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There is a large number of **FREE PRESS** subscribers who have not yet paid for their paper this year. We would respectfully say to all such that if they wish to take advantage of the advance rate of one dollar a year, they must do so without delay, as the three months' grace has now expired. After the 15th of this month we shall have to charge at the rate of one dollar and a half, and if not paid before the end of the year the price will be two dollars.

There are also a few of our "patrons" who have not yet paid one cent for last year's subscription. We trust they will not oblige us to ask very often for something tangible than good wishes.

The Central Exhibition.
The Guelph Central Exhibition has been more largely patronized this week both by exhibitors and visitors than at any time since its organization. The total number of entries exceeded that of 1875 by about \$80, and the pavilion is crowded to its utmost capacity. The fine weather during the past few days has very largely contributed to the unusual success of the exhibition. The horses show is excellent; but there is a noticeable falling off in the number of superior cattle, this being accounted for by many of them being absent at Philadelphia. There is an immense display of agricultural machinery, of every description, much of it being in active operation, driven by portable steam engines on the ground. A large number of carriages, wagons, plows and other implements. The Acton Plow Company takes a first prize.

The Eastern Question.
London, Sept. 30.—Mr. Lowe publishes a letter this morning on the Eastern question. He vehemently insists upon the necessity of calling Parliament together to determine whether the present policy of the Ministry is to be pursued.

The Times in a leading article says: The Czar is doubtless anxious to keep the contest within its proper limits, and he is believed to have given pacific assurances to the Emperor Francis Joseph in an autograph letter, which is exciting the curiosity of the continent. But there is grave reason to fear that if hostilities are not stopped immediately, the healing influences of diplomacy will be baffled. A prominent St. Petersburg newspaper is allowed to say that Russia is resolutely and irrevocably determined to finish the Eastern question. The Czar thanks the Town Council of Nicobelli for their warlike address, and no attempt is made to prevent the rush of soldiers to Serbia, in fact the Russian people are introducing the startling novelty of applying the principle of limited liability to the war. Russia will incur a heavy responsibility if she does not endeavour to stop the present excitement.

John Bright addressed a meeting of the Manchester Reform Club on the Eastern question. He spoke strongly against the support of Turkey by British arms, and expressed a belief in the desirability of convoking Parliament for the purpose of discussing the Ministerial policy in this direction.

The Right Hon. Robert Lowe has published a letter on the Eastern question, insisting upon the necessity of calling Parliament together to consider the policy of the Ministry.

Our County Jail.

Government Inspector Langmuir has inspected our county jail at Milton, and gives an unfavorable report of its fitness for the purposes required of it. He condemns it as being insecure and unfit for the confinement of prisoners. The effect of this report, we presume, will be that the County Council will be compelled to take immediate steps towards the erection of a new building. The following is the report referred to:

Toronto, 14th September, 1876.
Re INSPECTION OF MILTON GAOL.

Sir:—I have the honor to report for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor that I inspected the Milton Gaol on the 9th ult., when there were six prisoners found in custody, five men and one woman. The upper corridor of the gaol in which direct communication with the outside was occupied by Whitesides, charged with the murder of his father, and a detective. The lower corridor was occupied by three male prisoners, so that as men and women were separated in the gaol, the complete separation of the sexes is not even provided for in its structural arrangements. There is only one yard walled in, which is also used by male and female prisoners. Such a condition of things is entirely in violation of prison discipline and regulations, but cannot but have a most demoralizing effect. The ventilation of the lower corridor, particularly in the cells, is defective, and many of the cells are dark and damp. The yard space is not only very limited, but at some points it is insufficient as the window openings are so close to the angles as to afford a means of scaling the wall. The means of properly caring on the domestic arrangements of the gaol, such as the kitchen, laundry, &c., are entirely wanting. For these and other reasons, I have in accordance with the requirements of the Prisoner Asylum Inspection Act of 1868, reported to your Excellency that the gaol is unfit for the confinement of prisoners as required under the terms of the Act, and I have furnished to the Warden of the County a copy of this report with a request that a special committee of the Council should be appointed to confer with me with a view to providing a remedy for the defects complained of.

I have the honor &c., &c.,
J. W. LANGMUIR, Inspt.

To the Hon. the Prov't Secretary.

The Agricultural Show.

Span agricultural horses—M. Holmes, 2d John Kitching, 3d Robt. Holmes. Horse colt—Wm. Anderson, 2d Donald McFavish, 3d John McPhedran. Filly colt—Geo. Stranger, 2d Wm. Anderson, 3d Wm. Morton. One-year-old filly—Wm. Kitching. Two-year-old filly—C. Darby, 2d Robert Hume. Two-year-old gelding—Jos. Anderson, 2d John Patterson. Brood mare—Wm. Anderson, 2d Geo. Stranger, 3d Jacob Allison. Pumpkins or Squashes—Mrs. May, 2d George Hume. Indian corn—Wm. Husband, 2d J. S. Ramsay. Citrons—J. W. Easterbrook, 2d J. Allison.

ROAD OR CARRIAGE HORSES.

