The Perth Fair

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1846 - 2020

(Researched and Compiled by Gary G. Darby)

The Perth Fair celebrated its 169th Anniversary in 2014. I've gone back through the years to find the beginnings of our Fair. The Fair is presently held under the auspices of the Perth and District Agricultural Society. However, the name of the Agricultural Society has changed a few times since its beginnings. To get a clear picture of the Fair's early years we have to take a brief look at the history of Lanark County and the formation of Agricultural Societies in Upper Canada.

The Formation of Lanark County

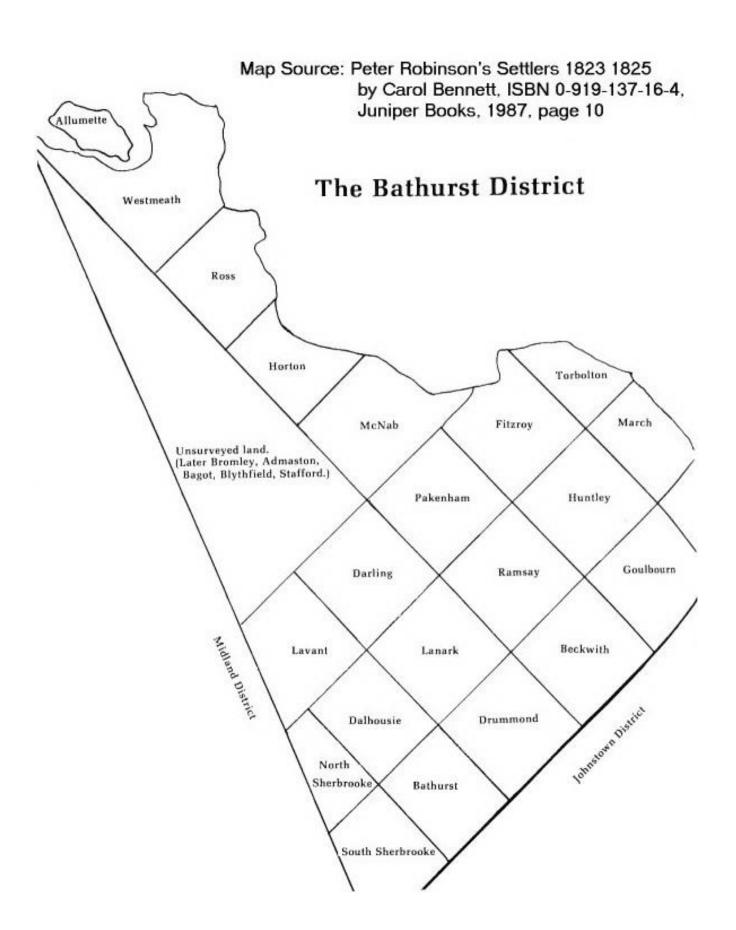
The Bathurst District of Upper Canada was formed in 1822, taken from part of the Johnstown District, and included Carleton County. The District Town in 1822 was Perth. In 1824 Lanark County was created from part of Carleton County. In 1838 Carleton County became part of the new Dalhousie District, that included Bytown. That same year some townships were transferred from Johnstown District to Lanark County. Then in 1845 Renfrew County was formed from part of Lanark County. In 1849 the Bathurst District was replaced by the United Counties of Lanark & Renfrew. It wasn't until 1867 that Lanark and Renfrew became separate Counties. (Source 1 - Armstrong, Frederick Henry (1985), Handbook of Upper Canadian Chronology. Toronto: Dundurn Press. ISBN 978-0-919670-92- Source 2 - Changing the Shape of Ontario - County of Renfrew - Ontario Ministry of Government & Consumer Services.)

Anyone who has researched the County of Lanark has seen the phrases "Lanark North" and "Lanark South." The terms are found on all kinds of historic documents, including wills, post office records, land transactions . . . you name it. Where is the line between North and South? and, why is there a line at all? What does it mean? The division of Lanark into North and South dates back to the time when Lanark County was split into two provincial electoral districts (or ridings). At the time of Confederation -- 1867 -- the county was represented by two Members of Provincial Parliament, and two Members of Parliament in Ottawa. Throughout the rest of the 19th Century, then, it was common for people to speak of "Lanark North" or "the South Riding of Lanark." The post office records in Ottawa usually describe post offices as being in Lanark North or South. Even today, the Federated Women's Institutes continue to have districts called Lanark North and Lanark South. As the population shifted, and the towns and cities of Ontario grew rapidly, rural representation in the legislatures shrank. By 1914, Lanark County was given only one seat in the House of Commons. The Ontario government followed suit in 1933, when -as a cost-saving measure during the Great Depression -- the provincial legislature was reduced from 112 members to just 90. Lanark North and Lanark South were merged, and the county has been represented by one MPP ever since. (Source: Lanark County Genealogical Society, Lanark North and South, article submitted by Michael Dawber.)

The Constitution Act of 1867 divides Lanark County as follows:

<u>Lanark North:</u> Townships of Dalhousie, Darling, Lanark, Lavant, Pakenham, Ramsay, Sherbrooke North.

<u>Lanark South</u>: Townships of Bathurst, Burgess North, Drummond, Elmsley North, Montague, Sherbrooke South, and the Town of Perth. (Source: Lanark County Genealogical Society, Lanark North and South, article submitted by Michael Dawber.)



The Representation Act of 1908 divided Lanark County as follows:

<u>Lanark North</u>: "The Electoral District of North Lanark to consist of the Townships of Beckwith, Dalhousie, Lanark, Ramsay, Lavant, Darling, and Pakenham, and the Towns of Almonte and Carleton Place, and the Village of Lanark."

<u>Lanark South</u>: "The Electoral District of South Lanark to consist of the Townships of Montague, Elmsley North, Burgess North, Sherbrooke South, Sherbrooke North, Drummond, Bathurst, and the Towns of Perth and Smith's Falls." .(Source: Lanark County Genealogical Society, Lanark North and South, article submitted by Michael Dawber.)

The Representation Act of 1925 divided Lanark County as follows:

<u>Lanark North</u>: "The Electoral District of North Lanark,-- to consist of the Townships of Beckwith, Dalhousie, Darling, Lanark, Lavant, Pakenham, Ramsay, Sherbrooke North and Sherbrooke South, the Towns of Almonte and Carleton Place and the Village of Lanark."

<u>Lanark South</u>: "The Electoral District of South Lanark,-- to consist of the Townships of Bathurst, Burgess North, Drummond, Elmsley North and Montague and the Towns of Perth and Smith's Falls." (Source: Lanark County Genealogical Society, Lanark North and South, article submitted by Michael Dawber.)

First Agricultural Societies in Upper Canada

John Graves Simcoe, Upper Canada's first Lieutenant Governor started the history of agricultural societies and fairs in Ontario. His great desire was to see the largely unsettled colony of Upper Canada become an agricultural nation. In his opinion, the future of Ontario rested with farming. To work towards this goal, he helped organize the Agricultural Society of Upper Canada in 1792. From this humble beginning our present-day agricultural societies and fairs descended. His dream of a well-farmed colony was realized over the next century, as agriculture became the dominant force in Ontario. Building on the English example of agricultural improvement societies, hundreds of similar societies sprang up over the province. Settlers took their love of farming and fairs with them to new frontiers in Northern Ontario and Western Canada. The seed planted in the fertile soil in Upper Canada flourished and improved from within. Canadians were no longer content to practice agriculture; they practised "improved agriculture". Ontario agriculture has advanced in so many ways in the last two hundred years, and while this proud record is the result of many factors, a prominent one has been the role played by the agricultural improvement societies and fairs. The agricultural improvement societies are the same organizations that sponsor our modern fairs and exhibitions. While community fairs was always one of their main goals, societies did more in the pursuit of their goal of improving agriculture such as buying and selling seed, keeping breeding livestock and distributing books and journals. Modern day agricultural societies are best known for their fairs and exhibitions. (Source - Write-up of the background of Agricultural Societies in Upper Canada, by the Barrie Fair. http://www.essaagriplex.ca/the-agriplex/about-the-society/history/)

Agricultural Societies were formed early in the province's history as a way of encouraging mixed farming, and animal husbandry in particular. The first was formed in Hamilton and lasted from 1792 to 1806. A number of other small societies popped up and disappeared, and it was not until the Legislature passed a law subsidizing district agricultural societies in 1830 that they took off. Societies were formed in the Home, Western, Johnstown, Eastern and Gore districts. Others were formed in the Bathurst district in 1832, Prince Edward in 1833 and London in 1836. Grants to these societies totalled £1,607 in 1841. (Source 1 - . Jones, Robert L. (1946), History of Agriculture in Ontario 1613 - 1880. Toronto: University of Toronto Press. P. 156-165; Source 2 - Fair, Ross D. (1998), Gentlemen, Farmers, and Gentlemen Half-Farmers: The Development of Agricultural Societies in Upper Canada 1792 - 1846; Kingston: PhD Thesis, History, Queen's University. pp. 83 - 124.)

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Bathurst Agricultural Society, Established March 20, 1832

The first Agricultural Society formed in this area was the Bathurst District Agricultural Society, on March 20, 1832. A list of Premiums was published in the Bathurst Courier & Ottawa Gazette Newspaper (beginnings of Perth Courier) on October 3, 1834. The Competition, as it was called, was held in Bytown on Wednesday, October 8, 1834. (Source - . Bathurst Courier & Ottawa Gazette, October 3, 1834, page 4)

This Society was for all of Bathurst District, including what is now, Lanark, Renfrew & Carleton Counties.

PREMIUMS offered for competition for 1834, by the Bathurst Agricultural Society, established the 20th day of March, 1832.

Fairs - verses - Exhibitions

Livestock Trade Fairs, or sometimes called "Farmer's Trade Fairs", were started in this district of Upper Canada at Perth in 1827 and at Bytown in 1829. Additional villages and towns followed suit, until there were about twenty locations of these fairs in and around Lanark, Renfrew and Carleton counties in 1854. These were reported as Spring and Fall Fair days. They were livestock trading fairs, originally charted by the province and generally of earlier origin than the Agricultural Society Exhibitions. They were formally organized marketing days on which livestock and sometimes other farm products were brought together at an established site and offered for sale. (Source - Brown, Howard Morton (1984), Lanark Legacy, Nineteenth Century Glimpses of an Ontario County. Funded by the Corporation of the County of Lanark.)

The following excerpt was taken from the diary of Rev. Wm. Bell of Perth:

1827: Perth's first fair! It had been determined that two fairs should be held at Perth, one at the beginning and one at the end of summer. The first was on the 1st Tuesday of May and such as none had ever seen. It rained all day and there were fewer people and fewer cattle. Very little business done. In the evening, a set of worthless vagabonds got drunk, quarreled, fought a battle and for some hours kept the streets in an uproar. (Source - Rev. William Bells Diary, Algonquin College Library, Perth, Ontario.)

The Perth Courier published the notices and results of these fairs each spring and fall, up to 1901 when the articles ceased. The previous few years reported the decline in cattle being offered and people attending the fairs. It seemed inevitable that the end of the livestock trade fairs was near.

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APPROACHING ELECTION.

Next Monday being the day appointed for elections throughout the Province, is one anxiously looked for by many, and in addition to the addresses of our own candidates, we have inserted, as applicable to our neighbours, in the Johnstown District (among whom are many of our friends) the address of Mr. SMALL, candidate for Toronto, and when it is considered that Mr SMALL is brother to the Clerk of the Crown a lawyer by profession, and related to most of the great in York; we think his dread of Attorney Generals, as representatives, will be considered of some weight, & worthy the attention of all who feel tempted to support a perfect stranger, alike ignorant of our wants and situation, merely because he is Attorney General of Upper Canada. This is a warning to all who are still dubious, about insulting the honour of the county; may, brandishing it with dirgrace for. ever, by thus acknowledging that it does not contain a man worthy to represent it.

In our own County, we do not anticipate The Candidates who have mwch stir. offered are all of this county, and respecta-> ble men. The semi-annual fuir usually < beld in Perth, happens on the Tuesday in the 2d day of the election, from which it is expected there will be a great many in this place: but we trust, the excellent moral character of our people, will not suffer (as it too often happens when many meet) their evil passions to stifte their better judgment, but soberly and proporly execute their business and other duties, then return peaceably to their respective places of abode.



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VOL. 1.

PERTH, FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 10, 1834.

NO 10.

The Fair.—Tho Fair and Election both happened on the same day, (Tuesday last.) we think a greater number of nersons were in town, than we ever as a upon any former occasion, and a great deal of but it is was done in oxen, cows and horses—between 15 to 20 yoke of oxon were sold from £12 10s to £19 a yoke, and cows from £12 10s to £19 a yoke, and cows from £12 10s to £19 a yoke, and cows from £12 10s to £19 a yoke, and cows from £12 10s to £19 a yoke, and cows from £12 10s to £19 a yoke, and cows from £2 to £3. The cattle were mostly in good order, and the working exen of a better description than we have seen at any former fair in Forth. As usual there was some recing and trotting of horses, which furtished a good dor! of amusement, and the people gritter.

First Agricultural Society in Perth

The following notice was published in the Bathurst Courier & Ottawa General Advertiser issue of April 23, 1841

Notice.

A GRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—-A Meeting of the yeomen and others friendly to the establishment of an Agricultural Society for the neighboring townships, will be held in the Court House, on Saturday the 8th of May, at 12 o'clock, noon.

Perth, April 21, 1841.

This notice of meeting, placed in the Bathurst Courier & Ottawa General Advertiser, to form an Agricultural Society, was the beginning of what is now known as the Perth & District Agricultural Society, who hold the Perth Fair each Fall.

The results of this meeting were published in the paper on May 14, 1841. The following 4 pages are a transcribed copy of the article, as published.

The new Society was called the Perth Agricultural Society. Officers were elected at the meeting and the 'Constitution' of the new Society was presented. The first officers of the Society were elected for a six-month term. On October, 9, 1841 a meeting was held at the Court house to elect the next group of officers for the Society and present a revised Constitution.

It is important to note that the first Agricultural Society in Perth was subordinate to the **County of Lanark Agricultural Society**, which was formed in Carleton Place in 1840. It was considered the County Society and it wasn't until 1858 that the Agricultural Society in Perth was no longer subordinate to the Society in Carleton Place. This will be explained later in the Society name changes.

Perth Agricultural Society

Established May 8th, 1841

The following was published in The Bathurst Courier and Ottawa General Advertiser, issue of May 14, 1841 in Perth.

> (transcribed by Gary G. Darby) 2014

Agricultural Meeting at Perth

Pursuant to public notice given through the "Bathurst Courier" a meeting was held at the Court House this day, the 8th of May 1841, for the purpose of forming an Agricultural Society.

The meeting was organized by appointing Dr. Thom, Chairman, and Mr. Buell, Secretary.

J. G. Malloch, Esq., then addressed the meeting, and stated in substance that there were already two Societies, of the description contemplated, already formed in the District, - the one at Bytown, called the "District of Bathurst Agricultural Society" - the other at Carleton Place, known as the "County of Lanark Agricultural Society". He read the enactment of the Legislature encouraging the formation of such institutions; stated the law would expire at the end of the ensuing session of Parliament unless continued, which it probably would be, and a number of persons were desirous of forming a society now, and hoped to participate hereafter in the benefits of the law if continued. He stated further that there was no intention of interfering with the other societies; that this one could embrace the townships of Drummond, Bathurst, Dalhousie, Lanark, North and South Sherbrooke, &c., and that after the division of the District it would extend to a portion of Elmsley, Burgess, and to Montague, and could then assume the name of the District Society.

Henry Glass, Esq., followed, and proposed the establishment of a Society to be known at present as the APerth Agricultural Society, @ and it could afterwards assume the title before referred to. After some observations from DANIEL McMARTIN, Esq., who was in favour of a postponement to the Fair day, - from T. M. RADENHURST, Esq., suggesting some improvements in a draft of the Constitution produced by Mr. Glass, &c. - and some remarks from others, the following constitution, and list of officers for the ensuing six months, was adopted:

'CONSTITUTION'

OF THE APERTH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.@

- **Resolved** 1st, That a Society be now formed, to be at present styled the APerth Agricultural Society,@ having for its object the advancement and more general improvement of Agriculture in this Section of the Province.
- **2d**, That the Society shall be under the management of a President, three Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and 20 Directors, who shall form a Committee to transact the business of the said Society, and who shall have the power to make such rules and Bye-laws, from time to time, as shall be found necessary for the better and more regular advancement of the interests of the Society; and whose duty it shall be to do all in their power to advance the prosperity of the same.
- **3d**, That the payment of five shillings annually shall qualify any one to become a member of the said Society, and a donation of Five pounds a member for life.
- **4**th, There shall be a meeting of the Members of the said Society at Perth once a year, the time of such annual meeting to be agreed upon by the Committee, of which public notice, to be signed by the President or two Vice Presidents, shall be given at least one month previous; at which time the officers for the ensuing year shall be elected.
- 5th, That the Committee shall meet every three months, or oftener if necessary, for the discharge of business, and for making such regulations as shall be found necessary for advancing the interest and prosperity of the said Society, that not less than nine shall form a quorum, of whom the President or one Vice President shall be one; at which meetings, as well as at annual meetings, all votes shall be taken by ballot.
- 6th, The President and Secretary shall have power to call meetings of the managing Committee at such time and place as they may think most advisable; and if the President and Secretary should either neglect or refuse to do so, any two of the Vice Presidents, or four of the managing Committee, shall have power to call a meeting by giving two weeks' notice of the same, stating in such notice the object of the meeting.
- 7th, The Treasurer shall keep an account of the recipes and expenditures of the Society, to be exhibited at the Annual meeting, and also a list of all the members of the said Society. He shall also have charge of all monies and property of the Society, subsequent to the orders of the Managing Committee; all orders of the Treasurer shall be signed by the President or presiding Vice President of the Committee, and countersigned by the Secretary. The Treasurer shall exhibit a statement of the funds and property of the Society whenever required to do so by the managing Committee, and shall also give such security as may be approved of by the Committee or President for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office.
- **8**th, All rules and Bye-laws made by the managing Committee for conducting the business of the Society shall become null and void at each Annual meeting, but the same may again be adopted or amended by the succeeding Committee.
- 9th, That all Regulations and Bye-laws, as well as a Report of the proceedings of the Society, the state of its finances, and a general view of its affairs, shall be published once a year under the direction of the Committee, and be exhibited to the Society at its Annual meeting.
- 10th, It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record the proceedings of the Society and exhibit the same when required by the Committee, and all the books and papers of the Society shall be open to the inspection of any Member at same meetings.

- 11th, This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, except at the Annual meetings of the Society, where at this, as well as at all other meetings, a majority of votes carries.
- 12th, All vacancies which may occur by death or refusal to serve may be filled up by the officers of the Society, at any properly constituted meeting.
- 13th, That the following persons to be chosen officers of the Society for the term of six months from this date, when a meeting shall be called and a new election take place; to wit.

President - Anthony Leslie, Esq.

Vice Presidents - William Bell, Jr.

Alex. Montgomery, and Alex. Ferguson, 6th Con.

Treasurer - John G. Malloch.

Secretary - Duncan Graham.

Directors

1. Henry Montgomery,	11. Thomas Mansfield,
2. Richard Walker,	12. David Smith,
3. Alex. Ferguson, (Perth),	13. George Blair,
4. Henry Glass, Esq.,	14. William Spalding,
5. Robert Haley,	15. John McLaren, Jr.,
6. John Clark, 5 th Con. Bath.,	16. John Haggart,
7. Patrick Campbell,	17. James Bryce,
8. William Robinson,	18. John McIntyre, (Dal.),
9. Peter Sinclair,	19. John Hall,
10. John Flintoft,	20. Wm. Allan.

After this a subscription list was produced, and the sum of twenty-five pounds, ten shillings subscribed on the spot.

A. Thom, Chairman Wm. O. Buell, Secretary

Dr. Thom having left the Chair, Mr. D. Graham was appointed thereto, when the thanks of the meeting were voted to the worthy Doctor for his able services in the Chair.

It was further resolved that the proceedings of this meeting be forwarded to the ABathurst Courier@ for insertion.

Duncan Graham, Chairman Perth, 8th May, 1841

On October 9, 1841, the Society held its first semi-annual meeting at the Court House. The Society was just 6 months into its formation. Most of the original officers were re-elected, with additional directors being added. They had purchased a bull of superior breed for the improvement of stock in the area, and also procured a good quality seed wheat for the benefit of local farmers. They had also procured pigs for the Society & were arranging the purchase of Rams.

This article appeared in the Bathurst Courier & Ottawa General Advertiser on October 12, 1841. (some parts illegible)

PERTH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY .-The semi-annual meeting of this Society for the election of Officers for the ensuing half year, and for other purposes, was held in the Court House on Saturday last. The former officers were re-elected, namely: A. LESLIE, Esquire, President, D. Graham, Esquire, Secretary, and John G. Malloch, Esquire, Treasurer; and a considerable addition to the list of Directors was made. The Society has progressed very satisfactorily since its formation, having a good subscription list, and daily receiving additions to it. The Soriety has been enabled, owing to its success and favourable prospects, to purchase a Bull of superior breed, for the improvement of the stock of the country; it has also procured a good quality of seed wheat for the benefit of the farming interest generally; for such is the liberal footing upon which the Society stands, that " given time, it was agreed that Colonial Fould be furnished with the relook of it in quantities of not more than Pigs of a celebrated der-Lords of thave also been procured, and the m, Admirave made arrangements for the "purchase of half a dozen Rams, of a superior breed. This promising appearance of a Society but six months old, with the pleasing account by the Treasurer of the funds yet in hand, is most cheering, and to whom should it be more so than the farmers. Farmers! enrol! yourselves under the Agricultural banner.

COURIER B GENERAL ADVERTISER. BATHURST OTTAW

"Union is Strength,"

PERTH, TUESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 19, 1841.

NUMBER 52.

Perth Agricultural Society.

OLUME VII.

