believe, in the classes of grain, roots, fruits, vegetables and flowers; arising, no doubt, from the extremely dry weather having marred the growth of these articles. The attendance of visitors, especially from the rural districts, was enormous. From an early hour on Tuesday and each succeeding day, the railroads delivered their thousands of men, women and children, bent upon sight-seeing; and the teams, freighted to excess, which rattled into town were past counting: and from the best means at our disposal we are justified in saying that, taking into account all classes, there must have been not less than sixty thousand people who visited the Exhibition grounds during the week! But, in addition to the ordinary visitors, the Exhibition of 1865 is memorable as having been attended by the Delegates (some fifty or sixty) from the maritime Provinces, and by Sir Morton Peto, M.P. for Bristol, and other English capital-

ists, who are making an inspection of the productions and resources of Canada. As regards attendance, therefore, the Exhibition of this year has been a most decided success, and the result to Canada West cannot fail to be of the utmost benefit at home, in the sister Provinces, and in the mother country.

The show of Cereals, Roots, Fruits, Vegetables and Flowers, was not as extensive as could have been wished for. The want of rain has sadly retarded all kinds of root crops, as well as deteriorated the quality of most kinds of fruits and vegetables; so that in these articles some allowance may be fairly made. But as regards Wheat and other grains, which form the great staple of Canadian agriculture, and of which there has been an abundant harvest, the show was small in quantity, and, with one or two exceptions, we think not very superior in quality.

The exhibition of Horses was numerous and good. To be sure, the thorough-bred or blood horse was not strongly represented, which is to be regretted, because a strain of blood is an improvement in a cart horse, and ought to pervade more than it does our carriage and farm horses, giving neatness and activity to the breed, and thus rendering their services more useful. But the heavy draught horses were worthy of Barclay & Perkins, and would have been admired anywhere. The carriage horses were handsome, serviceable looking animals, and so evenly were their merits balanced, that no wonder the judges were so long in deciding which was entitled to the first prize. In saddle horses the show was meagre, and would seem to indicate that the "pig skin" is not so much favored as it used to be, and in fact ought to be; for what exercise in the world is more graceful, or more healthy, than a good gallop on a well-bitted steed?

In Cattle the entries, if not large in number, were remarkably good in quality; and it may be asserted, without fear of contradiction, that in the various classes of cattle exhibited, there were some as fine specimens as could be desired. In Durhams, the Hon. David Christie, of Glenmorris, shone conspicuously, his imported bull "Oxford Lad" having carried off the Prince of Wales' prize; his imported cow won the first prize in her division; and both were splendid animals indeed. The Devons, that genteel class, were pretty and neat as a picture, but it may be doubted whether the climate of Canada is as suitable to them as to other breeds of cattle. The useful Ayrshires, famous for their butter-yielding milk, are evidently increasing in favor with our farmers, and those exhibited were very fine samples of the breed.