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Our Toronto Letter.

The meetings of the Baptist Convention held in this city, and which were concluded last week, possessed more than ordinary interest. Over and above the usual amount of church work requiring attention the trusts arising under the will of the late Senator McMaster had to be dealt with. The sum left to the church for educational purposes is estimated at about eight hundred thousand dollars; but of this all is not immediately available, the various annuities and other charges requiring for some time a considerable portion. The amount, however, that will shortly be available will be sufficient to begin operations, and the work may be extended when the remaining portion is paid over. The Convention unanimously resolved to accept the trusts according to the terms of the will, but a considerable difference of opinion was manifested as to the relations which should exist between the proposed educational institution and Toronto University, some contending that an independent university should be founded, whilst others strongly advocated the advantages of federation. The location of the institution was also brought up, but as it did not seem necessary to come to a decision at once, no final conclusion was arrived at. Upon the question of federation there is no doubt much room for discussion. Were the Baptist denomination without the means of adequately endowing and carrying on an independent university, there would be few to favor the establishment of one which would necessarily be weakly and inefficient. But with Senator McMaster's bequest, and the probability that it will in time be augmented by others, this difficulty largely disappears, and the prospect of a university under denominational control and creating a healthy spirit of rivalry with similar institutions throughout the province, takes its place. The Baptists, I understand, declared some years ago for federation, but whether the change in conditions will cause a change of opinion remains to be seen. The idea of a strong and powerful provincial university certainly appeals to our patriotism, and I have no sympathy whatever with the charge of "Goutiness" that is made by some bigoted and narrow-minded individuals against Toronto University. But I have sometimes feared that were our present universities merged into one that healthy competition that exists between similar institutions and which is such a spur to progress, might be greatly impaired, and advancement sacrificed for the sake of uniformity.

Last Sunday the Metropolitan Church was packed to the doors by a congregation assembled to listen to a sermon by Dr. Parker, of the City Temple, London, England. Dr. Parker was invited to this country to deliver a discourse on Henry Ward Beecher, at Plymouth Church, and his name has been freely mentioned as that great man's successor. He is now delivering lectures in different cities in the United States and Canada. Those who had seen Punshon were forcibly reminded of him when Dr. Parker ascended the pulpit on Sunday afternoon. He is a strong and powerfully built man and his large head at once conveys the impression of immense intellectual power and energy. His magnificent voice at times rang like a trumpet through the church, and then again fell to a deep whisper. What impressed me most about him was his intense individuality and earnestness. All the members of the Provincial Government, with the exception of Mr. Pardee, who was unable to go on account of ill-health, are attending the Interprovincial Conference now being held at Quebec and at which all the Local Governments, with the exception of British Columbia, are represented. So long as the people send representatives to Ottawa to support an administration that persistently attacks the rights of the provinces, it can hardly be expected that much will be accomplished to check the arbitrary course it is pursuing; a course which, if continued, must inevitably lead to the breaking up of Confederation. The outcome of the conference will be awaited with much interest. Its assembling is but another warning of the coming storm. **SENEX.**

WOODBRIDGE FAIR.

The Fair of the West York and Vaughan Agricultural Society, held in Woodbridge on the 12th and 13th inst. was as usual a success. The first day was spent in placing the various exhibits in their proper places and in looking at Football and Baseball matches, trotting and running races &c. On the second day, the attendance was very large and the show was good in every respect. In the evening the annual dinner of the Society was given at the Woodbridge hotel. The President Mr J H Smithson occupied the chair and Mr J P Ball was in the Vice-chair. Speeches were made by N C Wallace, M P Dr. Gilmour M P P Dr Orr,

Messrs. T Porter and S T Humberstone and others. Below we give the prize list:—

SPEEDING AND SPECIAL CLASS.
2 year old trotter in harness sp. No. 27—Wm Whitmore.
3 year old trotter or pacer in harness sp. No. 5—Wm Munshaw, Nathaniel Davis, B H Bull.
4 year old trotter in harness sp. No. 19—Jas Pirkerton.
Fastest running horse—Levi Elliott, Robt Gallagher.
Boys under 10 hitching etc—Geo Hewgill, Bertie Reamon.
Boys under 12 hitching etc—George Rowntree, Jas Hewgill.
Trotting single horse in harness, sp. No. 2—Thos H Campbell, W Whitmore, Jas Lawrie.
Fastest trotting stallion in harness—sp. No. 4—Wm Dunchofer, jr.; S B Kaiser.
Open trot or pace in harness, sp. No. 3—M Barnes, Hy Black.
Fastest trotting brood mare in harness—sp. No. 28—Wm Whitmore.
Football—Richmond Hill, Shamrocks, Woodhill.
Base Ball—Bolton.
Hind quarter of beef sp. No. 12—John Rowntree.
Clydesdale or shire Stallion sp. No. 11—Jas Gardhouse & Son.
Spring colt by Lincoln, sp. No. 24—John Mainprize, Jno Jas Thompson.
Cob horse, sp. No. 39—John Holderness.
Butchers' turn out, sp. No. 43—David Rowntree.

BLOOD HORSES
Mare any age—Jas Clark.
Spring colt or filly—Jas Clark.
IMPORTED DRAUGHT.
Mare with foal—1st and 2nd, D & R McGeachy.
Colt entire, 2 years—Neil Smith.
Colt entire 1 year old—John Bone.
Filly or gelding, 2 year old—Jno Mitchell, Neil Smith.
Filly or gelding 1 year old—John Mitchell.