Proceedings of a General Meeting of the Pertil Agricultural Society, held within the Court House of Perth, on the 9th cay of October, 1841, pursuant to advertisement. The Meeting having been dult goostituded, J. G. Malloch, Esq., the Treasurer, exhibited an account of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Society for the last six months, giving a clear and gratifying statement of the Funds and Property of the Society considering the recent date of its formation.

The period of service of the officers of the Society laving thus expired in terms of the Constitution, the meeting proceeded to a new election, when the following were duly appointed to officiate for the next twelve months, viz:

Pre	President.		James Me Laren
Anthony 1	Leslie, Eso.		Wm. Stood
Vice I	Vice Presidents.		. IVm. Ville.
Wm. Bell. Junr.,	. Junt	BATHURST.	John Clark
Alexande	r Montgomery.		Patrick Campbell
Alexande	Alexander Ferguson, 6th Con.		Wm. Robinson.
Tree	Treasurer,		Wm. Snalding.
J. G. Malloch,	loch,		James Bree.
Seci	Secretary,		John Hardemye.
Duncan Graliam.	raliam.		John Moderwell.
Dir	Directors,		James Nelson
DRUMMOND, Peter Sinciair,	Sinciair,	DALHOUSIE.	David Smith
James	James Innes.		George Blair
Thom	Thomas Mansfield.		John Donald
Wm.	Allan.		Andrew Marine
Thom	Thomas Williams, Sen.,	N. SHERBROG	N. Sherbrooke. Ebenezer Wilson.
John d	John McHquham,		Mathew Miller
Rober	Robert Halev.		Luhn Warner
Henry	Henry Montgomery.	Honrow.	Alex Marin
Richa	Richard Walker.	ELMSLY.	Ralph Smith
Alex.	Alex. Ferguson (Perth),		Wm. McPherson
John J	John Haggart,		James Waddle.
James	James Flintoft,		Duncan McTavish.
Thon	Thomas Brooke,	BURGESS,	Win. Brooke.
	hom.		Alex. Cameron,
LANARK, John Hall,	Hall, .		Thomas Thomson.
	John Mr Laren,		John Hartness

The Subscription Lists for the Township of Lanark not having been returned, and no Subscriptions being received from those of Elmsiy and Burges, the Meeting agreed to appoint, in the mean time, the persons above mentioned in those Twanships to officiate as Directors, but empowering the Committee of Management to strike out the names of such of them as should not become members of the Society within too manths from this date.

It being considered of much importance to the presperity of the settlement to improve the bread of Sheep, the Meeting appointed R. Walker, Ralph Smith, and Alexander Ferguson to be a Committee for procuring six Rans for the use of the Society The Meeting having then taken into consideration the Constitution of the Society, made some amendments therein suggested by its operation, and agreed on the follow:

CONSTITUTION OF THE "PERTH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY."

1st. That this Society be at present styled the "Perth Agricultural Society," having for its object the advancement and more general improvement of Agriculture in this Society of the Province.

2d. That the Society shall be under the management of a President, three Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and twenty Directors, or more, who shall form a Committee to transact the business of the Society, and who shall have power to make such Rules and Bro-laws, from time to time, as shall be found noressary for

the better and more regular advancement of the interests of the Seriety; and whose duty it shall be to do all in their power to advance the prosperity of the same.

3d. That the parament of five shillings anenally shall qualify any one to become a member of the staid Society, and a donation of Five pannuls a member for life, but no person shall be considered a member until his subscription be first paid.

4th. That each person on paying his subscription, shall receive from the Treasmer a certificate, showing the period for which he becomes a member of the Society.

5th. There shall be a meeting of the Members of the said-Society at Perti once a year, the time of such annual meeting to be agreed upon by the Committee, of which public notice, to be signed by the President, or two Vice Presidents, shall be given at least one anouth previously; at which time the efficients for the cusuing year shall be all the contracts.

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9th. All Rules and Bre-laws made by the managing committee for conducting the business of the Society shall become null and void at each. Annual meeting, but the

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10th. That all regulations and Bye-laws, as well as a Report of the proceedings of the Society, the state of its finances, and a general view of its offare, shall be published once a-year, under the direction of the Committee, and be exhibited to the Suciety at its Annual meeting.

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13th. All vacancies which may occur by death, resignation, or refusal to serve, of any of the officers of this Society, may be filled up by the Committee of Management, meetings of the Society, whereat, as well as at all citier meetings, a majority of votes

at any properly constituted meeting.

Notice in the Bathurst Courier & Ottawa General Advertiser *issue of May 23, 1842*

NOTICE.

PERTH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE Society having completed the purchase of their stock of Bulls for this season, deem it proper to inform the members of the Society and others, concerned for the improvement of Stock in this section of the country, that the Directors have made the following arrangement for the present year-

No. 1, Bull Monarch, to stand for this season at the stable of W. Glas-

cott, Perth.

Terms, to members 7s 6d ner Cow, to others not members 153.

2 do Archer, stands at John McLaren's, Lanark.

Members 23 6d, others 73 6d. 3 do The Larrd, stands at John Ha-

miton's Dalhousie.

Members 23 6d, others 7s 6d.

4 do Messenger, stands at Jas. Nel. son's, 8th Con. Bilhurst.

Members 2s Gd, others 7s Gd. 5 do Commodore, stand at Abraham Ferrier's, Scotch Line.

Members 2s 6d, others 7s 6d. 6 do Comet, stands at Thos. Mansfield's, 2d Con. Drummond.

Members 2s 6d, others 7s 6:1. The above animals have been procured at a very great expense and trouble, and the Society flatter themselves that a finer stock is not to be found in any other Society in

the Province. Monarch is a pure blooded, short horned Durham; is 4 years old this month, and weighs 2580 lba. The Society, four days atter he was purchased, was offered One Hundred Guiness for him by a gentleman in Kingston. Messenger, Comet, and The Laird are fine Ayranire; Archer and the Commodore are half Durham and half Ayr. shire, both very superior animals, and well calculated to improve the native Stock now in general use in this country.

The Directors of the Society would impress upon the minds of the individuals having charge of the above animals, that they should have a strict regard to the Rules and Regulations of the Society, and in no case deviate the efrom, that there may be no room for the charge of partiality. It will be borne in mind, that the payment of five Shillings per annum constitutes one a member of the Society, and entitles him to the use of all the animals belonging to the Society for that year at the reduced rates. That no one is considered a member till he pays his subscription to the Treasurer, J. G. Malloch, Esq. who grants him a certificate of his membership. That the fees for the service of the animals must be paid town to the person in charge, or he must he responsible to the Society if Credit be given. That the persons in charge keep a book wherein they will enter the names of al! who call for the use of the animals-entering down the number of Cowe, with correct dates and sums. Also, that there be a column for remarks, such as the description of Cows served, age, colour and breed. It will also be observed that the Second year of the Society commenced the first day of January lest, and all who have not paid their subscriptions since that day are not considered members, nor entitled to the privileges of the Society till they pay the usual fen of 5s to the Treasurer.

ANTHONY LESLIE, President. Perth, 18th May, 1842. 3111

First Ploughing Match

On October 26, 1843, the Perth Agricultural Society held its first Ploughing Match at the farm of Peter McPherson, on the Scotch Line.

Notice in the Bathurst Courier & Ottawa General Advertiser issue of September 27, 1843

PERTH SOCIETY PLOUGH-ING MATCH.

26th Oct. next; the place a field belonging to Peter McPherson on the Scotch
Line. The judges are requested to meet
a day or so before the time and complete
heir arrangements. Intending competie
fors will please hand in their names to
H. Glass, Esq. one week before the
time appointed

WILLIAM O. BUELL, Secretary.

Sept. 4, 1843.

In 1844 the Society held a meeting on April 6th, where they set the rules for the Ploughing Match, which was to be held just once a year in the Fall.

They also appointed a committee to set up a Premiums List for stock, farms, domestic manufactures, etc., with 41 pounds being allocated for that purpose.

On May 29th, 1845 the Society published a Premiums List, where they laid out the plans for judging farms, gardens, crops, and farm implements, with premiums being awarded in early July, by judges appointed for that purpose. They held a Cattle show in Perth on Tuesday, October 1st, 1845, which was the same day as the Perth Fall Fair (selling of stock). Cattle and Domestic Manufactures were judged that day. The Ploughing Match was set for Friday, October 4th, with an Agricultural Dinner that evening.

First Society Premiums List

Bathurst Courier & Ottawa General Advertiser, April 9, 1844

For the Bathurst Courier. AGRICULTURAL MEETING.

Pursuant to advertisement the Quarterly Meeting of the Perth Agricultural Society was held at the Court House on Saturday the 6th day of April inst. The Managing Committee also met at the same place, according to the public notice given, to appoint Directors out of the actual members of the Society, when the following persons were named, who are hereby notified thereof:

Directors for 1844.

Thomas Mansfield, Robert Douglas, Thomas W.lliams, William O. Buell, Richard Walker, Thomas Brooke, Hon. W. Morria, James Jackson, Abraham Ferrier, Patrick Campbell, Peter Sinclair, Henry Glass, W. Bell, Alex. McEathron, W. Stead, W. Spalding, Alex. Ferguson, M. McPheison, J. G. Malloch, James Flintofi.

Ploughing Match.

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This subject was discussed, when it was resolved that there should be but one in the year, and that in the Fall.

1st Class of Ploughmen, open to all British subjects who are members of the Society.

2d Class—to give the young men of the country a fair tria! - open to such only as have learned the art of Ploughing in this country, who are members of the Society.

THE PREMIUMS in each class to be 40s, 30s, 20s—competitors to be members by paying their subscription of 5s two months before the match comes off, and to give in their names to the Secretary two weeks before the match day.

Judges will be appointed and public notice given in good time.

Premium List.

It was resolved that £41 be appropriated to this purpose; a committee was appointed to superintend the arrangements, of which due notice will be given and the list published. It extends to Stock, Farms, Domestic Manufactures, &c.

The Treasurer exhibited his accounts, showing the Society to be in a healthy state, so as to warrant the appropriation of this amount for Premiums—Cash on hand £52 13s 9.1.

The First Perth Fair

1846?

- **1841 -** The Perth Agricultural Society was formed on May 8th, 1841 (see page 8)
- **1842 -** The Society concentrated on increasing membership & purchased several Bulls for Breeding stock. (see page 14)
- **1843 -** The Society held its first Ploughing Match on October 26, 1843.(see page 15)
- **1844 -** The Society held another Ploughing Match, but also judged and paid premiums for stock, farms, domestic manufactures, etc. Unfortunately the Bathurst Courier & Ottawa General Advertiser issues for the period covering these events in 1844 are missing. (see page 16)
- 1845 The Courier issues for that time period in 1845 are also missing, however we have a copy of the PREMIUMS of the "Perth Agricultural Society" for the year 1845. This copy was provided to the Perth & District Agricultural Society by Archives Lanark, in Drummond Centre. The copy is framed and hanging in the Perth Fair Board office at the Perth Fair Grounds. (see page 18)
 - The Agricultural Societies, over the years, have always considered that the first Perth Fair was held in 1846. These found articles show that they did show and judge livestock, farm products, and domestic items in 1844, location unknown. In 1845 they did the same, and the event took place in Perth, on the same day as the Perth Fall Fair (livestock trading fair) which started in 1827 and ran until 1901. These trading fairs were held twice a year, a Spring Fair in May and a Fall Fair in October.
- 1846 1846 was the first year that the Society held a Cattle Show & Ploughing Match separate from the Fall Fair Day. It was held in a field adjoining Perth owned by Alexander Thom. (*Alexander Thom owned most everything west of Wilson Street, east & west, at that time*) It was held on October 5, 1846 with the judging of Ploughing, Cattle and domestic manufactures, etc. An article in the Bathurst Courier from October 13, 1846 states that there was a "marked improvement of the appearance and breed of cattle, from former exhibitions." This statement would also indicate that the fair started earlier than 1846. (see page 20)

Of the "Perth Agricultural Society," for the year 1845.

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do	2d do do	5	0
do	best 20 lbs. of Maple		
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		25	0
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	thy Hay Seed	10	0
	Ploughing Match.		
	ss -Old countrymen or o		
—be	st, 30s; 2d do 20s; 3d do	10)s.
Cla	ssVoung men brought	nn	in

2d Class-Young men brought up in this country-best, 30s; 2d do 20s; 3d do 10s.

And a sum not exceeding £5 to be given in premiums on articles not enumerated in the above list, and which the Judges may consider worthy of

The premiums on Farms, Gardens, Crops, and Farm Implements, will be awarded early in July next, by Judges to be appointed for that purpose.

The Cattle Show will be held in

Perth on Tuesday the 1st day of Octo-ber next, being the Fall Fair day, at which time the premiums on Live Stock and the Domestic Manufactures above enumerated, will be adjudged. Competitors to be on the ground with their stock and articles offered for competition by 12 o'clock, noon

The Ploughing Match will take place on the Friday after the Cattle Show, being the 4th of October next, at 10 o'clock A. M. The proceedings of the day will be closed by an Agricultural Dinner, to be served up early in the

Those who intend to compete on Farms, Gardens, Crops, and Farm Implements, are requested to hand in their names and the items they wish to offer for competition, to the Secretary, on or before the 5th day of July next. On Live Stock and Domestic Manufactures, on or before the 1st day of September next: and competitors for the Ploughing Match, on or before the 19th day of the same month.

Competitors to own the Stock &c. offered for competition, and to be members of this Society, at the time of giv-

ing in their names.

No person who has already taken the first premium on Farms, Farm Implements, or Ploughing, shall be entitled to the same for three years from the time he took such premium.

That a part of the premiums which may be awarded may be paid in Agri-cultural Books and Periodicals at cost price at the option of the committee of management, but only to be given to those who may not previously have purchased the same kind of works.

The Directors shall have power to alter any part of the foregoing that may prove impracticable in any particular.

The arrangements for the Cattle Show, Ploughing Match, Agricultural Dinner, &c., will be published in due

Any person becomes a member for one year on payment of 5s; and the additional sum of 1s 3d will entitle him to an Agricultural Paper for the same pe-

ADAMS, Jr.

Secretary P. A. S.

Perth, May 29, 1845.

PERTH, TUESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 29, 1846.

THE Fall Ploughing Match and Cattle Show will take place on Monday the 5th October next, at 10 o'clock, in a field belonging to A. Thom, Esq., opposite the dwelling house of Thos, M. Ridenhuret, Esq. The Domestic Manufactures will be examined at the same time and

J. McKAY, Sec'y. Perth, Sept. 26, 1846. 49

The Bathurst Courier

issue of October 13, 1846

On Monday the 5th, the Cattle Show and	2d do do Jas. Cameron 10 0
Ploughing Match in connection with the Perth	3d do do Matthew Bell 5 0
Agricultural Society, took place in a field be-	Best pen of 6 Lambs, A. Ferguson 15 0
longing to Alex, Thom, Esq. There was	2d do do Matthew Bell 10 0
a marked improvement in the appearance and	3d do do Jas. Cameron 5 0
breed of the cattle, from former exhibitions.	Best Boar, Daniel Adams 10 0
The following is the list of the Premiums	Best Sow, John G. Malloch 10 0
awarded on the occasion: -	2d do Daniel Adams 5 0
	Best pair Spring Pigs, John G. Mal-
PERTH, October 5, 1846.	loch, Esq. 10 0
To the Editor of the Bathurst Courier.	A premium of 10s was also awarded to
To-day the Exhibition of Live Stock,	Mr. John Hunter, for a very superior 3
Domestic Manufactures, & c. in connexion	year old Heifer.
with the Perth Agricultural Society, took	Judges - William Matheson, John Rob-
place, when the following premiums were	ertson, and Robert Gemmill.
awarded by the several Judges:	For the best 10 yds. Cloth, John
Bull (Ayrshire) 5. d.	Modernall
John McNaughton, 1st prize 15 0	2d do do Alex. Ferguson 5 0
Best Durham Bull, Robt. McLaren 15 0	Best 10 yds. Flannel, Mrs. Arch'd
Best Cow, John Moderwell 10 0	그는 그
2d do Patrick Campbell 5 0	01 ,
Best Working Oxen, Jas.M'Collum 15 0	- de pasi Cultotoli 0 0
2d do de John Thompson 7 6	Best 10 yds. Drugget, M. Fisher 10 0
Best yoke 2 year old Steers, Thomas	Best 6 pairs Socks, Mrs. Fraser 10 0
Richardson - 10 0	Best firkin Butter, John Moderwell 15 0
2d do do Matthew Bell 5 0	Best 20 lbs. Cheese, Mrs. Fraser 10 0
Best yoke 1 year old Steers, Pat'k	Best 20 lbs. Maple Sugar, Daniel
Campbell 10 0	Adams 10 0
2d do do Jas. Cameron 5 0	2d do do Mrs. Fraser 5 0
Best 2 year old Heifer, J. Moderwell 10 0	Best 10 lbs. Honey, A. Thom, Esq. 10 0
Pd do do Jas. Cameron 5 0	2d do do do 7 6
Best 1 year old Heifer, John G. Mal-	3d do do do 5 0
loch, Esq. 10 0	Best Timothy Seed, John Moderwell 10 0
2d do do Alex. Thom, Esq. 5 0	The Judges also awarded a premium of
Best Bull Calf of 1846, Wiliam Mc-	10s for a Cheese Press, the property of
Naughton 10 0	Mr. Horvey, of Persh.
Best Heifer Calf of 1846, do 10 0	Judges - Murdoch McDonnell, M. Mc-
Best blood Mare with Foal at her	
side, Joseph Sharpe 15 0	Pherson, and Josias Richey.
2d do do do do 10 0	The Ploughing Match also came off on
Best span Working Horses, C. H.	the same day, when the following premi-
Bell 15 0	ums were awarded:
2d do do John Moderwell 10 0	Old Countryman,
Best 3 year old Colt, A. Thom, Esq. 10 0	Alexander Ferguson's man (James
2d do do J. McNaughton 5 0	Cameron) 1st £1 10
Best 2 year old Colt, A. Thom, Esq. 10 0	J. G. Malloch's man (Andrew
2d do do John Clark 5 0	Hopo) 2d 1 0
Best 1 year old Cost, Jacob Suisley 10 0	A. Thom's man (Pat'k Kerrin) 3d 0 10
2d do do Robt. McLaren 5 0	Canadian,
Best Ram, Duncan McDonell 10 0	James Cameron (Scotch Line) 1st 1 10
2d do James Cameron 5 0	Judges - John McCallum, John Moder-
Best pen of 6 Ewes, John G. Mal-	woll, and C. H. Boll
loch, Esq. 15 0	J. McKAY
	Sec'y P. A.S.

Society Name Changes

- **1841 -** On May 8, 1841 the 'Perth Agricultural Society' was formed. (see page 8)
- **1851 -** On October 6, 1851 the **'Perth Agricultural Society'** held an exhibition and Ploughing Match on the farm of Thomas Richardson near Balderson's Corners. This was the last exhibition under the name of the **'Perth Agricultural Society'**. (see page 22)
 - A article in the Bathurst Courier of December 19, 1851, gave notice of the Annual Meeting of the "**Newly Organized Agricultural Society**" to be held on January 3, 1852. (see copy on page 23)
- **1852 -** At the January 3, 1852 Annual Meeting, it was resolved to call the newly organized society, the **'Townships Agricultural Society of the County of Lanark'**. It was comprised of the townships of Drummond, Bathurst, Burgess, Elmsley, Lanark, Darling, Lavant, North and South Sherbrooke and Dalhousie. (see copy on page 23).
 - From 1852 until 1857 the Society was referred to in publications as the 'Townships Agricultural Society of the County of Lanark', the 'Townships Agricultural Society', and the 'County of Lanark Agricultural Society', but there was no official name change. (see meeting minutes in Yearbooks).
- 1858 On January 18, 1858, a meeting was held at the Court House in the town of Perth, in the United Counties of Lanark and Renfrew, for the purpose of forming an Agricultural Society for the Electoral Division of the South Riding of Lanark County. This change was due to a new Act of Parliament that stated an Agricultural Society could be formed in each electoral division in Upper Canada. Under the Act, each electoral division could receive \$800 in Government money, of which Township Societies would be entitled to share in proportion to their subscriptions. At the meeting it was decided to call the society the 'South Lanark Agricultural Society'. (see pages 24 & 25).

An article in the Perth Courier issue of October 8, 1858, gave the results of the 'South Lanark Agricultural Society' Exhibition, which was held in the West end of Town. In the article it states - "Up to this year, the 'Ramsay Agricultural Society' formed the County Society, and all the other Societies in the County were subordinate to it. An Act was passed in 1857 providing for the establishment of Head Agricultural Societies in each Riding of the County. Under this Act, a Society was organized in Perth in January last, with the title of 'South Lanark Agricultural Society', while that of Ramsay takes the title of 'North Lanark Agricultural Society'." (see article in 1858 Yearbook).

Over the years the **South Lanark Agricultural Society** was also referred to as the **South Riding of Lanark Agricultural Society**, the **Electoral District Agricultural Society of South Lanark**, and the **South Riding of Lanark Electoral Division Agricultural Society.** (see Greenly's Corners Land Deed in 1874 Yearbook, and Fairholm Park Land Deeds in 1891 Yearbook).

1966- The **'South Lanark Agricultural Society'** retained its name for 108 years, when it was changed to the **'Perth and District Agricultural Society'** in 1966, to be "*less confusing to strangers coming to Perth Fair*". (see page 26).

The Bathurst Courier, issue of October 3, 1851

(Last show under the name 'Perth Agricultural Society')



THE SHOW

OF THE

PERTH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY,
ILL be held on MONDAY the
SIXTH day of OCTOBER, on
the Farm of Mr. Thos. Richardson, near
Balderson's Corners, where suitable accommodations have been obtained.

All entries of Stock, Domestic Manufactures, Grain, &c., to be made before 10 o'clock, A.M., of the day of the Show; if made afterwards, a charge of 1s 3d will be incurred. And all members making entries, are requested to produce their Tickets to the Secretary.

In order to avoid all suspicion of partiality on the part of the Judges, there must be no marks on the bags or other articles, by which the owners might be known.

Everything for competition to be in its appointed place before noon.