Span carriage horses—John Campbell, 2d Daniel Barber, 3d Thos. Storey. Horse colt—Wm. Watson, 2d Geo. Ramsay. Filly—Wm. Hume. One-year-old filly—Robt. Irving, 2d Geo. Norrish. Gelding or entire one-year-old—John Holliday, 2d Wm. Husband. Two-year-old filly—Wm. Elliott, 2d T. M. Taylor. Two-year-old gelding—John Kitching, 2d John Leishman. Brood mare—Robt. Hume, 2d Geo. Ramsay. Filly or gelding three years old—Geo. Kitching, 2d Duncan Reed. Hack horse under saddle—bridle and martingale, given by Mr. Neil McMillan, 1st Duncan Reed. Two-year-old gelding—John Kitching, 2d John Leishman. Brood mare—Robt. Hume, 2d Geo. Ramsay. Filly or gelding three years old—Geo. Kitching, 2d Duncan Reed. Hack horse under saddle—bridle and martingale, given by Mr. Neil McMillan, 1st Duncan Reed. Two-year-old gelding—John Kitching, 2d John Leishman. Brood mare—Robt. Hume, 2d Geo. Ramsay. Single carriage horse in harness—Thos. Whiteley, 2d Henry Carrigill, 2d John Smith.

BORNED CATTLE.

Judges—W. G. Beatty, C. P. Preston, Donald Cameron.

Durham cow, with registered pedigree—Arch. Campbell, 2d R. and W. Thomas. Durham heifer, three years old, giving milk—John Ramsay. Durham heifer, two years old—R. and W. Thomas, 2d Wm. Watson. Durham heifer, two years old, giving milk—John Ramsay. Durham heifer, two years old—R. and W. Thomas, 2d Wm. Watson. Durham heifer, two years old—Wm. Watson, 2d John Ramsay. Durham heifer calf of 1876—Wm. Watson, 2d R. and W. Thomas. Milk cow, grade or common—Jonathan Adamson, 2d N. Norrish. Three-year-old heifer giving milk—Geo. Stranger, 2d G. Strange. Two-year-old heifer—G. Strange. Two-year-old heifer—Wm. Watson, 2d Arch. Campbell, 2d R. and W. Thomas, 2d Wm. Watson. Durham heifer calf of 1876—Arch. Campbell, 2d R. and W. Thomas, 2d John Ramsay. Working oxen in yoke—David Storey, 2d Walter Laing, 3d H. Cargill, 2d Jas. Menzies. Wooden plow—B. Taylor, 2d William Burrows. Sculler—Geo. Ramsay, 2d B. Taylor.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

Judges—Geo. McNair, Mr. Johnson.

Ox yoke and bows—John Simpson.

Shod horse—Geo. Ramsay, 2d Jas. Menzies. Wooden plow—B. Taylor, 2d William Burrows.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Home-made bread, 5 lbs of Christie, Henderson & Co.'s famous 50 cent tea—D. Gillies, 2d A. Bell. Home-made bread, salt yeast—D. Hitechen, 2d Mrs. Reed. Hops

Jas. Reed. Drawing or painting—Jacob Allison. Hair flowers—Miss Thomas. Bouquet for table—A. Campbell, 2d Mrs. May.

Boquet for hand—John Adamson.

Pineapple—Mrs. May. Mesh work—Mrs. D. Gillies. Honiton lace—Miss Kate Robertson. Point lace—Miss Kate Robertson. Ornamental hanging basket—Miss K. Robertson.

Agricultural Exhibitions.

Equesing at Georgetown, Oct. 10. Halton County, at Milton, Oct. 12 and 13th.

Penlinc, at Aberfoyle, Oct. 12.

Erin, at Erin Village, Oct. 17.

Caledon, at Charleston, Oct. 12th and 13th.

HOGS—LARGE BREED.

Boar, aged (Berkshire)—John Hunt, 2d N. Norrish. Boar pig, dropped in 1876—John Hunt, 2d Wm. Dredge. Brood sow—John McGibson, 2d L. Barber. Sow pig, dropped in 1876—Daniel Barber, 2d Thos. Boles.

SMALL BREED.

Aged boar—Walter Laing.

Brood sow—R. Irving, 2d R. Irving. Boar pig—Robert Wilson, 2d John Kitching. Sow pig—R. Irving, 2d R. Irving.

PORK.

Pork turkeys—Thos. Easton, 2d Wm. Elliott. Pork geese—Thos. Nicholson, 2d Peter Gould. Pork ducks—Wm. Elliott, 2d Thomas Easton. Pork fowls (small breed)—A. Pickett, 2d Isaac Woods.

NASSAGAWEYA FALL SHOW.

The Annual Fall Exhibition of the Nassagaweya Agricultural Society was held at Haltonville, last Friday. The Stock and implements were shown on the grounds of Mr. Monaghan and the other articles in the Drill Shed. There was a very large gathering of people and the show was considered fully equal, taken altogether, to any that had yet been held by the society. In horses the show was very good, as usual, but in cattle, there was a noticeable falling off in numbers, though not in quality. Mr. Archibald Campbell and others had a number of well-bred sheep. The Show of implements was very meager, the only buggies being three shown by Mr. Ryder, of Acton, which were not allowed to compete for prizes as they were not manufactured in the township. There was a splendid display of butter, there being 24 entries, all apparently of excellent quality. Roots not very plentiful, grain, a number of very fine samples. In the ladies department there was a very creditable display.