CANADIAN DRAUGHT HORSES.
Mare with foal etc—Jas Gardhouse & Sons, Alfred E Kaffer.
Colt entire 2 year old—Geo Jackson Hiram White.
Colt entire 1 year old—Jas Gardhouse & Sons, D & R McGeachy.
Spring colt or filly sp. No. 45—Alfred Kaffer, D & R McGeachy 2nd & 3rd.
Filly or gelding 3 years old—P W Boynton, M Harrison, John Clark.
Filly or gelding 2 years old—Jno Bone, 2nd and 3rd, Wm Foster.
Filly or gelding 1 year old—Jas Gardhouse & Son, Wm Kersey.
Span horses in harness—Jas Gardhouse & Sons.

SEC. 4—GENERAL PURPOSE HORSES
Mare with foal—Jas Clark, Geo T Ward 3rd.
Colt entire 2 years old—N. Kerby.
Colt entire 1 year old, sp. No. 23—Jas Rowntree, Wm Bone.
Spring colt or filly sp. No. 22—Geo T Ward, Jas Clark, John Farr.
Filly or gelding 3 years old—Isaiah Brakey & Son, Jas Thomas, Isaiah Brakey & Son.
Filly or gelding 2 years old—Ellerby Farr, Wm McClure, Alex Creighton
Filly or gelding 1 year old—sp. No 21—Fred Lansdale, Mounsey Bros, J H Smith.
Span horses in harness—D Lawrie, Isaiah Brakey & Son, John Clark.

SEC. 5—CARRIAGE HORSES
Mare with foal—W H Denison, John Clark, Robt Maxwell.
Colt entire 2 years old—Wm Moore, D Neelands, Wm Capner.
Colt entire 1 year old—Samuel Stong.
Spring colt or filly—Wm Chew, Robt Maxwell, John Clark.
Filly or gelding 3 years old—Hiram White, Levi Elliott.
Filly or gelding 2 years old—W H Denison, John A McKenna.
Filly or Gelding 1 year old—Wm Farr, S McClure.
Single horse in harness—J J Stewart, S Mason & Sons, Wm Farr.
Roadster or carriage shod horse—A Crowford, Jas Clark.

SEC. 6—ROADSTER HORSES
Mare with foal etc—H L Ross, D Cordingly, Daniel Neelands.
Colt entire 1 year old—D Neelands, H Black, D Cordingly.
Spring colt or filly—O P Holly, H L Ross, A Haystead.
Filly or gelding 3 years old—Jno Clark, S B Kaiser, Alf Drinkwater.
Filly or gelding 2 years old—D Cordingly, 2nd and 3rd Wm Whitmore.
Filly or gelding 1 year old—J J Stewart, Thos Kersey.
Single horse in harness—Jas Laurie, Jas Pinkerton, A Crowford.
Span horses in harness—Alex Dixon, Jas Clark, D Rowntree.
Saddle Horse—Robt Gallagher, Richard Phillips, Levi Elliott.

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Cow any age in milk—John Ackow.

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Bull 2 years old and over—Wm Porter.
Cow any age in milk—1st and 2nd Jas Gardhouse & Sons, Wm Porter.
Bull calf under 1 year—Wm Porter, Geo Robinson.
Heifer calf under 1 year—Jno R Lawrence, John Ackrow, & Son, Jno R Lawrence
Heifer 2 years old—John Ackrow and Son, J T Peacock, Wm Porter.
Heifer 1 year old—1st 2nd and 3rd Jas Gardhouse & Sons.

HOLSTEIN CATTLE

Bull 2 years old—S Shunk jr., Wm Shunk.
Bull 1 year old—S Shunk jr
Heifer 2 years old—S Shunk jr
Heifer 1 year old—S Shunk jr
Cow any age in milk—Wm Shunk.
Bull calf under 1 year—S Shunk jr
Heifer calf under 1 year—S Shunk jr.

GRADE CATTLE

Cow any age in milk—1st & 2nd Wm Porter.
Heifer 2 years old—Thomas Moody.
Heifer 1 year old—Wm Porter, Jno R Lawrence, Thomas Moody.
Herd of Cattle—Jas Gardhouse & Sons, Wm Porter.

LEICESTER SHEEP

Ram 2 shears and over—Thos F Boynton.
Ram Lamb—1st & 2nd Thos F Boynton.
2 Shearling Ewes—Thos F Boynton.
2 Ewe lambs—T F Boynton.
2 Brood ewes 2 shears and over—T F Boynton.
Pen of 1 male and 3 females—Thos F Boynton.

COTSWOLD SHEEP

Ram 2 shears and over—Thos Colley, T F Boynton.
Shearling Ram—Thos Colley, P W Boynton.
Ram lamb—1st and 2nd Thos Colley.
2 Brood ewes 2 shears and over, 1st & 2nd Thos Colley.
2 Shearling ewes—1st and 2nd Thomas Colley.
2 ewe lambs—Thos Colley, P W Boynton.
Pen of 1 male and 3 females—Thos Colley.

SOUTHDOWN SHEEP

Ram 2 shears and over—1st and 2nd Robt Marsh.
Shearling Ram—1st and 2nd Robert Marsh.
Ram lamb—1st and 2nd Robt Marsh.
2 Brood ewes 2 shears and over—1st & 2nd Robt Marsh.
2 Shearling ewes—1st and 2nd Robert Marsh.
2 ewe lambs—1st and 2nd Robt Marsh.
Pen of 1 male, and 3 females—Robert Marsh.

SHROPSHIRE, HAMPSHIRE AND OXFORDSHIRE DOWNS

Shearling Ram—John Dicken.
Ram lamb—1st and 2nd Jno Dicken.
2 Brood ewes 2 shears and over—John Dicken, 2nd F A Fleury.
2 Shearling ewes—John Dicken.
2 ewe lambs—John Dicken, F A Fleury.
Pen of 1 male and 3 females—John Dicken.
2 fat sheep ewes and wethers—Robert Marsh.

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Boar over 1 year—Thos Teasdale, Jas Monkman.
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