THE PLOUGHING MATCH

Will go on at the same time and place.

The Ploughmen are requested to hand in their names to the Secretary not later

than the 4th October.

The Floughing to commence at 9 o'clock, A.M., and to close at 1 o'clock, P.M.

If more than ten ploughs compete, the first prize will be increased to ten dollars.

AN ADDRESS

Will be delivered on the ground at 2 o'clock, P.M.; after which

THE DINNER

Will be served. Tickets, Is 3d each. -Speeches are expected from several friends
of the cause.

A meeting of the Directors of the Society will be held in the School House, Balderson's Corners, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

W. O. BUELL, M. STANLEY, THOS. THOMSON, Committee of Management.

Perth, Sept. 10, 1851.

The Bathurst Courier, issue of December 19, 1851

AGRICULTURAL NOTICE.

THE Annual Meeting of the Members of the newly organized Agricultural Society will be held in the Secretary's School House, north end of Perth, or Saturday January 3, 1852, at 12 o'clock noon. The memhers of the o'd Society, and all who feel an interest in the cause are invited to attend. THOS. THOMSON,

Secretary.

Perth, Dec. 16, 1851.

The Bathurst Courier, issue of January 30, 1852

Agricultural Meeting.

Pursuant to advertisement the meeting of the newly organized Agricultural Society was held on Saturday 3d inst.

It was resolved that the Society should be known as the "Townships Agricultura! Society of the County of Lanark," and comprise the Townships of Drummond, Bathurst, Burgess, Elmsley, Lanark, Darling. Lavant, North and South Sherbrooke and Dalhousie.

The following were elected office-bearers for the current year.

President. - Mr. Matthew Bell.

Vice President. - Mr. John Moderwell. Treasurer. - W. O. Buell, Esq.

Secretary. - Mr. Thomas Thomson. Directors. Mr. C. H. Bell, M. McDonnell. M. McPherson, A. Hope, Thos. Cud-die, Wm. Weir. Alex. Dodds, Thos. Williams, Jr. and A. Wright.

Township Committees composed of all the members in each Township were appointed and desired to take every exertion to forward the interests of the Society.

It was resolved that the Society's ploughing match should in future, come off in the Spring instead of the Fall as heretofore; the Directors to take the necessary steps.

And a resolution, denouncing as unjust several of the clauses of the new Agricultural Statute, having been unanimously a-

greed to, the meeting broke up.

It is particularly requested that all subscriptions for the year be paid to the Treasurer before the first of May, as he has then to hand over the money to the Treasurer of the County Society, to be repaid along with our share of the annual grant of public money; and of this is divided in proportion to each Society's subscriptions. It is hoped that our farmers will come forward and beable try to obtain as much as possible; in fact, it has been resolved that no person shall be allowed to compete for premiums at the annual show in October, who does not become a member, pay his subscription, and obtain his ticket before the first of May.

THOS. THOMSON Secretary.

Perth, Jan. 2d. 1852.





NOTICE.

PERTH (CANADA), JANUARY 15, 1858.

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Lanark and Renfrew, on Monday the eighteeuth day of January next ensuing, at the hour of three of the clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of forming an Agricultural Society for the Electoral Division of the South Riding of the County of Lanark Said meeting being called by me in accordance with the 65th clause of the 20th Vic. cap. 32.

Given under my hand at Perth, in the United Counties of Lanark and Renfrew, this 8th day of MEETING will be held at the Court House in the Town of Perth, in the United Counties of

October, A. D. 1857.

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ALEX. MOFFAT,

The Perth Courier

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PERTH (CANADA), JANUARY 22, 1858.

NO. 15.

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

On Monday last, pursuant to notice given, a meeting was held in the Court House, in this Town, pursuant to the Act. 20th Vie. cap. 32, to organize an Agricultural Society for the South Riding of Lanark. C. H. Bell, Esq., was appointed Chairman, and Jas. Bell, Esq., Secretary. The Chairman explained that in accordance with the Act passed at last Session of Parliament, an Agricultural Society could be formed in each electoral division in Upper Canada, and the present meeting had been called to organize such Society for the South Riding of Lanark. Under the Act each electoral division could receive \$800 of Government money, in which Township Societies would be entitled to share in proportion to their subscriptions. 50 names with a sum of \$100 subscribed, were requisite to have the Society legally organi-ed.

After some discussion, it was decided that the name of the Society should be the "South Lanark Agricultural Society."

On motions duly made and seconded, C. H. Bell, Esq., was appointed President; Hugh Mc-Intyre, 1st Vice President: John Motherwell, 2nd do; Jas. Bell, Secretary and Treasurer; and the following gentlemen Directors:—J. Menzies, A. Hope, John Manion, D. J. Campbell, Frs. Spalding, John Doran, and W. O. Buell.

Jas. Bell, Esq., then stated that it was necessary, in organizing a new County Society, to do the thing up handsome, and if others would subscribe \$2 each, he would head the list with \$5. The question was put to the vote and carried unanimously. All present then put down their names—some \$2, some \$3, and some \$4 each.

A discussion arose as to whether prizes should be awarded for the best cultivated farms; and on the question being put to the vote, it was carried in the affirmative.

The meeting then adjourned until this day four weeks, which will be on the 15th day of February next.

1966 Perth Fair Prize List President's Message

In the President's message he mentions how the Society's name changed from the South Lanark Agricultural Society in 1965, to the Perth & District Agricultural Society in 1966.



(researched & compiled by Gary G. Darby)

Perth Agricultural Society

(Established May 8, 1841)

1841 - Anthony Leslie 1842 - Anthony Leslie	1846 - Henry Glass 1847 - Henry Glass
1843 - Henry Glass	1848 - A. Dickson
1844 - Henry Glass (no confirmation)	1849 - A. Dickson
1845 - Henry Glass (no confirmation)	
1850 - A. Dickson	
1851 - William Spalding	

Townships Agricultural Society of the County of Lanark

(also referred to as the Townships Agricultural Society)

1852 - Matthew Bell
1853 - Matthew Bell
1854 - William O. Buell
1855 - Christopher Henry Bell
1856 - Christopher Henry Bell (no confirmation)
1857 - Christopher Henry Bell (no confirmation)

South Lanark Agricultural Society

(also referred to as the Electoral Division of South Lanark Agricultural Society & the South Riding of Lanark Agricultural Society)

1858 - Christopher Henry Bell 1859 - Hugh McIntyre	
1860 - Francis Spalding 1861 - James Cameron 1862 - William O. Buell 1863 - William O. Buell 1864 - William O. Buell	1865 - William O. Buell (no confirmation) 1866 - William O. Buell (no confirmation) 1867 - William O. Buell 1868 - Alex. Cuthbertson 1869 - William McGarry
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South Lanark Agricultural Society (cont'd)

1875 - Alexander Dodds (died during term)
1876 - John Manion
1877 - Peter Cameron
1878 - William McGarry
1879 - James Jackson
1885 - C. A. Matheson
1886 - C. A. Matheson *
1887 - Thomas Hands
1888 - Thomas Hands
1889 - John Anderson

^{* -} In 1886 C. A. Matheson was elected President at the Annual Meeting, but a published Ad for the Annual Exhibition in the Perth Courier lists John Manion as President. A poster for the Annual Exhibition published by the Perth Expositor lists C. A. Matheson as the President.

1890 - John P. McIntyre	1895 - William McGarry
1891 - William McGarry	1896 - Samuel Wilson
1892 - William McGarry	1897 - Samuel Wilson
1893 - James Shaw	1898 - Robert Smith
1894 - William B. Hart	1899 - William McGarry
1900 - William McGarry	1905 - Carr Thompson
1901 - William McGarry	1906 - D. R. Noonan
1902 - Samuel Wilson	1907 - T. A. Poole
1904 - Samuel Wilson	1908 - T. A. Poole
1905 - Mayor, John A. Stewart	1909 - Colin J. Sewell
1910 - John W. Cameron	1915 - J. D. Ewart
1911 - C. J. Foy	1916 - T. J. Devlin
1912 - C. J. Foy	1917 - T. J. Devlin
1913 - R. G. Bourns	1918 - Andrew R. Hossie
1914 - F. W. Hall	1919 - John A. Kerr

South Lanark Agricultural Society (cont'd)

1920 - John A. Kerr	1925 - N. B. Nicoll
1921 - Dr. A. W. Dwyer	1926 - William J. Ewart
1922 - J. H. Stewart	1927 - William J. Ewart
1923 - N. B. Nicoll	1928 - William J. Ewart
1924 - N. B. Nicoll	1929 - William J. Ewart
1930 - William J. Ewart	1935 - Daniel J. Hogan
1931 - Herbert Miller	1936 - Daniel J. Hogan
1932 - R. J. Harper, Herbert Miller **	1937 - Daniel J. Hogan
1933 - A. V. McLean	1938 - John H. Ebbs
1934 - Daniel J. Hogan	1939 - John H. Ebbs
1940 - John H. Ebbs	1945 - Martin Dowdall
1941 - Lorne Bell	1946 - Dan Hogan
1942 - Lorne Bell	1947 - Albert McLean
1943 - W. A. Davidson	1948 - Albert McLean
1944 - Dr. H. C. Haygard	1949 - Lindsay Campbell
1950 - Lindsay Campbell1951 - Mervyn Ferrier	1955 - Bob McLenaghan 1956 - Bob McLenaghan

1960 - Scott Burchell

1952 - Mervyn Ferrier

1953 - George Smith 1954 - George Smith

1961 - Cliff Thompson

1962 - Cliff Thompson

1963 - Hubert Hossie

1964 - Hubert Hossie

1965 - Kenneth Campbell

1955 - Bob McLenaghan 1956 - Bob McLenaghan 1957 - Allan Ewart 1958 - Allan Ewart 1959 - Scott Burchell

^{**} The Perth Courier issue of January 22, 1932, published the minutes of the South Lanark Agricultural Society's Annual Meeting. This article says that **R. J. Harper** was elected President for the ensuing year, and **Herbert Miller** was elected as a director. However at a Perth Town Council meeting **Herbert Miller** is twice mentioned as the President of the S.L.A.S. (see Perth Courier issue of June 3, 1932, page 6), and an article about the Perth Fair in September, also says **Herbert Miller** was President. (see Perth Courier issue of September 16, 1932, page 4).

Perth and District Agricultural Society

1966 - Kenneth Campbell 1967 - Don Balfour 1968 - Don Balfour 1969 - John Aucterloinie	
1970 - John Aucterloinie	1975 - John Bellamy
1971 - Donald Oliver	1976 - John Bellamy
1972 - Donald Oliver	1977 - Gerry Boegel
1973 - Tom Ennis	1978 - Gerry Boegel
1974 - Tom Ennis	1979 - Lyle Conroy
1980 - Lyle Conroy	1985 - Ronald Cameron
1981 - Orville Ferrier	1986 - Ronald Cameron
1982 - Orville Ferrier	1987 - Jack McTavish
1983 - Ron James	1988 - Jack McTavish
1984 - Ron James	1989 - Jane Matthews (1st female Pres.)
1990 - Jane Matthews	1995 - Tim Hodgins
1991 - Robert Campbell	1996 - Tim Hodgins
1992 - Robert Campbell	1997 - Frank McLean
1993 - Len Dickinson	1998 - Frank McLean
1994 - Len Dickinson	1999 - Bryan McVeigh
2000 - Bryan McVeigh	2005 - Grant Machan
2001 - Bob Day	2006 - Grant Machan
2002 - Bob Day	2007 - Andrew Allan
2003 - Sharon Bjergso	2008 - Andrew Allan
2004 - Sharon Bjergso	2009 - Gene Richardson
 2010 - Gene Richardson 2011 - Blair Machan 2012 - Blair Machan 2013 - Mary Ellen McLennan 2014 - Mary Ellen McLennan 	2015 - Rhonda Bulloch 2016 - Rhonda Bulloch 2017 - Laurie Latham 2018 - Laurie Latham 2019 – Dale Campbell

Perth Fair Annual Designations

(1846 Start Date)

The following charts show annual designation given to the Perth Fair, assuming 1846 was the first Perth Fair.

The chart is made up of 4 columns:

- 1 Year of Fair
- 2 Chronological Order
- 3 Prize List Book Says Fair #
- 4 Newspaper Ad or Article says Fair #

The following colour codes are used in the chart:

No Fair held that year				
Year designation on track with chronological order				
Special Anniversary year celebrated				
Year designation in error with chronological order				

- No Perth Fair was held in 1877 (see 1877 yearbook for source information)
- 1886 was the first year that an annual designation was recorded for the Perth Fair.

 The Perth Courier reported it as the 40th Annual South Lanark Exhibition, which was on track with the chronological order starting from 1846.
- The first error recorded in the annual designation was in 1914, when the Perth Courier reported it as the 67th annual exhibition of the South Lanark Agricultural Society. Chronologically it was the 68th Perth Fair. This error continued to be reported in the Perth Courier until the 75th Anniversary of the Perth Fair in 1921, when the Perth Courier reported it as the 75th Annual Perth Fair.
- 1946 was the 100th Anniversary of the Perth Fair. It was also the first year that the Prize List Book recorded the annual designation of the Fair, calling it the '1846 1946 Centennial Perth Fair'. The Perth Courier also reported at as the 'Centennial Perth Fair'.
- Chronologically 1955 was the 109th Perth Fair, but the Perth Courier reported it as the 110th Perth Fair. Then the Courier correctly reported 1956 as the 110th Perth Fair.
- 1995 was celebrated by the South Lanark Agricultural Society by publishing a 150th Anniversary booklet of the Perth Fair. Chronologically it was actually the 149th Perth Fair.
- In 1962, the Perth Fair Prize List book incorrectly called the Fair the 117th Perth Fair, when chronologically it was the 116th. This error has continued to present day, with 2015 being reported as the 170th Perth Fair, when chronologically it was the 169th Perth Fair.

- The Perth Courier, however, reported the Fair in 1962 as the 116th Perth Fair, and continued correctly reporting the annual designation up to 1965, calling it the 119th Perth Fair. Then in 1966 the Courier coincided with the Prize List book, calling the Fair the 121st Perth Fair, when chronologically it was the 120th Perth Fair. Both the Prize List book and the Perth Courier have continued this error to present day, with 2015 being reported as the 170th Perth Fair, when chronologically it was the 169th Perth Fair.
- It is not known why the errors were made, perhaps simply that it was an error. It has been said that some believed the Perth Fair was started in 1845, not in 1846, and this accounted for the extra year being added to the annual designation, but no proof was found to support that theory.
- From information that I have found, the first Agricultural Society in Perth Was formed in 1841. In 1842 the Society concentrated on building membership and purchasing breeding Stock. In 1843 the Society held its first ploughing Match. In 1844 a Premiums List was published, indicating some sort of exhibition. In 1845 another Premiums List was published indicating another exhibition. In 1846 it was reported that the Exhibition of the Perth Agricultural Society was held in a field belonging to Alexander Thom in Perth. (see fair yearbooks from these years for source information)
- The Society was formed in 1841, a Ploughing Match in 1843, and Premiums List in 1844. One could argue the year of the first Perth Fair was in 1844, making 2015 the 171st Perth Fair. ???

Year of Fair		Chronological Order		Prize List Book Says Fair #		Newspaper Ad or Article Says Fair #
	-		-		-	
1846	-	1st	-		-	
1847	-	2nd	-		-	
1848	-	3rd	-		-	
1849	-	4th	-		-	
1850	-	5th	-		-	
1851	-	6th	-		-	
1852	-	7th	-		-	
1853	-	8th	-		-	
1854	-	9th	-		-	
1855	-	10th	-		-	
1856	-	11th	-		-	
1857	-	12th	-		-	
1858	-	13th	-		-	
1859	-	14th	-		-	
1860	-	15th	-		-	
1861	-	16th	-		-	
1862	-	17th	_		-	
1863	_	18th	_		_	
1864	-	19th	-		-	
1865	-	20th	-		-	
1866	-	21st	-		-	
1867	-	22nd	-		-	
1868	-	23rd	-		-	
1869	-	24th	-		-	
1870	-	25th	-		-	
1871	-	26th	-		-	
1872	-	27th	-		-	
1873	-	28th	-		-	
1874	-	29th	-		-	
1875	-	30th	-		-	
1876	-	31st	-		-	
1877	-	No Fair	-	No Fair	-	No Fair (see 1877 Yearbook)
1878	-	32nd	-		-	
1879	-	33rd	-		-	
1880	-	34th	-		-	
1881	-	35th	-		-	
1882	-	36th	-		-	
1883	-	37th	-		-	
1884	-	38th	-		-	
1885	-	39th	-		-	
1886	-	40th	-		-	40th

Year of Fair		Chronological Order		Prize List Book Says Fair #		Newspaper Ad or Article Says Fair #
1 (111	_	Oruci	-	Says I an "	_	Suy5 I uli II
1887	_	41st	-		_	41st
1888	_	42nd	-		_	42nd
1889	_	43rd	_		_	43rd
1890	_	44th	_		_	44th
1891	_	45th	_		_	45th
1892	_	46th	_		_	46th
1893	_	47th	-		_	47th
1894	_	48th	-		_	48th
1895	_	49th	-		_	49th
1896	_	50th	_		_	50th
1897	-	51st	-		-	Jubilee Exhibition
1898	_	52nd	_		-	52nd
1899	_	53rd	_		_	3330
1900	_	54th	_		-	
1901	_	55th	_		_	55th
1902	_	56th	_		_	56th
1903	_	57th	_		_	57th
1904	_	58th	_		_	58th
1905	_	59th	-		_	59th
1906	-	60th	-		-	60th - Diamond Jubilee
1907	-	61st	-		-	61st
1908	-	62nd	-		-	
1909	-	63rd	-		-	
1910	-	64th	-		-	
1911	-	65th	-		1	
1912	-	66th	-		-	66th
1913	-	67th	-		ı	
1914	-	68th	-		ı	67th (error made)
1915	-	69th	-		-	68th (error continued)
1916	-	70th	-		-	69th (error continued)
1917	-	71st	-		-	70th (error continued)
1918	-	72nd	-		-	71st (error continued)
1919	-	73rd	-		1	72nd (error continued)
1920	-	74th	-		-	Annual Fair Since 1846 (error continued)
1921	-	75th	-		-	75th (error corrected)
1922	-	76th	-		1	76th
1923	-	77th	-		-	77th
1924	-	78th	-		-	78th
1925	-	79th	-		-	79th
1926	-	80th	-		-	80th
1927	-	81st	-		-	81st

Year of Fair		Chronological Order		Prize List Book Says Fair #		Newspaper Ad or Article Says Fair #
	-		-		-	
1928	-	82nd	1		-	82nd
1929	-	83rd	-		-	83rd
1930	-	84th	-		-	84th
1931	-	85th	1		-	85th
1932	-	86th	1		-	86th
1933	-	87th	-		-	87th
1934	-	88th	-		-	88th
1935	-	89th	1		-	89th
1936	-	90th	-		-	90th
1937	-	91st	-		-	
1938	-	92nd	-		-	92nd
1939	-	93rd	-		-	93rd
1940	-	94th	-		-	
1941	-	95th	1		-	95th
1942	-	96th	1		-	
1943	-	97th	-		-	97th
1944	-	98th	-		-	98th
1945	-	99th	-		-	99th
1946	-	100th	-	100th (1846-1946)	-	100th - Centennial Fair
1947	-	101st	1		-	101st
1948	-	102nd	-		-	102nd
1949	-	103rd	-		-	103rd
1950	-	104th	-		-	104th
1951	-	105th	-		-	Best since 1846
1952	-	106th	-		-	106th
1953	-	107th	-		-	107th
1954	-	108th	-		-	108th (1846-1954)
1955	-	109th	-		-	110th (error made)
1956	-	110th	-		-	110th (error corrected)
1957	-	111th	-		-	111th
1958	-	112th	-		-	
1959	-	113th	-		-	113th
1960	-	114th	-		-	114th
1961	-	115th	-		-	115th
1962	-	116th	-	117th (error made)	-	
1963	-	117th	-	118th (error continued)	_	
1964	-	118th	-	119th (error continued)	-	118th
1965	-	119th	-	120th (error continued)	-	119th
1966	-	120th	-	121st (error continued)	_	121st (error made)
1967	-	121st	-	122nd (error continued)	_	122nd (error continued)
1968	-	122nd	-		-	123rd (error continued)

Year of Fair		Chronological Order		Prize List Book Says Fair #		Newspaper Ad or Article Says Fair #
	-		-		-	
1969	-	123rd	-		-	
1970	-	124th	-		-	
1971	-	125th	-	126th (error continued)	-	126th (error continued)
1972	1	126th	1	127th (error continued)	-	127th (error continued)
1973	1	127th	1	128th (error continued)	-	128th (error continued)
1974	-	128th	-	129th (error continued)	-	129th (error continued)
1975	-	129th	-	130th (error continued)	-	130th (error continued)
1976	-	130th	-	131st (error continued)	-	131st (error continued)
1977	-	131st	-	132nd (error continued)	-	132nd (error continued)
1978	-	132nd	-	133rd (error continued)	-	133rd (error continued)
1979	1	133rd	1	134th (error continued)	-	134th (error continued)
1980	-	134th	-	135th (error continued)	-	135th (error continued)
1981	-	135th	-	136th (error continued)	-	136th (error continued)
1982	-	136th	-	137th (error continued)	-	137th (error continued)
1983	-	137th	1	138th (error continued)	-	138th (error continued)
1984	-	138th	-	139th (error continued)	-	139th (error continued)
1985	-	139th	1	140th (error continued)	-	140th (error continued)
1986	-	140th	-	141st (error continued)	-	141st (error continued)
1987	-	141st	-	142nd (error continued)	-	142nd (error continued)
1988	-	142nd	-	143rd (error continued)	-	
1989	-	143rd	-	144th (error continued)	-	
1990	-	144th	1	145th (error continued)	-	
1991	-	145th	-	146th (error continued)	-	
1992	-	146th	-	147th (error continued)	-	
1993	-	147th	-	148th (error continued)	-	
1994	-	148th	-	149th (error continued)	-	
1995	-	149th	1	150th (error continued)	-	(Perth Fair Celebrated 150th in 1995)
1996	-	150th	-	151st (error continued)	-	(Chronologically 1996 was the 150th Year)
1997	-	151st	-	152nd (error continued)	-	
1998	-	152nd	-	153rd (error continued)	-	
1999	-	153rd	-	154th (error continued)	-	
2000	-	154th	-	155th (error continued)	-	
2001	-	155th	1	156th (error continued)	-	
2002	-	156th	-	157th (error continued)	-	
2003	-	157th	-	158th (error continued)	-	
2004	-	158th	-	159th (error continued)	-	
2005	-	159th	-	160th (error continued)	-	
2006	-	160th	-	161st (error continued)	-	
2007	-	161st	1	162nd (error continued)	-	
2008	-	162nd	-	163rd (error continued)	-	163rd (error continued)
2009	-	163rd	-	164th (error continued)	-	

Perth Fair Annual Designations - 1846 Start Date

Year of Fair		Chronological Order			List Book s Fair #		Newspaper Ad or Article Says Fair #
	-		-			-	
2010	-	164th	-	165th (e	rror continued)	-	165th (error continued)
2011	-	165th	_	166th (e)	rror continued)	-	166th (error continued)
2012	-	166th	-	167th (e)	rror continued)	-	167th (error continued)
2013	-	167th	1	168th (ea	rror continued)	-	168th (error continued)
2014	-	168th	-	169th (ea	rror continued)	-	169th (error continued)
2015	-	169th	-	170th (ea	rror continued)	-	170th (error continued)
2016	-	170th	1	171st (e	rror continued)	-	171st (error continued)
2017	-	171st	1	172nd (e	rror continued)	-	172nd (error continued)
2018	-	172nd	-	173rd (e	rror continued)	-	173rd (error continued)
2019	1	173rd	ı	174th (e	rror continued)	-	174th (error continued)
2020	-		1			-	
2021	ı		1			-	
2022	-		-			-	
2023	1		1			-	
2024	1		1			-	
2025	-		1			-	
2026	-		1			-	
2027	-		-			-	
2028	-		-			-	
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2045	-		-			-	
2046	-		-			-	
2047	-		-			-	
2048	-		-			-	
2049	-		-			-	
2050	-		-			-	

The following charts show when each Perth Fair was held, and where, if known.