PRIZE LIST.

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Pair fowls (large breed)—Thomas Easton, 2d John Kitching. Pair chickens—John Simpson, 2d Thos. Easton. Pair black Spanish—whip given by Mr. Creecel, Acton—A. Pickett. Soubrigh bantam chickens—Peter Gould.

GRAIN, ROOTS, FRUITS, ETC.

Judges—Wm. Parrish, D. D. Christie, James Campbell.

Fall wheat (white) Soules or others—Arch. McGibson. Treadband, John Leishman. Spring wheat or other—Wm. Husband, John Leishman. Spring wheat—James White, 2d Thomas Mason, 3d T. M. Taylor. Barley—John Ramsay, 2d John Kitching, 3d Wm. Elliott. Small white pees—T. M. Taylor, 2d Isaac Woods. Peas, other variety—John Hunt, 2d John Ramsay. White oats—Black oats—John Hunt, 2d James White. Timothy seed—G. Norris, 2d T. M. Taylor. Flax seed—Thos. Wilson, 2d Isaac Woods. Early rose potatoes—Geo. Easterbrook, 2d John Hunt; 3d George Wright. Potatoes, any other kind—Isaac Woods, 2d Isaac Woods. Swedish turnips—G. Kitching, 2d Geo. McPherson, 3d James White. Turnips, any other sort—T. M. Taylor, 2d A. Gould, 3d J. Wood. Mangold wurtzel—G. Easterbrook, 2d John Ramsay. Field carrots—L. Wood, 2d J. W. Easterbrook, 3d John Ramsay. Turnips—James Ramsay, 2d John Ramsay. Blood roots—Wm. Kitchen, 2d John Ramsay. Potato onions—G. Easterbrook, 2d George Stranger. Scented onions—Thos. Nicholson. Cauliflower—J. W. Easterbrook, 2d John Ramsay. Winter apples—I. Smith, 2d Georgia Norrish. Fall apples—W. Long, 2d John Denham. Turnips, any other sort—T. M. Taylor, 2d A. Gould, 3d J. Wood. Mangold wurtzel—G. Easterbrook, 2d John Ramsay. Field carrots—L. Wood, 2d J. W. Easterbrook, 3d John Ramsay. Turnips—James Ramsay, 2d John Ramsay. Blood roots—Wm. Kitchen, 2d John Ramsay. Potato onions—G. Easterbrook, 2d George Stranger. Scented onions—Thos. Nicholson. Cauliflower—J. W. Easterbrook, 2d John Ramsay. Winter apples—I. Smith, 2d Georgia Norrish. Fall apples—W. Long, 2d John Denham. Turnips, any other sort—T. M. Taylor, 2d A. Gould, 3d J. Wood. Mangold wurtzel—G. Easterbrook, 2d John Ramsay. Field carrots—L. Wood, 2d J. W. Easterbrook, 3d John Ramsay. Turnips—James Ramsay, 2d John Ramsay. Blood roots—Wm. Kitchen, 2d John Ramsay. Potato onions—G. Easterbrook, 2d George Stranger. Scented onions—Thos. Nicholson. Cauliflower—J. W. Easterbrook, 2d John Ramsay. Winter apples—I. Smith, 2d Georgia Norrish. Fall apples—W. Long, 2d John Denham. Turnips, any other sort—T. M. Taylor, 2d A. Gould, 3d J. Wood. Mangold wurtzel—G. Easterbrook, 2d John Ramsay. Field carrots—L. Wood, 2d J. W. Easterbrook, 3d John Ramsay. Turnips—James Ramsay, 2d John Ramsay. Blood roots—Wm. Kitchen, 2d John Ramsay. Potato onions—G. Easterbrook, 2d George Stranger. Scented onions—Thos. Nicholson. Cauliflower—J. W. Easterbrook, 2d John Ramsay. Winter apples—I. Smith, 2d Georgia Norrish. Fall apples—W. Long, 2d John Denham. Turnips, any other sort—T. M. Taylor, 2d A. Gould, 3d J. Wood. Mangold wurtzel—G. Easterbrook, 2d John Ramsay. Field carrots—L. Wood, 2d J. W. Easterbrook, 3d John Ramsay. Turnips—James Ramsay, 2d John Ramsay. Blood roots—Wm. Kitchen, 2d John Ramsay. Potato onions—G. Easterbrook, 2d George Stranger. Scented onions—Thos. Nicholson. Cauliflower—J. W. Easterbrook, 2d John Ramsay. Winter apples—I. Smith, 2d Georgia Norrish. Fall apples—W. Long, 2d John Denham. Turnips, any other sort—T. M. Taylor, 2d A. Gould, 3d J. Wood. Mangold wurtzel—G