(consult yearbooks for source information)

I have started at the establishment of the Perth Agricultural Society in 1841, not 1846, just to give a complete picture of the Society's history.

1846 was considered to be the first Perth Fair.

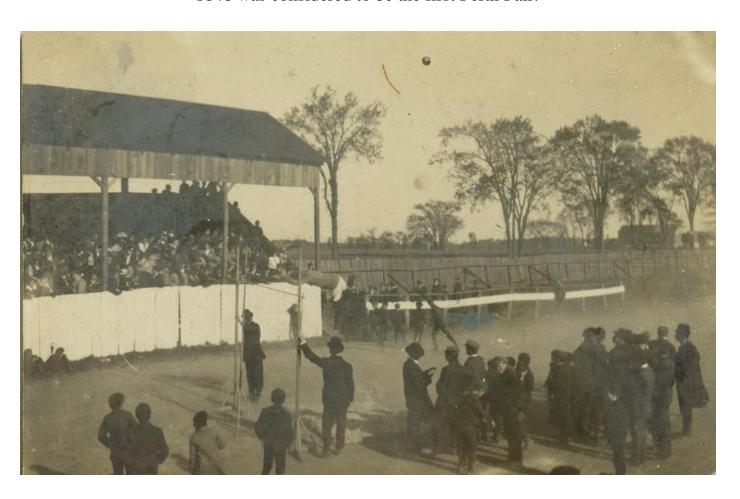


Photo - Athletic Competitions at Perth Fair c. 1913

(Source - Perth Fair Board Archives)

Year	Days	Held On	Dates	Location / Remarks
1841		Sat.	May 8	Perth Agricultural Society Formed May 8, 1841
1842				Buying Livestock & Increasing Membership
1843		Thurs.	Oct. 12	First Ploughing Match on Scotch Line
1844		?	?	First Premiums List - Fair location unknown
1845		Wed.	Oct. 1	Second Premiums List - Fair location unknown
1846	1	Mon.	Oct. 5	Field belonging to Alexander Thom, Perth
1847	1	Mon.	Oct. 4	?
1848	1	Mon.	Oct. 2	Field Belonging to Alexander Thom, Perth
1849	1	Mon.	Oct. 1	Farm of Mr. Matthew Bell
1850	1	Mon.	Sept. 30	Field belonging to Judge Malloch (Victoria Farm)
1851	1	Mon.	Oct. 6	Thos. Richardson farm - Balderson's Corners
1852	1	Mon.	Oct. 4	Duncan Cameron farm - 8th con. Bathurst
1853	1	Sat.	Oct. 1	Adam's Mill - Glen Tay
1854	1	Mon.	Oct. 2	James Spalding farm - Scotch Line
1855	1	Mon.	Oct. 1	Property of Judge Malloch - West end of Town
1856	1	Mon.	Oct. 6	Show Grounds West end of Town
1857	1	Mon.	Oct. 5	Show Grounds West end of Town
1858	1	Mon.	Oct. 4	Show Grounds West end of Town
1859	1	Mon.	Oct. 3	Show Grounds West end of Town
1860	1	Mon.	Oct. 1	Show Grounds West end of Town
1861	1	?	?	Somewhere outside of Town Limits
1862	1	Mon.	Oct. 6	Property of Very Rev. J. H. McDonagh
1863	2	Wed., Thurs.	Sept. 16, 17	Music Hall & Property of Judge Malloch
1864	2	Wed., Thurs.	Oct. 12, 13	Town Hall & location unknown
1865	1	Tues.	Oct. 3	Town Hall & location unknown
1866	1	Tues.	Oct. 16	Town Hall & property of Mr. George Barrie
1867	1	Thurs.	Oct. 10	Town Hall & property of Mr. George Barrie
1868	1	Mon.	Oct. 5	Town Hall & Market Square
1869	1	Mon.	Oct. 4	Drill Shed & Adjoining Grounds
1870	2	Tues. Wed.	Oct. 11, 12	Drill Shed & Adjoining Grounds
1871	2	Thurs., Fri.	Oct. 5, 6	Drill Shed & Adjoining Grounds
1872	2	Thurs., Fri.	Oct. 3, 4	Drill Shed & Adjoining Grounds
1873	2	Wed., Thurs.	Oct. 8, 9	Drill Shed & Adjoining Grounds
1874	2	Tues. Wed.	Sept. 29, 30	Greenly's Corners Show Grounds (Purchased)
1875	2	Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 16, 17	Greenly's Corners Show Grounds
1876	2	Thurs., Fri.	Oct. 5, 6	Greenly's Corners Show Grounds
1877		No Fair	No Fair	No Fair (see 1977 Yearbook)
1878	2	Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 19, 20	Drill Shed & Grounds (see 1878 Yearbook)
1879	2	Thurs., Fri.	Oct. 9, 10	Greenly's Corners Show Grounds
1880	2	Thurs., Fri.	Oct. 7, 8	Greenly's Corners Show Grounds
1881	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Oct. 5, 6, 7	Greenly's Corners Show Grounds

Year	Days	Held On	Dates	Location / Remarks
1882	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 27, 28, 29	Greenly's Corners Show Grounds
1883	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 26, 27, 28	Greenly's Corners Show Grounds
1884	3	Mon., Tues., Wed.	Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1	Greenly's Corners Show Grounds
1885	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2	Greenly's Corners Show Grounds
1886	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1	Greenly's Corners Show Grounds
1887	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 28, 29, 30	Greenly's Corners Show Grounds
1888	3	Mon., Tues., Wed.	Sept. 17, 18, 19	Greenly's Corners Show Grounds
1889	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 17, 18, 19	Greenly's Corners Show Grounds
1890	3	Tues., Wed., Thurs.	Sept. 23, 24, 25	Greenly's Corners Show Grounds
1891	3	Tues., Wed., Thurs.	Sept. 15, 16, 17	Fairholm Park Show Grounds (Purchased)
1892	3	Mon., Tues., Wed.	Sept. 19, 20, 21	Fairholm Park Show Grounds
1893	3	Tues., Wed., Thurs.	Sept. 19, 20, 21	Fairholm Park Show Grounds
1894	3	Tues., Wed., Thurs.	Sept. 18, 19, 20	Fairholm Park Show Grounds
1895	3	Tues., Wed., Thurs.	Sept. 17, 18, 19	Fairholm Park Show Grounds
1896	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 16, 17, 18	Fairholm Park Show Grounds
1897	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 8, 9, 10	Fairholm Park Show Grounds
1898	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 21, 22, 23	Fairholm Park Show Grounds
1899	3	Mon., Tues., Wed.	Sept. 11, 12, 13	Fairholm Park Show Grounds
1900	3	Mon., Tues., Wed.	Sept. 17, 18, 19	Fairholm Park Show Grounds
1901	3	Tues., Wed., Thurs.	Sept. 17, 18, 19	Fairholm Park Show Grounds
1902	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 17, 18, 19	Fairholm Park Show Grounds
1903	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 16, 17, 18	Fairholm Park Show Grounds
1904	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 14, 15, 16	Fairholm Park Show Grounds
1905	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 13, 14, 15	Fairholm Park Show Grounds
1906	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 12, 13, 14	Fairholm Park Show Grounds
1907	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 4, 5, 6	Fairholm Park Show Grounds
1908	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 2, 3, 4	Fairholm Park Show Grounds
1909	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 1, 2, 3	Fairholm Park Show Grounds
1910	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 14, 15, 16	Fairholm Park Show Grounds
1911	3	Mon., Tues., Wed.	Sept. 4, 5, 6	East End Athletic Field (Perth Fair Grounds)
1912	3	Fri., Sat., Mon.	Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 2	Perth Fair Grounds (Purchased)
1913	3	Fri., Sat., Mon.	Aug. 29, 30, Sept. 1	Perth Fair Grounds
1914	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 2, 3, 4	Perth Fair Grounds
1915	3	Tues., Wed., Thurs.	Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2	Perth Fair Grounds
1916	3	Tues., Wed., Thurs.	Sept. 12, 13, 14	Perth Fair Grounds
1917	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 5, 6, 7	Perth Fair Grounds
1918	3	Thurs., Fri., Sat.	Sept. 5, 6, 7	Perth Fair Grounds
1919	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 3, 4, 5	Perth Fair Grounds
1920	3	Tues., Wed., Thurs.	Sept. 7, 8, 9	Perth Fair Grounds
1921	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2	Perth Fair Grounds
1922	1	Mon.	Sept. 4	Perth Fair Grounds

Year	Days	Held On	Dates	Location / Remarks
1923	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 5, 6, 7	Perth Fair Grounds
1924	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 3, 4, 5	Perth Fair Grounds
1925	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 2, 3, 4	Perth Fair Grounds
1926	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 1, 2, 3	Perth Fair Grounds
1927	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2	Perth Fair Grounds
1928	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Aug. 29, 30, 31	Perth Fair Grounds
1929	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 5, 6, 7	Perth Fair Grounds
1930	3	Wed., Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 3, 4, 5	Perth Fair Grounds
1931	3	Thurs., Fri., Sat.	Sept. 10, 11, 12	Perth Fair Grounds
1932	2	Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 8, 9	Perth Fair Grounds
1933	2	Sat., Mon.	Sept. 2, 4	Perth Fair Grounds
1934	3	Sat., Mon., Tues.	Sept. 1, 3, 4	Perth Fair Grounds
1935	2	Fri., Sat.	Sept. 27, 28	Perth Fair Grounds
1936	1	Sat.	Sept. 26	Perth Fair Grounds
1937	2	Fri., Sat.	Sept. 24, 25	Perth Fair Grounds
1938	2	Fri., Sat.	Sept. 16, 17	Perth Fair Grounds
1939	2	Fri., Sat.	Sept. 15, 16	Perth Fair Grounds
1940	2	Mo., Tues.	Sept. 23, 24	Perth Fair Grounds
1941	2	Fri., Sat.	Sept. 5, 6	Perth Fair Grounds
1942	1	Sat.	Sept. 5	Perth Fair Grounds
1943	2	Fri., Sat.	Sept. 17, 18	Perth Fair Grounds
1944	2	Fri., Sat.	Sept. 8, 9	Perth Fair Grounds
1945	2	Fri., Sat.	Sept. 7, 8	Perth Fair Grounds
1946	2	Fri., Sat.	Sept. 6, 7	Perth Fair Grounds
1947	2	Fri., Sat.	Sept. 5, 6	Perth Fair Grounds
1948	2	Fri., Sat.	Sept. 10, 11	Perth Fair Grounds
1949	2	Fri., Sat.	Sept. 2, 3	Perth Fair Grounds
1950	2	Fri., Sat.	Sept. 1, 2	Perth Fair Grounds
1951	2	Fri., Sat.	Aug. 31, Sept. 1	Perth Fair Grounds
1952	2	Fri., Sat.	Aug. 29, 30	Perth Fair Grounds
1953	2	Fri., Sat.	Sept. 4, 5	Perth Fair Grounds
1954	3	Fri., Sat., Mon.	Sept. 3, 4, 6	Perth Fair Grounds
1955	3	Fri., Sat., Mon.	Sept. 2, 3, 5	Perth Fair Grounds
1956	3	Fri., Sat., Mon.	Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 3	Perth Fair Grounds
1957	3	Fri., Sat., Mon.	Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 2	Perth Fair Grounds
1958	3	Fri., Sat., Mon.	Aug. 29, 30, Sept. 1	Perth Fair Grounds
1959	3	Thurs., Fri., Sat.	Sept. 3, 4, 5	Perth Fair Grounds
1960	3	Thurs., Fri., Sat.	Sept. 1, 2, 3	Perth Fair Grounds
1961	3	Thurs., Fri., Sat.	Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2	Perth Fair Grounds
1962	3	Thurs., Fri., Sat.	Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1	Perth Fair Grounds
1963	3	Thurs., Fri., Sat.	Aug. 29, 30, 31	Perth Fair Grounds

Year	Days	Held On	Dates	Location / Remarks
1964	3	Thurs., Fri., Sat.	Sept. 3, 4, 5	Perth Fair Grounds
1965	3	Thurs., Fri., Sat.	Sept. 2, 3, 4	Perth Fair Grounds
1966	3	Fri., Sat., Mon.	Sept. 2, 3, 5	Perth Fair Grounds
1967	3	Thurs., Fri., Sat.	Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2	Perth Fair Grounds
1968	3	Thurs., Fri., Sat.	Aug. 29, 30, 31	Perth Fair Grounds
1969	3	Thurs., Fri., Sat.	Aug. 28, 29, 30	Perth Fair Grounds
1970	3	Thurs., Fri., Sat.	Sept. 3, 4, 5	Perth Fair Grounds
1971	3	Thurs., Fri., Sat.	Sept. 2, 3, 4	Perth Fair Grounds
1972	3	Thurs., Fri., Sat.	Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2	Perth Fair Grounds
1973	3	Thurs., Fri., Sat.	Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1	Perth Fair Grounds
1974	4	Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun.	Aug. 29, 30, 31, Sept. 1	Perth Fair Grounds
1975	4	Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun.	Aug. 28, 29, 30, 31	Perth Fair Grounds
1976	4	Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun.	Sept. 2, 3, 4, 5	Perth Fair Grounds
1977	4	Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun.	Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4	Perth Fair Grounds
1978	4	Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun.	Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2, 3	Perth Fair Grounds
1979	4	Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun.	Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1, 2	Perth Fair Grounds
1980	4	Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun.	Aug. 28, 29, 30, 31	Perth Fair Grounds
1981	4	Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun.	Sept. 3, 4, 5, 6	Perth Fair Grounds
1982	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Sept. 3, 4, 5, 6	Perth Fair Grounds
1983	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Sept. 2, 3, 4, 5	Perth Fair Grounds
1984	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2, 3	Perth Fair Grounds
1985	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1, 2	Perth Fair Grounds
1986	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Aug. 29, 30, 31, Sept. 1	Perth Fair Grounds
1987	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Sept. 4, 5, 6, 7	Perth Fair Grounds
1988	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Sept. 2, 3, 4, 5	Perth Fair Grounds
1989	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4	Perth Fair Grounds
1990	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2, 3	Perth Fair Grounds
1991	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1, 2	Perth Fair Grounds
1992	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Sept. 4, 5, 6, 7	Perth Fair Grounds
1993	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Sept. 3, 4, 5, 6	Perth Fair Grounds
1994	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Sept. 2, 3, 4, 5	Perth Fair Grounds
1995	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4	Perth Fair Grounds
1996	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1, 2	Perth Fair Grounds
1997	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Aug. 29, 30, 31, Sept. 1	Perth Fair Grounds
1998	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Sept. 4, 5, 6, 7	Perth Fair Grounds
1999	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Sept. 3, 4, 5, 6	Perth Fair Grounds
2000	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4	Perth Fair Grounds
2001	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2, 3	Perth Fair Grounds
2002	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1, 2	Perth Fair Grounds
2003	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Aug. 29, 30, 31, Sept. 1	Perth Fair Grounds
2004	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Sept. 3, 4, 5, 6	Perth Fair Grounds

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2005	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Sept. 2, 3, 4, 5	Perth Fair Grounds
2006	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4	Perth Fair Grounds
2007	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2, 3	Perth Fair Grounds
2008	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Aug. 29, 30, 31, Sept. 1	Perth Fair Grounds
2009	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Sept. 4, 5, 6, 7	Perth Fair Grounds
2010	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Sept. 3, 4, 5, 6	Perth Fair Grounds
2011	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Sept. 2, 3, 4, 5	Perth Fair Grounds
2012	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2, 3	Perth Fair Grounds
2013	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1, 2	Perth Fair Grounds
2014	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Aug. 29, 30, 31, Sept. 1	Perth Fair Grounds
2015	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Sept. 4, 5, 6, 7	Perth Fair Grounds
2016	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Sept. 2, 3, 4, 5	Perth Fair Grounds
2017	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4	Perth Fair Grounds
2018	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2, 3	Perth Fair Grounds
2019	4	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1, 2	Perth Fair Grounds
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List of Perth Fairs

(Consult Fair Yearbooks to view source information)

(1841)

The **Perth Agricultural Society** was formed on May 8, 1841, at a meeting held in the Perth Court House, no record of any show.

(Source - Bathurst Courier & Ottawa General Advertiser, issue of May 18, 1841)

(1842)

The Perth Agricultural Society concentrated on building membership and purchased Bulls for the Society. (Source - Bathurst Courier & Ottawa General Advertiser, issue of May 23, 1842, page 3)

(1843)

The Perth Agricultural Society held its first Ploughing Match on Thursday, October 26, 1843 on a field belonging to Peter McPherson on the Scotch Line, however there was no show or exhibition. (Source - Bathurst Courier & Ottawa General Advertiser, issue of October 4, 1843, page 3)

(1844)

Appears to be the first year the Perth Agricultural Society held an Exhibition, location & date unknown, as well as their Ploughing Match, which took place in the fall. (Source - Bathurst Courier & Ottawa General Advertiser, issue of April 9, 1844, page 2)

(1845)

The Perth Agricultural Society held a Ploughing Match & Exhibition in the town of Perth, on the same day as the Perth Fall Fair (livestock trading fair), which was held on the first Tuesday in October. (Source - Premiums of the "Perth Agricultural Society" for the year 1845, copy on display at Perth Fair Board Office & the 1845 Yearbook, provided by Archives Lanark, Drummond Centre)

(1846)

Has long been considered the first Perth Fair by the Agricultural Societies over the years. The Perth Agricultural Society held a Ploughing Match & Exhibition on Monday, October 5, 1846, on the farm of Alexander Thom adjacent to the town of Perth. Alexander Thom owned most everything west of Wilson Street, east, at that time. (Source - Bathurst Courier, issue of October 13, 1846, page 2)

(1847)

The Perth Agricultural Society held a Ploughing Match & Exhibition in October at an unknown location. (probably held at Alexander Thom's property again). (Source - Bathurst Courier, issue of November 16, 1847, page 1)

(1848)

The Perth Agricultural Society held a Ploughing Match & Exhibition on Monday, October 2, 1848, on a field belonging to Alexander Thom, on the Scotch Line, between James McPherson's & William McPherson's properties. (Source - Bathurst Courier, issue of September 29, 1848, page 3, & October 13, 1848, pages 2 & 3)

(1849)

The Perth Agricultural Society held a Ploughing Match and Exhibition on Monday, October 1, 1849, on the Farm of Matthew Bell. (His property was located in the west end of town, including the area around Perth Community Care, or previously known as Tayview Nursing Home, and House of Industry previous to that). (Source - Bathurst Courier, issue of October 19, 1849, page 2)

(1850)

The Perth Agricultural Society held a Ploughing Match & Exhibition on the farm of Matthew Bell on Monday, September 30, 1850. (Source - Bathurst Courier, issue of September 13, 1850, page 3)

(1851)

The Perth Agricultural Society held a Ploughing Match & Exhibition on October 6, 1851, on the farm of Thomas Richardson, near Balderson's Corners. This was the first year to move the exhibition out to the country around Perth, and was considered a great success. This was the last year under the Perth Agricultural Society name. (Source - Bathurst Courier, issue of September 19, 1851, page 3)

(1852)

The Society's name changed to the **Townships Agricultural Society of the County of Lanark.** At their annual meeting on January 3, 1852 they decided to move the Ploughing Match to the Spring, instead of the Fall, for future events. The Ploughing Match was held on Saturday, May 1, 1852, on a farm belonging to Widow Dodds, on the Scotch Line. Their Exhibition was held on Monday, October 4, 1852, on the farm of Duncan Cameron, 8th Concession of Bathurst. (Source - Bathurst Courier issue of January 30, 1852, page 2; April 23, 1852, page 3; October 8, 1852, page 2)

(1853)

The Townships Agricultural Society of the County of Lanark held its Spring Ploughing Match on Saturday, May 7, 1853, on the farm of William McNaughton, Balderson's Corners. The Townships Agricultural Society of the County of Lanark held their Exhibition on Saturday, October 1, 1853 at Adams' Mills in Bathurst Township at Glen Tay, along the Tay River. (Source - Bathurst Courier, issue of May 6, 1853, page 3; May 13, 1853, page 2; September 30, page 3; October 7, 1853, page 2)

Glen Tay was originally called Adamsville after Colonel Joshua Adams. He acquired the Mill in 1820 from Abraham Parsall, a loyalist who built the Saw & Grist Mill about 1816. (Source: Book - Glen Tay, Then and Now, by Barbara Jordan, 1997)

(1854)

The Townships Agricultural Society of the County of Lanark (was published as the County of Lanark Agricultural Society) held their Exhibition on Monday, October 2, 1854 at the farm of William Spalding on the Scotch Line. (Source - Bathurst Courier, issue of October 6, 1854, page 2)

(1855)

The Townships Agricultural Society of the County of Lanark (was published as the County of Lanark Agricultural Society) held its Exhibition on Monday, October 1, 1855. There are two conflicting articles as to the location. In the Bathurst Courier issue of September 28, 1855, the Society published a notice saying the Show would be held in the rear of Patrick Brady's, near the residence of A. Leslie. An article in the Bathurst Courier issue of October 5, 1855, says the Show was held on the property of Judge Malloch in the west end of town. (Source - Bathurst Courier, issue of September 28, 1855, page 2; October 5, 1855, page 2)

(1856)

The Townships Agricultural Society of the County of Lanark held its Exhibition on Monday, October 6, 1856. The Show results were published in the Bathurst Courier issue of October 10, 1856. The article states that the Show was held "on the Show Grounds in the west end of the Town". The Society may have acquired some permanent Show Grounds for their Exhibition, or the use of same, although no record of this was found. (Source - Bathurst Courier, issue of October 3, 1856, page 3; October 10, 1856, page 2)

(1857)

The Townships Agricultural Society of the County of Lanark held its Exhibition on Monday, October 5, 1857. Again its location was reported as the Show Grounds in the west end of the Town. This was the last year the Show was held under the name of the Townships Agricultural Society of the County of Lanark. (Source - Bathurst Courier, issue of October 9, 1857, page 2)

(1858)

A meeting was held at the Court House in Perth on Monday, January 18, 1858 to form a new Agricultural Society for the Electoral Division of the South Riding of the County of Lanark.

It was decided to call the new Society the "**South Lanark Agricultural Society**" (**S.L.A.S.**). On Monday, October 4, 1858, the South Lanark Agricultural Society held its first Exhibition, under the new name, at the Show Grounds in the west end of Town, once again. This was the 3rd year in a row the Exhibition was held at this location. (*Source - Perth Courier, issue of January 15, 1858, page 3; January 22, 1858, page 2*)

The South Lanark Agricultural Society kept their new name for 108 years, when it was changed in 1966 to the Perth & District Agricultural Society. (Source - See page 25, for the President's message in the 1966 Prize List Book)

(1859)

The S.L.A.S. held a Ploughing Match on Tuesday, April 19, 1859 on the farm of Matthew Bell. They held their Exhibition on Monday, October 3, 1859, on the Show Grounds in the west end of Town. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of April 15, 1859, page 3; October 7, 1859, page 2)

(1860)

The S.L.A.S held a Ploughing Match on Wednesday, April 18, 1860, on the farm of W. O. Buell. They held their Exhibition on Monday, October 1, 1860, on the Show Grounds in Perth. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of September 28, 1860, page 3; October 5, 1860, page 2)

(1861)

The S.L.A.S. held a Ploughing Match on Tuesday, April 23, 1861 on the farm of James Clark Esq., 5th Concession of Bathurst. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of April 12, 1861, page 3)

The Perth Courier published an article in its October 4, 1861 issue, describing a dispute between the Courier & W. O. Buell of the South Lanark Agricultural Society. Mr. Buell had asked the Courier at the end of a Town Council Meeting, to publish the list of Premiums awarded at the late Fall Show. Mr. Rice of the Courier replied to Mr. Buell that he should get the list published where the printing had been done. The Courier had always published the Premiums for free over the years, but Mr. Buell had the list printed somewhere other than the Courier, and this caused the dispute. For that reason the results of the 1861 Exhibition were not published in the Courier in 1861. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of October 4, 1861, page 2)

In another article in the September 27, 1861 issue of the Perth Courier, the Courier states that they understood the South Lanark Exhibition was to be held out in the Country this year and not in Town. The Courier thought that would be a bad move on the part of the Society. Therefore we do not know when the Exhibition was held or where it was held in 1861. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of September 27, 1861, page 2)

(1862)

On January 10, 1862, a new Township Agricultural Society was formed called the 'Branch Society No. 1, of South Lanark'. They operated closely with the main Society, the South Lanark Agricultural Society. The two Societies combined to hold their exhibitions together at the same time & location. They had their own President, officers & directors. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of January 17, 1862, page 2) See '1870 Notes of Interest' for more on this Society.

The S.L.A.S. held a Ploughing Match on May 2, 1862, on the farm of Duncan McDonald, Bathurst Township. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of April 25, 1867, page 2) The South Lanark Agricultural Society & the Branch Society No. 1 of South Lanark held a combined annual Exhibition, together, on Monday, October 6, 1862, on the "Grounds of the VERY REV. J. H. McDONAGH (late Capt. Leslie's)." (Source - Perth Courier, issue of October 3, 1862, page 3; October 10, 1862, page 2)

(1863)

First 2 Day Exhibition

The S.L.A.S. held a 2 day Exhibition for the first time in 1863. The Exhibition was held on Wednesday & Thursday, September 16th & 17th, 1863. The first day was held on a field belonging to Judge Malloch. Cows, calves, bulls, horses, colts, pigs & sheep were shown & judged. That afternoon a dinner was held at Barry's Hotel. The second day of the Exhibition was held in the afternoon & evening at the Music Hall in Perth. This part of the Exhibition was devoted to fruits & vegetables, grain, woolen goods, Ladies department, & miscellaneous items, such as crafts & handiwork. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of September 18, 1863, page 2; September 25, page 2; & October 10, page 2)

(1864)

The S.L.A.S., for the 2nd year, held a 2 day Exhibition in 1864. The Cattle Show, & other animals were shown & judged on Wednesday, October 12, 1864, location unknown. The Exhibition for fruits & Vegetables, grain, Ladies department, etc., was held on Thursday, October 13, 1864 at the Town Hall in Perth. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of October 14, 1864, page 2; October 21, 1864, page 2; October 28, 1864, page 3)

(1865)

The S.L.A.S. held their Exhibition on Tuesday, October 3, 1865 at the Town Hall in Perth. There was no mention of a Cattle Show, or judging of animals in the published account of the Exhibition. There was judging for butter, cheese, honey, fruit, grain, vegetables, materials, Ladies department & agricultural implements. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of October 6, 1865, page 2)

(1866)

The S.L.A.S. held their Exhibition on Tuesday, October 16, 1866. The Cattle, Horses & other animals were shown & judged in a field belonging to George Barrie. The grain, fruits & vegetables, roots, butter and other farm & dairy products were shown at the Town Hall in Perth. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of October 12, 1866, page 2; October 19, page 2)

(1867)

The S.L.A.S. held their Exhibition on Thursday, October 10, 1867. The Cattle Show was held in a field, property of George Barrie. The other exhibition items were shown at the Town Hall in Perth. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of October 18, 1867, page 2)

(1868)

It was published in the Perth Courier that the South Lanark Agricultural Society & the Branch Society No. 1 of South Lanark had a combined Exhibition on Monday, October 5, 1868. It was held in Perth at the Market Square & the Town Hall. It was not mentioned if the show of animals was held at the Market Square or at a field as in previous years. Entries included 50 horses, 45 cows & 100 sheep & swine, so it's doubtful it was held at the Market Square. It was suggested by the Courier staff that the Society should hold their next Exhibition at the Drill Shed and the field across the road from it. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of October 9, 1868, page 2)

The Drill Shed

In 1867 the Town of Perth erected an 80 x 144 foot wooden building, called the **Drill Shed**. A contract was awarded to a Mr. Lister, who's bid for the construction of the building was \$2,360.00. It was located near the Railway Station, at the corner of Herriott Street and Sherbrooke Street. It was used by the Military for drill purposes. It was also used for an ice arena in the winter months and various groups used it in the summer months for their functions. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of September 13, 1867, page 2; March 15, 1867, page 2; Rideau Canal World Heritage Site - A walking Tour of Perth)

In 1905, the Town of Perth spent \$ 25,000.00 to bring the Henry K. Wampole & Co. to Perth. The Drill Shed was purchased along with neighbouring properties on Herriott & Sherbrooke Streets. The Drill Shed was torn down and Wampole built their factory at this site. Wampole made several additions to their plant over the years, and in 1963 they built a new plant on Dufferin Street. The factory at Herriott & Sherbrooke Streets was demolished that same year. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of May 19, 1905, page 1; June 16, 1905, page 1; June 23, 1905, page 8)

(1869)

The S.L.A.S. held their Exhibition on Monday, October 4, 1869, at the Drill Shed & its adjoining grounds. From the Perth Courier issue of October 8, 1869 the following statement was made: "The Exhibition was held in the Drill Shed, the only building in the place affording the necessary accommodations for an affair of this magnitude. The grounds immediately opposite were devoted to the display of stock, agricultural implements, wagons and other rougher articles. Pens had been constructed for the reception of the stock, and other conveniences arranged to make the outside show as complete as that of the inside." (Source - Perth Courier, issue of October 8, 1869, page 2)

(1870)

The S.L.A.S. held their Exhibition on Tuesday & Wednesday, October 11th & 12th, 1870, at the Drill Shed in Perth. They, again, opted to try a 2 day exhibition. Tuesday was devoted to the setting up of items for the fair, allowing the judges to get an early start Wednesday morning. The doors were open to the public at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, with admission being 10 cents. As in previous years a dinner was held after the show, price 25 cents. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of October7, 1870, page 2)

----- 1870 Notes of Interest -----

On October 28, 1870, a meeting was held in the School House in Balderson for the purpose of endeavouring to start a Cheese Factory in that locality. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of October 28, 1870, page 2)

On January 14, 1870 a special meeting was held in relation to the Branch Society No. 1 of South Lanark. A new Act in Parliament basically brought to an end 'Branch Societies', and Township Societies were started. Drummond had already started their own Society, and the Branch Society No. 1 of South Lanark was dissolved and started anew as the Township of Bathurst Agricultural Society. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of January 21, 1870, page 2)

On Tuesday, October 18, 1870, a 'Settlers Jubilee' was held at Lanark, marking the 50th Anniversary of the Lanark and Dalhousie settlers who settled the area in 1820. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of October 7, 1870, page 2; October 21, 1870, page 2)

(1871)

The S.L.A.S. held their Exhibition on Thursday & Friday, October 5th & 6th, 1871, the first day devoted to setup and the second day open to the public. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of September 29, 1871, page 3; October 13, 1871, pages 1 & 3)

----- 1871 Notes of Interest -----

There is a large, framed, colour poster advertising the 1871 South Lanark Agricultural Society's Exhibition to be held at the Drill Shed, hanging in the Perth Museum.

(1872)

The S.L.A.S. held their Exhibition at the Drill Shed on Thursday & Friday, October 3rd & 4th, 1872. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of Friday, September 27, 1872, page 2)

(1873)

The S.L.A.S. held their Exhibition at the Drill Shed on Wednesday & Thursday, October 8th & 9th, 1873. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of September 12, 1873, page 4; September 19, 1873, page 3)

----- 1873 Notes of Interest -----

In 1873 the S.L.A.S. held a 'Baby Contest' on the 2nd day of their Annual Exhibition on October 9, 1873. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of March 28, 1873, page 4; October 17, 1873, page 4)

(1874)

First Permanent Site of The Perth Fair

Greenly's Corners

At the Annual Meeting on January 21, 1874, proposals from Berford & Elliott regarding the sale of part of their property for agricultural show grounds, were read. In regard to the action of the Directors last fall, regarding this proposed purchase, the following motion was passed. "That it is not expedient in the interest of this Society, to endorse the motion of the Directors at their meeting held on the 20th, Nov., 1873, Agreeing to purchase from Berford & Elliott one-half of their lot in Drummond, and this meeting hereby disapproves of their intention to purchase so much land for the use of this Society at present, but would advise the Directors to take some steps to procure a suitable quantity of land for the use of the Society." (Source - Perth Courier, issue of January 30, page 3)

At a meeting of the Directors at Barrie's Hotel held on Saturday, February 14, 1874, the principal business was the purchase of a plot of land from Berford & Elliott, containing seven and one-half acres, intended for Show Grounds for the Society. The price paid was \$1,050.00,

with \$200.00 down, and the balance in one, two and three years respectively, in equal installments, with interest at 7 %. (Source - Perth Courier issue of February 20, 1874, page3)

At their meeting held on June 13, 1874, the Directors authorized the Secretary to employ John Morris, P.L.S., to survey the new grounds, and Peter Campbell was appointed to look after the building of a fence around the Agricultural Grounds. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of June 19, 1874, page 3)

The Perth Courier issue of August 14, 1874 has an article about the new buildings to be built on the new Show Grounds. The main exhibition building was completed in time for the fall show. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of August 14, 1874, page 4)

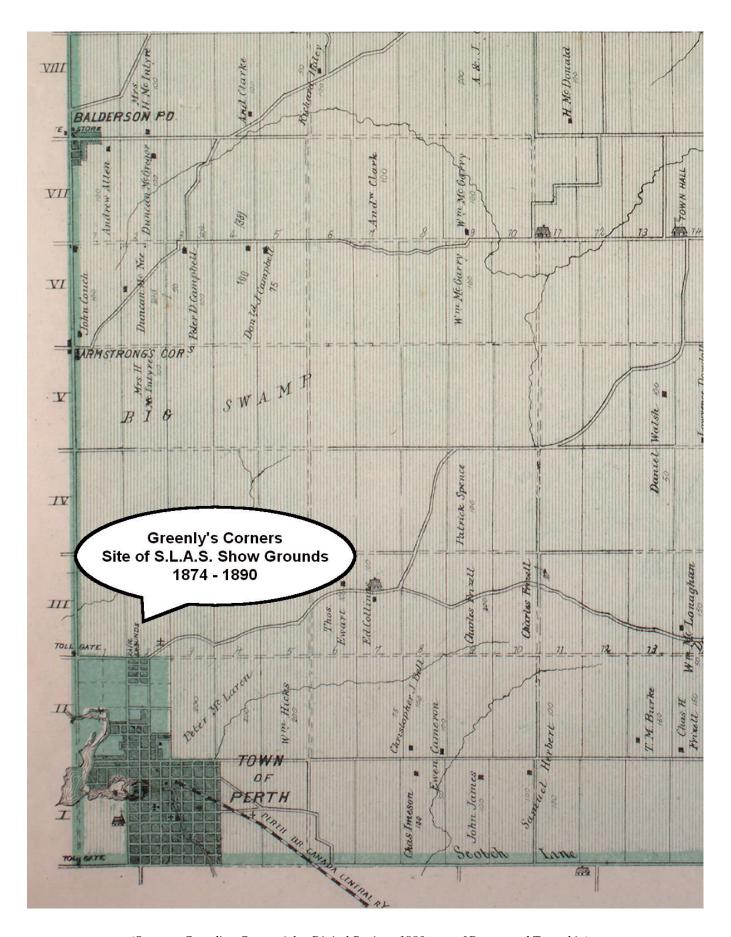
The 1874 S.L.A.S. Exhibition was held on the new Show Grounds on Tuesday & Wednesday, September 29th & 30th 1874. \$600.00 in premiums were offered. Being the first exhibition to be held at their new Show Grounds & buildings, they invited the Hon. Alexander MacKenzie and the Right Hon. Sir John A. MacDonald to be present and deliver addresses. Sir John A. MacDonald said he would attend and deliver an address, however in the end, he did not make an appearance. Admission to the grounds was 25 cents; children under 12, 15 cents; single carriage & driver 50 cents; double carriage & driver 75 cents. (*Source - Perth Courier, issue of September 4, 1874, page 3; October 2, 1874, page 3*)

It was apparent that the new exhibition building was not large enough for the intended purposes. It was also a contention that the new grounds were too far from Town. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of October 2, 1874, page 3)

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(Source - Archives Lanark, Drummond Centre)



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----- 1874 Notes of Interest -----

The Society built an Exhibition Hall on their new grounds. It was built in the shape of a cross, the main section being 70 feet long, and each arm of the cross 20 feet in length. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of August 14, 1874, page 4; September 18, 1874, page 3)

They held a Ploughing Match on Wednesday, September 28, 1874, on the farm of Peter McLaren, adjoining the town of Perth. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of October 23, 1874, page 4)

(1875)

The S.L.A.S. held a Ploughing Match on October 19, 1875, in a field belonging to Thomas Barrie, that was adjoining the new Show grounds at Greenly's Corners. Their annual Exhibition was held at their new Show Grounds at Greenly's Corners on Thursday & Friday, September 16th & 17th, 1875, Friday being open to the public. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of October 22, 1875, page 2; September 10, 1875, page 3)

(1876)

The S.L.A.S. held a Ploughing Match on Tuesday, November 7, 1876, at the farm of Godfrey Bell, 3rd line of Bathurst. They held their annual Exhibition on Thursday & Friday, October 5th & 6th, 1876, on their grounds at Greenly's Corners. It was reported that the Exhibition Hall was too small to accommodate everything, and people felt the location was too far from town. At the 1877 Annual Meeting on January 17, 1877, the minutes of the meeting reported that the 1876 Ploughing Match was held on November 7, 1876, on the farm of Capt. Michael Bell, adjoining Town.(Source - Perth Courier, issue of November 3, page 4; October 13, page 3; January 19, 1877, page 3)

At their annual meeting on January 19, 1876, the Society paid tribute to their 1875 President, Alexander Dodds, who died while serving as President of the Society, on November 27, 1875. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of January 21, 1876, page 2; Elmwood Cemetery Records)

(1877)

No Perth Fair in 1877

A special meeting of the S.L.A.S was held on Wednesday, August 8, 1877. The following is taken from the minutes of that meeting, published in the Perth Courier issue of August 10, 1877: "At a meeting of the members of this Society held at Barrie's Hotel, Perth, on Wednesday last, it was decided not to hold any Exhibition this year, but to allow the Government grant to be applied towards the liquidation of the amount due on the grounds and building". It was also mentioned in the minutes of the 1878 Annual Meeting on Wednesday, January 16, 1878, that they cancelled the Ploughing Match in 1877. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of August 10, 1877, page 4; January 18, 1878, page 3)

1877 was the only year in its history that a 'Perth Fair' was not held.

The S.L.A.S. held their Exhibition on Thursday & Friday, September 19th & 20th, 1878. It was decided by the directors to hold the event back at the 'Drill Shed' this year. The reasons given were, the distance of Society's Show Grounds at Greenly's Corners from town, and insufficient accommodations in the buildings at their Show Grounds. However it was reported that they did not have sufficient space for the showing of stock at the Drill Shed, and they had to secure grounds wherever they could for that purpose. The annual meeting in 1879 reported that their Ploughing Match was held on October 4, 1878, on the farm of Edward Chalmers, Montague Township, in the vicinity of Smiths Falls. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of September 20, 1878, page 2; September 27, 1878, page 3; January 17, 1879, page 3)

(1879)

The S.L.A.S. held their annual Exhibition on Thursday & Friday, October 9th & 10th, 1879. It was held on their Show Grounds at Greenly's Corners. At the annual meeting for 1880, on January 21, 1880, it was reported that their Ploughing Match for 1879 was cancelled due to the state of the Society's finances. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of October 3, page 2; January 23, 1880, page 3)

(1880)

The S.L.A.S. held their annual Exhibition on Thursday & Friday, October 7th, & 8th, 1880, at their Show Grounds, Greenly's Corners. At the annual meeting for 1881, on January 19, 1881, the Society reported that they had received a \$100 grant from the Town of Perth, and that this was the first municipal grant received since the Society's foundation. They were able to build a long row of sheds for cattle, sheep & swine in 1880, but the horses were still without shelter. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of September 24, 1880, page 3; October 15, 1880, page 3; January 21, 1881, page 2)

(1881)

First 3 Day Exhibition

The S.L.A.S. held their first 3 Day Exhibition in 1881, on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, October 5th, 6th & 7th. On Wednesday, the buildings & grounds were open from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm, for the receiving & arrangement of articles for the Exhibition. On Thursday, at 10:00 am, the judges commenced awarding premiums, no one was allowed in the buildings until judging was completed. the buildings were open for inspection at 2:00 pm. On Friday, the horses, cattle, sheep, swine & poultry had to be on the grounds no later than 10:00 am, the judging to commence at that time. An article in the Perth Courier issue of October 7, 1881 talks about the possibility of holding monthly fairs in Perth & surrounding communities, for the purpose of the showing & sale of livestock. It was directed towards the South Lanark Agricultural Society President, C. A. Matheson & the Society Directors. This may indicate that the Society was involved in the Fall Fair Day held in Perth, which was separate from the Society's Exhibition. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of September 16, 1881, page 3; October 7, 1881, page 3)

(1882)

The S.L.A.S. held their annual Exhibition on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 27th, 28th, 29th, 1882. Some extra horse stall were added to the grounds at Greenly's Corners in 1882. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of October 6, 1882, page 3)

(1883)

The S.L.A.S. held their annual Exhibition on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 26th, 27th, 28th, 1883. An large addition was made to the main show hall in 1883. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of October 5, 1883, page 3)

(1884)

The S.L.A.S. held their annual Exhibition on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, September 29th & 30th, & October 1st, 1884. At the 1885 annual meeting on January 21, 1885, it was reported that, during 1884, the Society added largely to the accommodations at the Greenly's Corners Show Grounds by the erection of a new dining hall, poultry sheds, office for the Secretary, and large extensions to the horse stalls, and also fitted up the horse ring and enclosed it with a suitable fence. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of September 19, 1884, page 2; January 23, 1885, page 3)

(1885)

1885 - The S.L.A.S held their annual Exhibition on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 30th, October 1st & 2nd, 1885. At the 1886 annual meeting on January 20, 1886, it was reported that the Society erected a 20 x 40 ft. building on their grounds at Greenly's Corners in 1885, and added increased accommodations for horses, and erected a building for the storage of hay & grains for the use of stock at the exhibition. Carriages were available to convey passengers to the Greenly's Corners Show Grounds. (*Source - Perth Courier, issue of September 25, 1885, page 2; January 22, 1886, page 3*)

(1886)

40th Anniversary of the Perth Fair

The S.L.A.S. held their annual Exhibition on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 29th, 30th & October 1st, 1886. It was advertised as their **40th Annual Exhibition**. This was the first time they mentioned the anniversary of the Annual Exhibition. The Society erected another new building, at their Greenly's Corners Show Grounds in 1886 for the protection of carriages etc., while on exhibition. It was 20 ft. x 70 ft. in size. The 1886 Yearbook has a great copy of a poster for the 1886 Annual Exhibition, printed by the Perth Expositor Newspaper. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of September 24, 1886, page 2; October 2, 1886, page 2; see 1886 Yearbook)

(1887)

1887 - The S.L.A.S. held their annual Exhibition on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 28th, 29th & 30th, 1887. It was advertised as their **41st Annual Exhibition**.(*Source - Perth Courier, issue of September 23, 1887, page 6*)

The S.L.A.S. held their annual Exhibition on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, September 17th, 18th & 19th, 1888. It was advertised as their **42nd Annual Exhibition**. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of September 14, 1888, page 7)

(1889)

The S.L.A.S. held their annual Exhibition on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, September 17th, 18th, 19th, 1889. It was advertised as their **43rd Annual Exhibition**. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of September 13, 1889, page 1)

----- 1889 Notes of Interest -----

At the 1889 Annual Exhibition, there was an unusual event that took place. There was a **Balloon Ascension** where a man rose in a balloon, then parachuted to earth from a height of 5,000 ft. (*Source - Perth Courier, issue of September 6, 1889, page 1*)

The following is an account of the event, taken from a Special Centennial History of the Perth Fair in 1946, written by W. Clyde Bell, and published in the Ottawa Farm Journal issues of August 23rd & 30th, 1946:

"One of the last events to take place at the old fair grounds at Greenlee's Corners, was the balloon ascent. Although the passage of time dimmed the event in the memory of many residents of the district, here are some of the details upon which most accounts agree. The balloonist and crew, having spent the morning and most of the afternoon inflating the bag over a fire pit, made final preparations for the ascent by hauling the parachute into a tube-like affair suspended below the balloon. The balloonist clambered into the basket and upon a given signal the crew cut the anchor ropes. Up went the balloon leaving a breathless, spellbound crowd below. When considerable height was reached, the balloonist proceeded to do acrobatics on a trapeze, finally dropping from the basket feet first, followed by the parachute, which opened after an agonizing second or two. A great cheer went up as the south wind began to drift the parachute and its passenger off towards the marsh lands, north of the town. With one accord the young and more energetic set out in hot pursuit, breaking part of the high board fence at the back of the grounds in their haste. The balloonist meantime had drifted ever so gently down to land, (so some reports say), in a small tree, from which he was assisted by many willing hands and a couple of fence rails. But the story does not end there. One youthful admirer of this daring feat, aided by a large umbrella, attempted an equally daring parachute descent from the ridge of the old log barn the following morning. Results, one broken umbrella, one broken collar bone and one resolve to give up aviation for life."

(1890)

Last Exhibition at Greenly's Corners 1890

The S.L.A.S. held their annual Exhibition on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, September 23, 24th, 25th, 1890. This would be the final Exhibition to take place at the Society's Greenly's Corners Show Grounds. At the annual meeting on January 15, 1890, The Directors suggested that a committee be appointed to take into consideration the advisability of purchasing a site in a more central locality for exhibition purposes. Many people in Town felt the walk to the

Town Line at Greenly's Corners (now Dufferin Rd.) was too far, and the Directors felt attendance would improve greatly if the grounds were more central in Town. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of January 17, 1890, page 8; September 5, 1890, page 4)

(1891)

Perth Fair Moves To New Site In 1891

'Fairholm Park'

The South Lanark Agricultural Society moved to new grounds in 1891, from the Greenly's Corners location, where they had been since purchasing it in 1873 and holding their first exhibition there in 1874.

The new location became known as Fairholm Park in later years. It was located between Lewis street and the Tay River, just west of Kippen street, where the Kippen Planing Mill was located. In 1916 the Planing Mill was purchased by W. P. Clement, who later changed the name to the Perth Planing Mill. The location of the grounds at Fairholm Park, after 1911, was developed as residential housing, New streets included Alvin, Clyde, Sinclair, & Glascott as an extension of D'Arcy street. (Source - The Merchants, Professionals & Trades People of Perth, by Gus Quattrocchi, - Introduction page ix)

In 1891 at the annual meeting in January, as requested a year earlier, a committee had been appointed in 1890 to consider the advisability of purchasing a site for exhibition purposes in a more central locality, the present grounds being altogether too far from Town; and as a result they have to report that they are now negotiating for the purchase of certain lots which, if obtained, will make a most desirable site for exhibition purposes and ensure the success of the association for all time to come. An article in the Perth Courier issue of Friday, February 13, 1891, page 5, took exception to purchasing new grounds. In the article it stated that a course had been built at some point to test the speed of any horse required by farmers. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of January 23, 1891, page 1; February 13, 1891, page 5)

A meeting was held by the Directors of the Society on April 25, 1891 to deal with the new grounds proposal. Secretary, Mr. J. G. Campbell, read the notice of meeting and the clause of statute authorising a sale or lease of the Society's premises. He also read the proposition of the sale to the Society of the Barrie-Kippen land, consisting of 8 acres at a cost of \$4,000.00, the property being located between Mr. Kippen's planning mill and the river. The present site had not been offered for sale, but they expected it would bring \$ 1,500.00 at least. Two other sites were offered for sale to the Society at the meeting. Treasurer, R. Jamieson stated that he thought a mistake was made in 1873 buying the present site so far from town, and it had been uphill work ever since making the shows even the success they were. A motion was carried to approve the sale of the present grounds. Two motions were brought forward to purchase two different sites, but the Barrie-Kippen property was carried by a large majority. An objection to the legality of the meeting was brought forward on account of insufficient notice of the meeting, and not providing for a contingency of a poll. This led to another meeting on May 9, 1891. A motion was made and carried to authorize the Directors of the Society to sell the present exhibition grounds for a price not less than \$1,500.00, reserving the right to remove the buildings. In amendment it was moved that the Directors were authorized to sell the grounds at the best possible price. The amendment was carried. The Barrie-Kippen site was again approved for purchase. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of May 1, 1891, page 1)

The Greenly's Corners site was put up for auction at the Town Hall in Perth on Saturday, May 30, 1891. Auctioneer George Devlin started the bidding at \$600.00, and the grounds were sold to the highest bidder, Mr. James Shaw of Drummond, at \$1,000.00. This did not include the buildings, which were to be moved by the Society to the new site. *Source - Perth Courier, issue of May* 22, 1891, page 5; June 5, 1891, page 5)

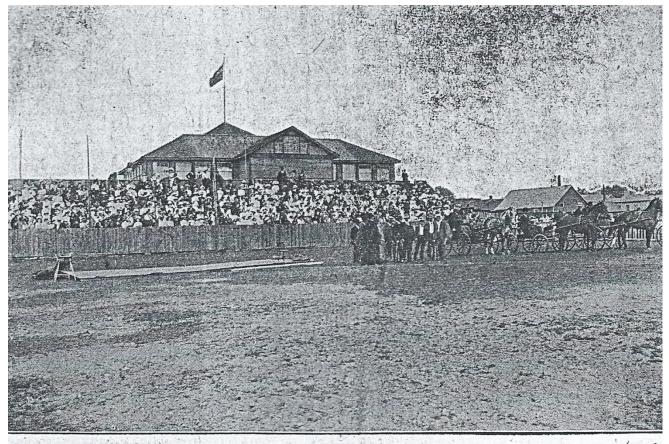
In the week of June 8, 1891 the Society closed the purchase from Messrs Barrie & Kippen of the new Agricultural Grounds. A meeting was called for June 27, 1891 to empower the directors to mortgage the unpaid amount. The buildings from the old grounds were being removed and will be erected at the new site in a short time. The buildings were in place and the grounds were ready for the 45th Perth Fair on September 15, 16, 17, 1891. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of June 19, 1891, page 5, July 3, 1891, page 5; September 4, 1891, page 5)

The Society held it's exhibition here from 1891 to 1910. In 1911 the Society had a trial exhibition at the Athletic Grounds in the East end of Town (the present location as of 2014). It was a success and they purchased the Athletic Grounds, in the east end of Town, in 1912.



(Photo Source - Perth & District Agricultural Society - copy in 1891 Yearbook)

Fairholm Park Show Grounds sometime between 1891 & 1910



A BIG FAIR DAY IN PERTH

The Above is A View of A Big Fair Day in Perth When the Fair Grounds

Were Located at the Present Site of Fairholm Park.

(Photo Source - Perth Courier, Issue of August 3, 1934, page 17)

The Perth Courier celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 1934, and published a 32 page special edition of the Courier on August 3, 1934, with glimpses of the previous 100 years. This photo was included in the special edition. Fairholm Park was the South Lanark Agricultural Society's Show Grounds from 1891 to 1910.

Merry-Go-Round & Exhibition Hall at Fairholm Park (sometime between 1891 & 1910)



(Photo Source - Perth Museum)

Purchase of Fairholm Park 1891

The following Deeds of Land were involved in the purchase of Fairholm Park.
The Deeds can be viewed in full at Archives Lanark, 1920 Concession 7 Rd., Drummond Centre,
Ontario.

Instrument no. 3128 - George Barrie & Wife - **to -** The Electoral District Agricultural Society of South Lanark. Purchased for \$400. Registered August 6, 1891

Instrument no. 3129 - Andrew Barrie - **to** - The South Riding of Lanark Electoral Division Agricultural Society. Purchased for \$500. Registered August 6, 1891.

Instrument no. 3139 - Duncan Kippen - **to** - The South Riding of Lanark Electoral Division Agricultural Society. Purchased for \$700. Registered September 12, 1891.

Instrument no. 3140 - Isabella Barrie - **to** - The South Riding of Lanark Electoral Division Agricultural Society. Purchased for \$2,000. Registered September 12, 1891.

Instrument no. 3141 - Malcolm Barrie - **to** - The South Riding of Lanark Electoral Division Agricultural Society. Purchased for \$350. Registered September 12, 1891.

Instrument no. 3142 - Margaret Barrie - **to** - The South Riding of Lanark Electoral Division Agricultural Society. Purchased for \$150. Registered September 12, 1891.

Instrument no. 3143 - Isabella Barrie - **to** - The South Riding of Lanark Electoral District Agricultural Society. Purchased for \$1. Registered September 12, 1891.

Instrument no. 6982 - The Society had a \$3,500. mortgage on the property, held by John Armour. There was a 'Release of Equity of Redemption' between The Electoral District Agricultural Society of South Lanark and James Armour, executor of the John Armour Estate, for \$1., dated February 23, 1918.

1891 - (Continued)

On Saturday, May 30, 1891 Mr. George Devlin held an auction at the Town Hall in Perth to sell the Show Grounds at Greenly's Corners. The successful bidder was Mr. James Shaw of Drummond, who purchased the property for \$1,000. The buildings were torn down and the materials brought to the new Show Grounds, and used in the construction of the new buildings. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of May 22, 1891, page 5; June 5, 1891, page 5; July 3, 1891, page 5)

(1892)

The S.L.A.S. held their Annual Meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 1892 at the Town Council Chamber of the Town Hall in Perth. They discussed the purchase of their new Show Grounds in 1891, and the building of an Exhibition Hall, offices, sheds & stables. The Society's Annual Exhibition was held at the new Show Grounds on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, September 20th, 21st & 22nd, 1892. It was advertised as the 46th Annual Exhibition. Admission was 20 cents, children 15 cents, carriage & driver 30 cents. The main Exhibition Hall was lit by electric lamps for the Exhibition. At the 1893 Annual Meeting on January 18, 1893, it was reported that the Exhibition in 1892 was a great success, and that it was a purely Agricultural Exhibition with no side attractions, that had become so popular at other fairs. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of January 22, 1892, page 5; September 16, 1892, page 8; January 20, 1893, page 8)

(1893)

The S.L.A.S. held their Annual Exhibition at Fairholm Park on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, September 19th, 20th & 21st, 1893. It was advertised as their 47th Annual Exhibition. There was \$1,000 in Premiums to be won. The Palace Circular Swing Co. provided musical entertainment each afternoon & evening, and the Perth Citizen's Band also performed at the Fair. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of September 8, 1893, page 3)

(1894)

The S.L.A.S. held their Annual Exhibition at their Fairholm Park Show Grounds on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, September 18th, 19th & 20th, 1894. It was advertised as their 48th Annual Exhibition. There was \$2,500 in Premiums to be won at the Fair. Among the entertainment they secured for the Exhibition was 'Professor Bristol's Eques-Curriculum' that provided a 2-1/2 hour show of 30 trained & educated horses, ponies & mules; and 'Professor Dixon' a champion high-wire walker. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of August 31, 1895, page 5)

(1895)

The S.L.A.S. Held their Annual Exhibition at their Fairholm Park Show Grounds on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, September 17th, 18th & 19th, 1895. It was advertised as their 49th Annual Exhibition. There were 2,000 entries for the Exhibition & over 4,000 in attendance. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of September 6, 1895, page 5; September 27, 1895, page 8)

(1896)

50th Anniversary of the Perth Fair

The S.L.A.S. held their Annual Exhibition at their Fairholm Park Show Grounds on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 16th, 17th & 18th, 1896. It was advertised as their **5oth Annual Exhibition** & **The South Lanark Semi-Centennial Fair.** There was \$2,200 in Premiums being offered. There were bicycle races, lacrosse matches, and a first-class band was in attendance. On Thursday & Friday Mr. W. S. Maltby, the 'World Renowned Bicycle Trick Rider' of New York, performed a show doing over 30 different tricks on the bicycle. At a meeting of the Board of Education on September 4, 1896, the Board granted a half-day holiday to the students in Town on Friday, September 18, 1896, so they could attended the South Lanark Fair. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of August 28, 1896, page 5; September 4, 1896, page 8; September 11, 1896, page 1 & 5)

(1897)

1897 - The S.L.A.S. held their Annual Exhibition at their Fairholm Park Show Grounds on Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, September 8th, 9th & 10th, 1897. For some unknown reason, it was advertised as their **Jubilee Exhibition**. 1896 was their 50th Anniversary Exhibition. The Fair was held earlier than usual this year, so that it would not conflict with other Fairs in the Ottawa Valley. There was \$2,200 in Premiums offered at the Fair. Among the attractions was Professor Burtine's Parisian Dog Hippodrome, featuring the "greatest trained dogs on earth". There was a lacrosse match between the Young Capitals of Ottawa & the Crescents of Perth. Part of the attractions was held at the Town Hall on Thursday & Friday evenings, featuring Mr. Harry M. Bennett, Canada's Greatest Humorist. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of August 6, 1897, page 4; August 27, 1897, page 5; September 17, 1897, page 1)

(1898)

The S.L.A.S. held their Annual Exhibition at their Fairholm Park Show Grounds on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 21st, 22nd & 23rd, 1898. It was advertised as their 52nd Annual Exhibition. There \$2,200 in prizes offered, plus many special prizes. Entertainment includes the 'Four Nelson Sisters', an acrobatic & tumbling act; a lacrosse match between Chesterville & Perth; and the 42nd Battalion was in attendance. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of September 9, 1898, page 5)

(1899)

The S.L.A.S. held their Annual Exhibition at their Fairholm Park Show Grounds on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, September 11th, 12th & 13th, 1899. An attempt was made to relocate the main Exhibition Hall to a different location on the Show Grounds. The Hall was located inside the horse track, making it dangerous to cross the track when entering or leaving the Hall. The Hall was not moved in 1899. A lacrosse match was held between Perth & Almonte. Admission to the grounds was 25 cents; children under 13, 15 cents; exhibitors ticket, good throughout the Fair 25 cents; single rig 35 cents; double team 40 cents. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of July 28, 1899, page 5; September 1, 1899, page 8; September 15, 1899, page 1)

(1900)

At the S.L.A.S. Annual Meeting on January 24, 1900, a motion was made to move the Show Grounds from the Fairholm Park location to the Athletic Grounds (east end of Town, site of current Fair Grounds in 2014). After much discussion it was decided to remain at the current location. They were still wanting to move the main Exhibition Hall from inside the track, and it was moved in time for the Annual Exhibition on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, September 17th, 18th & 19th, 1900. The Exhibition Hall was moved to the very front of the Show Grounds, leaving the race track unimpeded. Among the attractions were the 'Flamme Sisters', a tambourine & sword dancing act; a Scottish comedian; 'Vermette & Dionne', bar performers & acrobatic tumblers. The 42nd Regimental Cadet Company marched to the Show Grounds, with the 42nd Battalion Band, and performed a half hour Drill. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of January 26, 1900, page 4; September 7, 1900, page 5; September 21, 1900, page 1)

(1901)

The S.L.A.S. held their Annual Exhibition at their Fairholm Park Show Grounds on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, September 17th, 18th & 19th, 1901. It was advertised as the 55th South Lanark Fair. Admission was 25 cents, Children 15 cents & Vehicles 10 cents. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of September 6, 1901, page 4)

(1902)

At the S.L.A.S. Annual Meeting on January 15, 1902 it was decided to allow a syndicate to erect a grandstand on the Show Grounds, for those who desired to watch sports, races etc., and the stand would be turned over to the Society when those who built it were reimbursed for their investment. The Annual Exhibition was held at the Society's Show Grounds on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 17th, 18th & 19th, 1902. There was \$2,500 in prizes offered. The Fair offered a grand display of livestock, agricultural & industrial products; athletic contests, ring performances; lacrosse & baseball matches & the 42nd Regimental Military Band. Source - Perth Courier, issue of January 24, 1902, page 4; August 29, 1902, page 5; September 5, 1902, page 4)

(1903)

At the S.L.A.S. Annual Meeting on January 21, 1903, a committee was formed to consider ways and means of securing new Show Grounds for the Society. The members of the Society were of the opinion that the Exhibition should be removed from the present grounds (Fairholm Park), to more commodious premises, provided it was financially possible. The Annual Exhibition was held at their Fairholm Park Show Grounds on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 16th, 17th & 18th, 1903. It was advertised as the 57th South Lanark Fair. *Source - Perth Courier, issue of January 23, 1903, page 4; September 4, 1903, page 4*)

(1904)

Since 1881 the S.L.A.S. have held their Annual Exhibition over 3 days. The 1st day was used for preparation, and setting up. The 2nd day was mostly for judging. The 3rd day was open to the public. In 1904 they decided to hold a **'2 Day Fair'**. It was still spread out over 3 days but the 2nd day was now for judging and open to the public for **Special Athletic Contests** involving all the area Schools. The 3rd day was still called **'Citizens Day'** open to the public to view exhibits & amusements. The S.L.A.S. held their Annual Exhibition at their Fairholm Park Show

Grounds on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 14th, 15th & 16th, 1904. It was recorded as the 58th Annual Exhibition of the South Lanark Agricultural Society. Attendance was estimated at 6,000 people on the last day of the Fair. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of September 2, 1904, page 8; September 9, 1904, page 7 & 8; September 23, 1904, page 1)

(1905)

First Horse Show in 1905

The S.L.A.S. held their 1st Annual Spring Horse Show at the Fairholm Park Show Grounds on Tuesday, May 2, 1905. Admission was 25 cents for each Class & 10 cents for entry to the Show Grounds. They decided to hold their Horse shows on Spring Fair Day, previously mentioned above. This would become an annual event until 1922, when they decided not to have a Horse Show and concentrated on the Fair. In early September 1905 a new Grandstand was constructed at the Fairholm Park Show Grounds. It was built to seat 1,000 people. The S.L.A.S. held their Annual Exhibition on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 13thy, 14th & 15th, 1905. This year they had afternoon & evening entertainment on both Thursday & Friday. It was advertised as the 59th Exhibition of the South Lanark Fair. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of April 21, 1905, page 8; May 5, 1905, page 1; August 25, 1905, page 1; September 15, 1905, page 4; September 22, 1905, page 1)

----- 1905 Notes of Interest -----

Henry K. Wampole Co. Builds Factory in Perth (see 1905 Yearbook for articles)

(1906)

Diamond Jubilee of the South Lanark Fair 60th Year

The Diamond Jubilee celebration (**60 years**) of the South Lanark Agricultural Society was held at their Fairholm Park Show Grounds on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 12th, 13th & 14th, 1906. There was \$3,000 in prizes to be won & \$300 in special prizes. Thursday was 'School Day' with free street events (races) open to all towns in the area, aquatic sports events at the Basin, School sports, a baseball match between Smith Falls & Perth, a balloon ascension, Military Drill exercises, step dancing, aerialists, contortionists, & music by two bands. Friday was 'Agricultural Day' along with horse judging and Ring events, County Championship events, etc. The S.L.A.S held their 2nd Annual Horse Show on Tuesday, May 1, 1906. There were 24 sections competed. (*Source - Perth Courier, issue of May 4, 1906, page 4; August 24, 1906, page 1; August 31, 1906, page 4; September 21, 1906, page 1*)

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Perth : Horse : Show

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TUESDAY, MAY 2nd, 1905.



EXHIBITION GROUNDS

Commencing at UNE o'clock

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Special Prize List.

CLASS 1. HEAVY DRAUGHT HORSES. (On Halter)
Clyde Stallion, 3 00 \$2 00 Percheron Stallion, 3 00 2 00 Shire Stallion, 3 00 2 00
CLASS 11. HARNESS HORSES. (On Halter)
Standard Bred Stallion, 3 00 2 00 Hackney Stallion, 3 00 2 00
CLASS 111.
CARRIAGE, ROAD and SADDLE HORSES. (To be shown in carriage.)
Pair Carriage Horses, 151/2 hands and over, 3 00 2 00
" under 15½ hands 3 00 2 00
Single Carriage Horse, 151/2 hands and over, 3 00 2 00
Saddle Horse, 3 00 2 00
High Jumpers, 3 00 2 00
High Steppers, pair, 3 70 2 00
Single Carriage 15 to hands and under
Single Carriage, 15 1-2 hands and under, - 3 00 2 00 Single Roadster, trotters (speed) to buggy, - 3 00 2 00
CLASS IV.
. BROOD MARES. (On halter)
Clyde, Shire and Percheron 3 00 2 00
Standard or Thoroughbred, 3 00 2 00
Heavy team, over 1,500 lbs., 3 00 2 00
" 1,200 lbs. and under 1,500, 3 00 2 00
Roadster, pacers (speed) in harness, 3 00 2 00
Entrance Fee to Each Class 25c.
Entrance to Ground 10c.
Judges—The judging will be done by competent men from out- side points.
Committee-J. A. Kerr, C. J. Sewell, W. J. McKerracher, J. L. P. McLaren, Alf. Poole, Sheriff McGarry.
Horse buyers will be in town on that day for the purpose of pur- chasing all classes of horses.
Perth can justly boast of a very high class of horses. Bring them out, show them, it may add \$25 to their market value.

FINAL

ANNOUNCEMENT

OF THE

PERTHFAIR

SEPT. 2, 3 and 4 1908

Friday Sept. 4, the Big Day

Read the List of Attractions. \$600.00 in Special Prizes. Grand Ring Events on THURSDAY and FRIDAY

42nd Regimental Band

Belmont's Circus 15 Trained Dogs and a Pony

Scott's Creoles--Southern Entertainers, &c.

Scores of Fine Prancing Horses. Best Display in the Building in Eastern Ontario. Fun and Education For All.

2 Grand Night Shows 2

With the Special Attractions above referred to.
In addition a Spectacular

Musical Ride---Mounted Infantry

Composed of Twenty-four Horsemen in Uniform.

Concert in Town Hall Wednesday Night

SPECIAL TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS

Visitors to the Perth Fair may take any regular train from Almonte, Ottawa, Prescott, Brockville, Carleton Place and Sharbot Lake. Smiths Falls and intermediate points on Sept. 1, 2, 3 or 4 at Single First Class Fare, good returning up to Sept. 5.

A Special Train for Almonte, Carleton Place and Smiths Falls and intermediate points will leave Perth at 10:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 4th at following rates:

Port Elmsley 25c, Smiths Falls 35c, Almonte \$1.10 Franktown 65c, Carleton Place 85c.

CHAS. F. STONE, Secretary

(1907)

The S.L.A.S. held their Annual Exhibition at their Fairholm Park Show Grounds on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 4th, 5th & 6th, 1907. It was referred to as the 61st Annual Exhibition of the South Lanark Agricultural Society. There was \$3,000 in premiums and \$500 in special prizes. They tried something new in 1907 to attract young people, by holding a Ball, complete with orchestra, in the main exhibition building on the final night of the Fair. They held their Annual Spring Horse Show on Tuesday, May 7, 1907. It was reported in the Perth Courier as their 4th Annual Spring Horse Show, however this was in error, as it was only their 3rd Hose Show. This error was never corrected, and each year thereafter was reported in error. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of May 10, 1907, page 1; August 23, 1907, page 3; September 13, 1907, page 1)

(1908)

Exhibition advertised as 'The Perth Fair' in 1908

The S.L.A.S. held their Annual Spring Horse Show on Tuesday, May 5, 1908 at their Fairholm Park Show Grounds. They held their Annual Exhibition on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 1908 at their Fairholm Park Show Grounds. It was advertised as the **'Perth Fair'** in 1908. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of May 1, 1908, page 5; May 8, 1908, page 1; August 21, 1908, page 4; August 28, 1908, page 4; September 11, 1908, page 1)

(1909)

The S.L.A.S. held their Annual Spring Horse Show on Tuesday, May 4, 1909, Perth Spring Fair Day (livestock purchase & selling). Their held their Annual Exhibition on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 1st, 2nd & 3rd, 1909. The Fair was marred by a gang of gambling fakers whose games could not be beat. There was also a 'Merry-Go-Round' at the 1909 Fair. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of April 30, 1909, page 5; August 27, 1909, page 1; September 10, 1909, page 4; September 10, 1909, page 8)

(1910)

The S.L.A.S. Spring Horse Show was held on Tuesday, May 3, 1910. As usual it was held on the first Tuesday in May, the same day as the Perth Spring Fair Day. Their Annual Exhibition was held on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 14th, 15th & 16th, 1910. There was \$3,000 in premiums offered & \$600 in special prizes. There were grandstand performances on both Thursday & Friday nights. Attractions included acrobatics, gymnastics, contortionists, a swinging wire act, juggling, and the 'Southern Jubilee Singers & Players'. Gate receipts totalled over \$1,000. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of April 22, 1910, page 4; May 13, 1910, page 8; September 9, 1910, page 4; September 23, 1910, page 1)

On November 24, 1910 a Farmer's Club meeting was held, and the main topic for the evening was the proposal of the S.L.A.S. to move their Show Grounds from Fairholm Park to the Athletic Grounds (current Perth Fair Grounds 1914) in the east end of Town. This topic had been in the works for the previous six years. Several speakers were heard, in favour & opposed to the move. The current grounds were considered inadequate, and a substantial investment would be required to improve it. They only had 7-1/2 acres at Fairholm Park, and the Athletic Grounds had 22 acres of land, with an existing track & grandstand. The cost of each option was well laid out. No decision was made at that time. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of December 2, 1910, page 8)

----- 1910 Notes of Interest -----

Winn Shoe Company Builds Factory On Sherbrooke Street (became Perth Shoe Company & Brown Shoe Company in later years, see 1910 Yearbook for articles)

(1911)

Trial Run at Athletic Grounds in 1911

The S.L.A.S. held a meeting on Saturday, April 1, 1911 to revisit the proposed move to the Athletic Grounds in the east end of Town. Drawings of both grounds were submitted, and a lengthy debate was made. The result was that they were not going to purchase the Athletic Grounds at this time. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of April 7, 1911, page 3)

A meeting was held on Monday, June 5, 1911 in regards to the Society's Annual Spring Horse Show. It was decided to hold the show on Coronation Day, the King's Birthday, Thursday, June 22, 1911. It was also decided to hold the Horse Show at the Athletic Grounds in the east end of Town, as an experiment to prove the Athletic Grounds was better than their Fairholm Park Show Grounds. The Show was a complete success, with attendance over 3,000 people, more than double of any previous Horse Show. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of June 9, 1911, page 8; June 16, 1911, page 8; June 30, 1911, page 1)

The Society held their Annual Exhibition on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, September 4th, 5th, & 6th, 1911. Like their Horse Show, they decided to hold the Exhibition at the Athletic Grounds in the east end of Town as an experiment and trial run. Again the result was a great success, showing everyone that the Athletic Grounds was a superior site to hold the Perth Fair. Attendance was between 4,000 & 5,000. Admission was 25 cents; children under 12, 15cents; single carriage & driver 35 cents; double carriage & driver 45 cents. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of August 25, 1911, page 7; September 8, 1911, page 1; September 15, 1911, page 7)

Decision to Purchase Athletic Grounds

The S.L.A.S. held a meeting on Saturday, October 21, 1911, where a decision was made to purchase the Athletic Grounds in the east end of Town for the Perth Fair, and to dispose of the current grounds (Fairholm Park). (Source - Perth Courier, issue of October 27, 1911, page 4)

(1912)

South Lanark Agricultural Society Purchases Athletic Grounds in 1912

On May 4th, 1912 the South Lanark Agricultural Society purchased the Athletic Grounds in the east end of Town. The following Deed of Land was involved in the purchase. (*The Deed can be viewed and/or copied in full at Archives Lanark, 1920 Concession 7 Rd., Drummond Centre, Ontario.*)

Instrument no. 6150 - Arthur J. Matheson & James M. Balderson - **to** - The South Lanark Agricultural Society - Purchased for \$3,500 - Registered on May 4th, 1912.

The new grounds encompassed the Athletic Grounds in the East end of Town, which had a valuable track. The grounds ran in a line from Cockburn Street to Park Avenue (later became Rogers Road), and from Cockburn Street along Arthur Street to the Scotch Line. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of September 6, 1912, page 1)

On June 3, 1912, King George V's birthday, the Society held a Grand Inaugural Ceremony at the opening of their new Fair Grounds. This was the occasion of their Annual Spring Horse Show. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of May 17, 1912, page 8)

On June 22, 1912 the Society held a meeting where the Directors were empowered to sell the old fair grounds and go ahead with improving the new holdings. The necessary committees for the grounds and buildings were appointed. The grounds will be fenced, and the track will be fenced, and new necessary buildings will be erected as time and circumstances permit. This was completed in time for the Perth Fair in September. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of June 28, 1912, page 4; September 6, 1912, page 1)

This site is now known as the **Perth Fair Grounds**, and has been the home of the Perth Fair from 1912 until present day. (2014)

Labour Day Weekend

For the first time in the Perth Fair's history, they held their Annual Exhibition on a weekend, and Labour Day was mentioned in their ads. The Perth Fair was held on Friday, Saturday & Monday, August 30th, 31st, & September 2nd, 1912, Monday being Labour Day. It was advertised as the **Perth Fair & Labour Day Demonstration**. Interesting to note that they did not have any Fair activities on Sunday. 1912 was also the first time that the Society made mention of an actual midway. The Society realized that they had outgrown the days of a purely Agricultural Exhibition and acquired Gills United Midway Shows for the Fair. It was reported in the Perth Courier as the 66th Annual Exhibition of the South Lanark Agricultural Society. (*Source - Perth Courier, issue of August 30, 1912, page 1& 7; September 6, 1912, page 1*)

Deed of Land East End Athletic Grounds

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I certify that the within instrument is duly entered and Registered in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of the South Riding of the County of Lanark, in book. 3. 4. for the 2000 clock of M. of the 4 day of Registrar, Registrar,	SITUATE Sold by Joseph Doust, Law Stationer 58 Adelaide St., E. Toronto
	MATHESON & BALDERSON Barristers, Etc. PERTH - ONT.

(Source - Archives Lanark, Drummond Centre)

The Perth Courier.

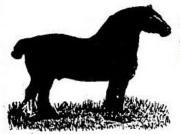
PERTH, ONTARIO, FRIDAY, MAY 17 1912

A GREAT DAY

-IN-

PERTH.

MONDAY, JUNE 3rd, 1912.



Grand Inaugural Ceremony at the opening of the South Lanark Agricultural Society's new

FAIR GROUNDS

\$700

IN PRIZES

\$700

Grand

Speed

Contests

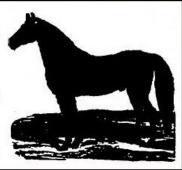
2.20 and 3 minute classes. Farmer's open and half mile trials of speed for farmers' green horses—See the programme.

Fancy & Heavy Horse Classes

An All Day Programme.

For further particulars apply to Secretary.

C. J. FOY, CHAS. F. STONE, Sec.



1912 - Continued,

First Perth Fair Parade

As part of the special festivities for the new Show Grounds, a Floral Procession was held on Labour Day. At least 25 automobiles, carriages & wagons decorated with flowers took part. There were also two Bands in the Parade. The procession started at the old west-end Show Grounds at Fairholm Park at 1:30 p.m. sharp. The route was as follows: From the old Show Grounds along North Street to Wilson, down Wilson to Foster, along Foster to Drummond, west on Drummond to Isabella, along Isabella to Gore, then east on Gore to the new Show Grounds. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of August 30, 1912, page 1)

----- 1912 Notes of Interest -----

The Andrew Jergens Co., from Cincinnati, Ohio, came to Perth in 1912. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of June 7, 1912, page 1)

The Perth Fair has been held, without interruption, at the new Perth Fair Grounds in the east-end of Town since the trial year in 1911.

(1913)

The S.L.A.S held their Annual Spring Horse Show on King George's birthday, Tuesday, June 3, 1913, at the new Perth Fair Grounds. The 67th Perth Fair was held on Friday, Saturday & Monday, August 29th & 30th, and September 2nd, Labour Day, again there were no activities on Sunday. Over 6,000 people attended the Fair on Monday alone. A new Grandstand was built just in time for the Fair, seating 1,000 people. On Labour Day they had another Grand Floral Parade, this time forming on Wilson Street west, to Foster, to Gore, to the Fair Grounds. (Source - Perth Courier, Issue of June 6, 1913, page 1; August 22, 1913, page 4 & 7; August 29, 1913, page 8; September 5, 1913, page 1)

(1914)

The S.L.A.S held their Annual Spring Horse Show on Wednesday, June 3, 1914. Their Annual Perth Fair was held on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 2nd, 3rd & 4th. It was reported as the 67th Perth Fair by the Perth Courier, but in fact it was the 68th. They held a Perth Fair Parade on Friday, at 1:30 p.m. In August the 42nd Regiment of Lanark & Renfrew joined the Expeditionary Force from Canada for World War 1 in Europe. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of June 5, 1914, page 1: August 21, 1914, page 8; September 11, 1914, page 8)

(1915)

The S.L.A.S. held their Annual Spring Horse Show on the King's Birthday, June 3, 1915. Their Annual Perth Fair was held on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, August 31st, September 1st & 2nd, 1915. The Courier reported it as the 68th Perth Fair, but it was actually the 69th. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of June 11, 1915, page 3; August 13, 1915, page 7; September 10, 1915, page 1)

(1916)

The S.L.A.S. planned to hold the Perth Fair on Friday, Saturday & Monday, September 1st, 2nd & 4th, 1916, but changed the dates to Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, September 12th, 13th & 14th, 1916. It was reported by the Perth Courier as their 69th Perth Fair, but was actually their 70th. On Wednesday & Thursday afternoons & evenings, there was a Grand Military Exhibition by the 240th Physical Drill Squad, performing Drills, Bayonet Fighting, etc. There was a midway, consisting of performers & games of chance, the only ride mentioned was the Merry-Go-Round, mentioned in 1912. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of August 18, 1916, page 8; September 8, page 8; September 22, 1916, page 6)

On May 20, 1916, troop trains arrived in Perth for the mobilization of the 130th Battalion, of 1,100 men. Arrangements were made to set up their quarters at the Perth Fair Grounds. They were set up on the grounds for 15days, which were open to the public from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., to view the Battalion. There was a Presentation of Colours to the Battalion made by the Perth-Upon-Tay-Chapter I.O.D.E. The Town Council granted the Battalion \$1,000 to help defray mobilization expenses. Their meals were prepared in the Exhibition Hall of the old Show Grounds at Fairholm Park, and the troops marched from the new Fair Grounds to the old Fair Grounds for each meal. (Source - Perth Courier, issue of May 19, 1916, pages 1 & 8)

(1917)

The S.L.A.S. held their Annual Spring Horse Show on Saturday, June 2, 1917. (see Perth Courier issue of June 8, 1917, pages 1 & 8, in 1917 Yearbook)

They held the 71st Perth Fair on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 5th, 6th & 7th, 1917, at the Perth Fair Grounds. It was reported as the 70th Exhibition, but was actually the 71st, due to an error that started in 1914. This error continued until 1921, when it was corrected for the 75th Perth Fair. (see Perth Courier issues of August 24, 1917, page 7, & September 14, 1917, page 3, in 1917 Yearbook).

B. H. Patrick Shows provided the midway for the fair, that included a stadium circus, museum of wonders, physical culture show, wild animal show, and the Garden of Allah. (see Perth Courier issue of September 7, 1917, page 1 in 1917 Yearbook).

(1918)

The S.L.A.S. held their 14th Annual Horse Show at the Perth Fair Grounds on the King's Birthday, Monday, June 3, 1918. (see Perth Courier issues of May 24, 1918, page 5 & June 7, 1918, page 1 in 1918 Yearbook).

The S.L.A.S. held their 72nd Annual Perth Fair on Thursday, Friday & Saturday, September 5th, 6th & 7th, 1918. Again it was reported in error this year as the 71st Fair in the Courier.

On March 16, 1918, the S.L.A.S. held a meeting to ratify & confirm the sale of their old Show Grounds at Fairholm Park. (see Perth Courier issue of March 15, 1918, page 1, in 1918 Yearbook).

At an S.L.A.S. meeting they discussed the need for more buildings at the Fair Grounds, and there was even an offer to move the Main Exhibit building from the old Show Grounds at

Fairholm Park, to their new Perth Fair Grounds. (see Perth Courier issue of March 29, 1918, pages 1 & 8, in 1918 Yearbook).

----- 1918 Notes of Interest -----

The old Fairholm Park Show Grounds was being turned into a Residential Subdivision. (see Perth Courier issues of May 3, 1918, page 1 & September 6, 1918, page 7, in 1918 Yearbook).

Town Council wanted Hydro in Town as soon as possible. (see Perth Courier issue of May 3, 1918, page 1, in 1918 Yearbook).

20,000 farm labourers were needed in the West. (see Perth Courier issue of August 9, 1918, page 5, in 1918 Yearbook).

(1919)

The S.L.A.S held their 15th Annual Horse Show at the Perth Fair Grounds on the King's Birthday, June 3, 1919. (see Perth Courier issues of May 23, 1919, pages 1 & 6, & June 6, 1919, page 6, in 1919 Yearbook).

The S.L.A.S. held the 73rd Perth Fair at the Perth Fair Grounds on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 4th, 5th & 6th, 1919. As mentioned previously, due to an error in 1914, the Courier reported it as the 72nd Fair. (see Perth Courier issues of August 22, 1919, page 8, & August 29, 1919, page 8, in 1919 Yearbook).

The S.L.A.S. arranged for a "Lighter Than Air" Aeroplane (airship) for the Perth Fair in 1919, performing war time stunts & taking people for rides. (see Perth Courier issues of August 22, 1919, page 8, August 29, 1919, page 8, September 12, 1919, pages 3 & 7, & September 19, 1919, page 6, in 1919 Yearbook).

----- 1919 Notes of Interest -----

Hydro was switched on in the Industrial Section & East end of Perth on Tuesday, February 18, 1919. The West end of Town was to be completed later. (see Perth Courier issue of February 21, 1919, page 4, in 1919 Yearbook).

In March of 1919 the **last shipment of Malt Whiskey** was shipped from the McLaren Distillery. (see Perth Courier issue of March 28, 1919, page 1, in 1919 Yearbook).

Decision made to build a **Hospital in Perth.** (see Perth Courier issues of April 4, 1919, page 1, in 1919 Yearbook, & March 16, 1923, page 1, in 1923 Yearbook).

(1920)

The South Lanark Agricultural Society held their 16th Horse Show at the Perth Fair Grounds on Tuesday, June 3, 1920, the King's Birthday. (see Perth Courier issues of May 28, 1920, page 5 & June 11, 1920, page 2, in 19120 Yearbook).

The Society held the 74th Annual Perth Fair at the Fair Grounds on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, September 7th, 8th & 9th, 1920. It was advertized being the **Annual Perth Fair since 1846**, & the forerunner of the **Great Diamond Jubilee**, **celebrating 75 years in 1921**. (see Perth Courier issues of August 20, 1920, page 8, August 27, 1920, page 2, September 3, 1920, page 8, September 10, 1920, page , & September 17, 1920, page 3, in 1920 Year Book.)

Some of the attractions at the Fair were, Five Trials of Speed, a baseball match between Perth & Belleville, Aeroplane Stunts, Pony & Dog Shows, Boxing Dogs, Bicycle Artists, Clown Act, & an elaborate, but good clean & amusing Midway. (see Perth Courier issues of August 20, 1920, page 8, & September 3, 1920, page 8, in 1920 Yearbook).

----- 1920 Notes of Interest -----

The South Lanark Agricultural Society opened the Fair Grounds as a free **supervised play ground** for the boys & girls of Perth. (see Perth Courier issue of July 2, 1920, page 1, in 1920 *Yearbook*).

(1921)

The South Lanark Agricultural Society held their 17th Annual Horse Show on Tuesday, June 21, 1921. (see Perth Courier issues of June 10, 1921, page 5, & June 17, 1921, page 3, in 1921 Yearbook)

The 75th Annual Perth Fair

The South Lanark Agricultural Society held the 75th Annual Perth Fair (**Diamond Jubilee**), on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, August 31, September 1st & 2nd, 1921. There were \$4500 of Premiums offered, \$400 in Special Prizes, & \$1600 in Trials of Speed. Thursday, September 1st was called '**Farmers Day'**, with grandstand speeches by the Hon. Manning Doherty, Ontario Minister of Agricultural; Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Ontario Conservative Leader; & Hon. Hartley H. Dewart, Ontario Liberal Leader. There were also two baseball games, Midway Shows, a Ferris Wheel & Merry-Go-Round, music by the Lanark & Renfrew Regimental Band, & the Smiths Falls Boys' Band. Friday, September 2nd was called 'Citizens' **Day'**, with 2 more baseball games. Admission to the Fair was 40cents, Children 15 cents, Car & Driver 75 cents. (see Perth Courier issue of August 12, 1921, page 5, in 1921 Yearbook).

----- 1921 Notes of Interest -----

Hospital Put on Hold - (see Perth Courier issue of July 15, 1921, page 2, in 1921 Yearbook).

(1922)

No Horse Show - At the Annual Meeting the Society decided to dispense of the Horse Show in 1922, & devote every energy towards the Annual Exhibition in the Fall. (see Perth Courier issue of January 20, 1922, page 8, in 1922 Yearbook).

76th Annual Perth Fair on Labour Day

The Perth Courier printed a list of Fall Fair Dates, that says the Perth Fair was being held on September 2nd to 4th, 1922. (see Perth Courier issue of August 11, 1922, page 2, in 1922 Yearbook).

All other published ads, articles & notices say the South Lanark Agricultural Society held their 76th Annual Perth Fair as a **1 day event** on Labour Day, Monday, September 4, 1922. It was advertised as the 76th Annual Exhibition of the South Lanark Agricultural Society. There must have been at least one day of preparation before the Fair, but it was never advertised. (see Perth Courier issues of August 11, 1922, page 8, August 18, 1922, pages 1 & 7, & August 25, 1922, page 7, in 1922 Yearbook).

----- 1922 Notes of Interest -----

History of new Hospital Property - The Courier printed an article about the History of the New Hospital Property. (see Perth Courier issue of June 2, 1922, age 4, in 1922 Yearbook).

Alexander Graham Bell Dies - Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone dies. (see Perth Courier issue of August 11, 1922, page 7, in 1922 Yearbook).

(1923)

At the Annual Meeting it was decided to hold their **Spring Horse Show** again this year. The date was to be decided on. It was referred to as the Society's **Spring Show**, & the Perth Fair was referred to as the **Fall Show**. (see Perth Courier issue of January26, 1923, page 7, in 1923 Yearbook)

An article in the Perth Courier advertising the Fair's Prize List, mentions that this year would be the **77th year of the existence of the Society**. (see Perth Courier issue of July 20, 1923, page 1, in 1923 Yearbook).

The South Lanark Agricultural Society held their 77th Annual Perth Fair at the Perth Fair Grounds on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 5th, 6th & 7th, 1923. (see Perth Courier issues of August 24, 1923, page 1, August 31, 1923, page 1, September 14, 1923, pages 1 & 8, & September 21, 1923, page 5, in 1923 Yearbook).

----- 1923 Notes of Interest -----

First Annual Meeting of the Great War Memorial Hospital - The first Annual Meeting of the Great War Memorial Hospital was held on Monday, January 29, 1923 at the Library Hall in Perth. (see Perth Courier issue of February 9, 1923 page 2, in 1923 Yearbook).

Hospital Opens March 8, 1923 - The Great War Memorial Hospital was first opened on Thursday, March 8, 1923. A special opening was held on Saturday, March 10th, for the public to attend & this was the first day that patients were accepted at the hospital. (see Perth Courier issues of March 9, 1923, page 1, & March 16, 1923, pages 1 & 4, in 1923 Yearbook).

South Lanark Plowman's Association - A Plowing Match was held by the South Lanark Plowman's Association on Wednesday, November 7, 1923. This Association was separate from the South Lanark Agricultural Society, which held their own Plowing Matches for many years since 1843. (see Bathurst Courier & Ottawa General Advertiser issue of September 26, 1843, page 3, in 1843 Yearbook; & November 9, 1923, page 5, in 1923 Yearbook).

(1924)

1924 - The South Lanark Agricultural Society held their 78th Annual Perth Fair at the Perth Fair Grounds on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 3rd, 4th & 5th, 1924. (see Perth Courier issue of August 1, 1924, page 5)

There was \$4,500 in Prizes to be awarded & \$500 in Special Prizes. There was also \$1,500 being offered for **'Trials of Speed'** on the track. (see Perth Courier issue of August 15, 1924, page 8, in 1924 Yearbook).

The Fair also featured a **Pony Contest**, open to girls 14 & under, with the winner receiving a Pony Bridal & Saddle. (see Perth Courier issue of August 15, 1924, page 8, in 1924 Yearbook).

The South Lanark Agricultural Society sponsored evening performances by **Arlie Marks & Co.** at the Town Hall, during all 3 days of the Fair. (see Perth Courier issue of August 29, 1924, page 4, in 1924 Yearbook).

----- 1924 Notes of Interest -----

Permanent Paved Roads for Perth - In 1924 the Town of Perth decided to start paving the streets in Town. (see Perth Courier issue of August 29, 1924, page 4, & September 5, 1924, page 6, in 1924 Yearbook).

Perth's Old Guns at Court House - The was an excellent article in the Perth Courier about the Old Guns in front of the Court House in Perth. (see Perth Courier issue of September 12, 1924, page 4, in 1924 Yearbook).

(1925)

1925 - The South Lanark Agricultural Society held their 79th Annual Perth Fair on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 1925. It was reported in the Courier as the 79th Annual South Lanark Agricultural Society Fair. (see Perth Courier issue of August 21, 1925, page 8, & September 4, 1925, page 8, in 1925 Yearbook).

The Fair included a Lamb Fair, Public School Flower Show, Lacrosse Match, Horse Races, & Athletic Events. (see Fair Results & Prize Winners in Perth Courier issue of September 18, 1925, pages 2 & 7, in 1925 Yearbook).

Considered Discontinuing Perth Fair

A Public Meeting was held by the South Lanark Agricultural Society on Tuesday, September 22, 1925 to discuss the advisability of continuing the Perth Fair. The Society had a \$3,500 debt & carried a mortgage of \$5,000 on the Fair Grounds. After much discussion it was decided that because Perth was the County Seat, the Fair should continue. (see Perth Courier issues of September 18, 1925, page 5 & September 25, 1925, page 1, in 1925 Yearbook).

----- 1925 Notes of Interest -----

Rideau Canal Centenary - The Perth Courier published an article about the up-coming Centennial of the Rideau Canal. (see Perth Courier issue of August 21, 1925, page 2, in 1925 Yearbook).

No Gambling at Fairs - The Government at Queen's Park, in Toronto, gave notice to all Fairs & Agricultural Societies, that they would be strictly enforcing a law against gambling & games of chance, at & near all Fairs & Exhibitions. Failure to do so would result in the forfeiting of all claims to any legislative grant during the next ensuing year, for the offending Society. (see Perth Courier issue of August 28, 1925, page 8, in 1925 Yearbook).

Trying to put South Lanark Fair on Sound Financial Basis - A clipped article from the Perth Expositor Newspaper about improving the financial status of the Society was saved by a S.L.A.S. member. (see this & other clipped articles at end of 1925 Yearbook. Note - Very Fragile)

(1926)

At the 1926 Annual Meeting they set the dates for the 1926 Perth Fair. The Fair was held on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 1st, 2nd & 3rd, 1926. It was reported in the Courier as the **80th Perth Fair**. (see Perth Courier issues of January 29, 1926, page 4, & September 10, 1926, page 4, in 1926 Yearbook).

Perth Fair Car Contest

In 1926 the South Lanark Agricultural Society had a novel idea to increase the attendance at the Perth Fair by holding an **Attendance Drive**, starting July 1st & ending September 3rd, the last day of the Fair. Booklets of tickets were handed out & the person who sold the most Contest Tickets would win a **1926 Ford Touring Car**. Also the person who held the lucky Ticket, selected by a draw, would win a **1926 Chevrolet Touring Car**. (see Perth Courier issue of June 26, 1926, page 4 in 1926, Yearbook).

----- 1926 Notes of Interest -----

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Demonstration - Smiths Falls - On Sunday, September 19, 1926, a gathering of the Ku Klux Klan was held in a field in Smiths Falls. It was the largest crowd ever assembled in Smiths Falls, with an estimated attendance of between 12,000 & 15,000 people. (see Perth Courier issue of September 24, 1926, page 5, in 1926 Yearbook).

(1927)

The South Lanark Agricultural Society held the Annual Perth Fair at the Perth Fair Grounds on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, August 31st, September 1st & 2nd 1927. There was \$2,000 in Premiums offered in the Prize List, \$500 in Special Prizes, & \$1200 in Trials of Speed. The entertainment at the Fair included a Midway, Rides, Merry-Go-Round, Lanark County Softball Championship, Bare Back Horse Races, Street Dancing, & a Cowboy performing trick rope work in front of the grandstand. Admission to the Fair was 25cents, children under 12 free, and grandstand admission was 10 cents. (see Perth Courier issue of August 19, 1927, page 8, in 1927 Yearbook).

New Scheme Proposed to Boost The Perth Fair - On Friday, March 25, 1927, a meeting was held by the **Perth Board of Trade**. At this meeting there were suggestions made to improve the Perth Fair & the financial situation of the South Lanark Agricultural Society. (see Perth Courier issue of April 1, 1927, page 2, in 1927 Yearbook).

Musical Revue "Let's Go" - A musical revue called "Let's Go" was performed by local talent at the Balderson Theatre, under the auspices of the South Lanark Agricultural Society. (see Perth Courier issue of May 20, 1927, page 6, in 1927 Yearbook).

----- 1927 Notes of Interest -----

Want Town to Purchase Fair Grounds for \$9,000 - The Directors of the South Lanark Agricultural Society agreed on trying to sell the Fair Grounds to the Town of Perth for \$9,000, the debt owed by the Society. The issue was presented to Town Council giving the advantages of the Town buying the Fair Grounds. The matter was referred to the Mayor & Finance Committee to make a decision. (see Perth Courier issues of October 14, 1927, pages 1 & 4, in 1927 Yearbook).

History of the Separation of Lanark & Renfrew Counties - (see Perth Courier issue of August 26, 1927, page 7, in 1927 Yearbook).

(1928)

Sale of Fair Grounds to Town, Still Unsettled - At the Annual Meeting the question of disposing of the Fair Grounds was still awaiting a report from the Committee appointed by the Perth Town Council to consider the matter. (see Perth Courier issue of January 27, 1928, page 4, in 1928 Yearbook).

Midway Engaged for Perth Fair - The Joyland Shows Midway was booked for the Perth Fair on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, August 29rh, 30th & 31st, 1928. (see Perth Courier issue of April 27, 1928, page 1, in 1928 Yearbook).

The South Lanark Agricultural Society held their 82nd Annual Perth Fair on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, August 29th, 30th, & 31st, 1928, at the Perth Fair Grounds. It was advertised as the 82nd Annual Perth Fair. (see Perth Courier issue of August 31, 1928, page 1, in 1928, Yearbook).

Musical Ride Performs at Fair - The Musical Ride from the Royal Military College at Kingston performed on Thursday & Friday afternoons at the Fair. (see Perth Courier issue of August 31, 1928, page 1 & September 7, 1928, page 1, in 1928 Yearbook).

----- 1928 Notes of Interest -----

Public Playgrounds for Perth - There was considerable interest in finding suitable Playgrounds for the kids of Perth, including a plan to use the Society's Fair Grounds. (see Perth Courier issue of April 27, 1928, page 2, & a clipping form the Perth Expositor Newspaper, in the 1928 Yearbook).

New Armoury Opens in Perth - The official opening of the new armoury in Perth took place on Saturday, September 1, 1928. It was located in the former Asbury Methodist Church on Gore Street east. (see Perth Courier issue of August 31, 1928, page 8 & September 7, 1928, page 4, in 1928 Yearbook).

Interesting Fact About Perth & District - (see Perth Courier issue of September 7, 1928, page 7, in 1928 *Yearbook*).

(1929)

The South Lanark Agricultural Society held their 83rd Annual Perth Fair at the Perth Fair Grounds on Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, September 4th, 5th & 6th, 1929. It was advertised in the Courier as the 83rd Annual Exhibition of the South Lanark Agricultural Society. Attractions included the Harry Lottridge Midway, The Dominion Shorthorn Breeder's Association, the Lanark County Men's & Women's Softball Championship, Trials of Speed on the track & a street dance on the last night of the Fair. (see Perth Courier issue of August 30, 1929, page 8, & September 6, 1929, page 1, in 1929 Yearbook).

Perth's Fair Grounds 'Ideal' - Superintendant of Fairs, Mr. J. Lockie Wilson, of Toronto, expressed to the Agricultural Society in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, that they should contact the South Lanark Agricultural Society for advice on setting up their Show Grounds. (see Perth Courier issue of September 27, 1929, page 6, in 1929 Yearbook).

Musical Comedy at Balderson Theatre - On December 12th & 13, 1929, a Musical Comedy called "That's That ", was performed at the Balderson Theatre in Perth under the auspices of The South Lanark Agricultural Society. (see several articles in 1929 Yearbook).

1929 - Continued,

----- 1929 Notes of Interest -----

Perth Creamery sold to Land 0'Lanark Creameries, Ltd. - (see Perth Courier issue of August 30, 1929, page 2, in 1929 Yearbook).

Balderson Cheese Factory Destroyed by Fire - On Wednesday, August 28, 1929, the Balderson Cheese Factory was completely destroyed by fire. (see Perth Courier issue of August 30, 1929, page 4, in 1929 Yearbook).

(1930)

The South Lanark Agricultural Society held their 84th Annual Perth Fair at the Perth Fair Grounds on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 3rd, 4th 5th, 1930. (see Perth Courier issue of February 15, 1930, page 1, in 1930 Yearbook).

Admission to the Fair was children under 12 - free, children over 12 - 15 cents, Men - 50 cents, Ladies - 35 cents, Cars - 25 cents. (see Perth Courier issue of August 29, 1930, page 7, in 1930 Yearbook).

Galvin Players Coming To Perth - On April 22nd & 23rd, 1930 the Galvin Players performed at the Balderson Theatre, under the auspices of the **South Lanark Agricultural Society**. (see Perth Courier issue of April 18, 1930, page 7, in 1930 Yearbook).

Grandstand at Fair Grounds Destroyed by Fire - On Sunday, August 3, 1930 the Grandstand at the Perth Fair Grounds was completely destroyed by fire. (see Perth Courier issue of August 8, 1930, page 3, in 1930 Yearbook).

----- 1930 Notes of Interest -----

History of 'Victoria Hall' (Perth Hospital) - (see Perth Courier issue of August 8, 1930, page 4, in 1930 *Yearbook*)

Perth Swimming House Officially Opened. - (see Perth Courier issue of August 29, 1930, page 4, in 1930 Yearbook).

Talking Films at New Perth Theatre (Formerly Balderson Theatre) - On Thanksgiving Day, November 10, 1930, the New Perth Theatre showed their very first 'Talking Film'. See last 2 pages of 1930 Yearbook for Perth Courier articles about the renovations to the old Balderson Theatre to make it ready for talking films, and an excellent Advertisement for the very first 'Talking Film' shown at the newly renovated & named theatre.

(1931)

The South Lanark Agricultural Society held their 85th Annual Perth Fair on Thursday, Friday & Saturday, **September 10th, 11th & 12th, 1931**. Events & entertainment included: the finest showing of Horses & Dairy Cattle in Eastern Ontario, Poultry, Horseshoe Pitching, Children's Sports, a Band Competition, Softball Game, Midway & Trials of Speed on the track. (see Perth Courier issue of September 4, 1931, page 4, in 1931 Yearbook).

"Smart Shop Sally" performed at New Perth Theatre - On April 23rd & 24th, 1931, a musical called "Smart Shop Sally" was performed at the newly renovated Perth Theatre (formerly Balderson Theatre), under the auspices of the **South Lanark Agricultural Society**. (see Perth Courier issue of April 17, 1931, page 8, in 1931 Yearbook).

Band Tournament at Perth Fair - Arrangements were made to hold a 'Band Tournament' at the Perth Fair in 1931. (see Perth Courier issue of August 14, 1931, page 1, in 1931 Yearbook).

----- 1931 Notes of Interest -----

100th Anniversary of Opening of Last Link of Rideau Canal - (see Perth Courier issue of February 13, 1931, page 7, in 1931 Yearbook).

Rideau Ferry Gets Hydro Electricity - (see Perth Courier issue of August 14, 1931, page 1, in 1931 Yearbook).

Westport Once Known as "Head of the Lake" - (see Perth Courier issue of August 28, 1931, page 8, in 1931 Yearbook).

Fair Grants to be Cut by Government - (see Perth Courier issue of September 4, 1931, page 6, in 1931 Yearbook).

The New Perth Theatre Invites Public for Screening of Talking Films - (see Perth Courier issue of September 18, 1931, page 8, in 1931 Yearbook).

(1932)

Perth Fair Dates Changed - The 86th Annual Perth Fair was advertised to be held on Thursday & Friday, September 8th & 9th, 1932. (see Perth Courier issues of July 29, 1932, page 1, August 5, 1932, page 1, August 12, 1932, page 1, & August 26, 1932, page 6, in 1932 Yearbook).

For some reason the Fair was reduced to a 1 Day event, on Friday, September 9, 1932. (see Perth Courier issues of September 9, 1923, page 6, & September 16, 1932, page 4, in 1932 Yearbook).

Perth Fair Dates Clash with Lanark Fair - The Perth Fair was scheduled at the same time as the Lanark Fair, which caused some conflict between the two Societies. The reason for Perth selecting the same date was due to the availability of a good Midway. (see Perth Courier issue of September 16, 1932, page 4, in 1932 Yearbook).

Aid For Perth Fair - The Ladies Committee of the South Lanark Agricultural Society held a Euchre, Bridge & Dance Party at the Town Hall on Monday, April 4, 1932. Prizes were donated & proceeds went towards the Perth Fair. (see Perth Courier issue of April 8, 1932, page 3, in 1932 Yearbook).

----- 1932 Notes of Interest -----

Hwy 7, Officially Opened Between Perth & Actinolite - (see Perth Courier issue of August 12, 1932, page 1, in 1932 Yearbook).

Perth's New Post Office - The official opening of the new Post office, across from the Town Hall in Perth, was on Monday, August 8, 1932. The building in later years was the Crain Insurance building. (see Perth Courier issue of August 12, 1932, page 1, in 1932 Yearbook).

(1933)

The South Lanark Agricultural Society held their 87th Annual Perth Fair at the Perth Fair Grounds on Saturday September 2nd & Monday September 4th, 1933. (see Perth Courier issue of August 18, 1933, page 1, in 1933 Yearbook).

Fair Entertainment & Activities - Included Trials of Speed, large new Midway, baseball, track sports for public & high schools, calf club, dance at Town Hall. (see Perth Courier issue of September 1, 1933, page 5, in 1933 yearbook).

----- 1933 Notes of Interest -----

W. J. Pink Furniture Factory - In 1933, the Pink Furniture Factory on Victoria Street, in Perth, was purchased by Mr. W. E. Danner, President of the Henry K. Wampole Factory. The factory was first used for manufacturing Venus Sewing Machines, and was owned at various times by some prominent Perth people. (see Perth Courier issue of August 25, 1933, page 1, in 1933 Yearbook).

(1934)

Fair Open to Lanark County Residents Only - At the Annual Meeting, on March 28th, a decision was made to make this year's fair open only to residents of Lanark County. It was felt that travelling professional exhibitors from outside of Lanark County were detrimental to the success of the Perth Fair. (see Perth Courier issue of April 6, 1934, page 1, in 1934 Yearbook).

The South Lanark Agricultural Society held their 88th Annual Perth Fair on Saturday, Monday & Tuesday, September 1st, 3rd & 4th, 1934 at the Perth Fair Grounds. There was a baseball championship, horse races, Wallace Brothers Midway, & a dance at the Town Hall. (see Perth Courier issue of August 31, 1934, page 7, in 1934 Yearbook).

----- 1934 Notes of Interest -----

100th Anniversary of the Perth Courier - 1934 marked the 100th anniversary of the Perth Courier. They published a special 32 page edition of the Perth Courier on August 3, 1934. It reflects on important facts about the history of Perth, which was celebrating its 118th Anniversary in 1934. Some interesting items from this publication were copied and put in the 1934 Yearbook. The entire 32 page publication was saved in pdf format, and copies of these files were given to the Perth & District Agricultural Society. The 32 page special edition of the Perth Courier can also be viewed at Archives Lanark, Drummond Center, who have physical copies of the August 3, 1934 Perth Courier, although the pages are very fragile.

Publishers of the Perth Courier's 1st 100 Years - (see Perth Courier issue of August 3, 1934, page 1, in 1934 Yearbook).

Town Hall Built Four Years Prior to Confederation - (see Perth Courier issue of August 3, 1934, page 7, in 1934 Yearbook, as well as articles in 1863 & 1864 Yearbooks).

(1935)

The 89th Annual Perth Fair was held on Friday & Saturday, September 27th & 28th, 1935. The **Queen City Midway** was acquired for the Fair. (see Perth Courier issues of September 6, 1935, page 7, September 20, 1935, page 1, & September 27, 1935, page 1, in 1935 Yearbook).

Activities included Trials of Speed on the track, Sport Races for School Children, a Log Sawing Contest, a Dance in the Town Hall. Admission to the Fair was 25 cents for adults & 10 cents for children, & 25 cents for the Dance at the Town Hall. (see Perth Courier issue of September 20, 1935, page 1 & September 27, 1935, page 1, in 1935 Yearbook)

Special Competitions to be held at Perth Fair - (see Perth Courier issue of September 6, 1935, page 1, in 1935 Yearbook).

(1936)

At the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 1936, the dates for the 90th Annual Perth Fair were set for Friday & Saturday, September 25th & 26th, 1936. (see Perth Courier issue of January 24, 1936, page 1, in 1936 Yearbook).

Activities included Trials of Speed, children's races & sports, log sawing contest, step dancing contest, plowing demonstration, wrestling bout, Ottawa Boy's Band, Perth Band, & Midway. (see Perth Courier issue of September 11, 1936, page 8, in 1936 Yearbook).

Plan to Organize a Foal Club - The South Lanark Agricultural Society was working with the Ontario Department of Agriculture to hold a Foal Club exhibit at the 1936 Perth Fair. (see Perth Courier issue of May 22, 1936, page 1, in 1936 Yearbook).

(1937)

The South Lanark Agricultural Society held their 91st Annual Perth Fair at the Perth Fair Grounds, on Friday & Saturday, September 24th & 25th, 1937. (see Perth Courier issue of September 17, 1937, page 1, in 1937 Yearbook).

The Perth Fall Fair - An Editorial published in the Perth Courier. (see Perth Courier issue of September 10, 1937, page 2, in 1937 Yearbook).

----- 1937 Notes of Interest -----

Youth Rejuvenating Agricultural Fairs - (see Perth Courier issue of September 10, 1937, page 8, in 1937 Yearbook).

(1938)

The dates for the 1938 Perth Fair were set for Friday & Saturday, September 16th & 17th, 1938, at the Annual Meeting on March 11, 1938. (see Perth Courier issue of March 18, 1938, page 1, in 1938 Yearbook).

The 92nd Perth Fair - An editorial published by the Perth Courier. (see Perth Courier issue of September 9, 1938, page 2, in 1938 Yearbook).

Perth Fair Grounds Prove Their Value - (see Perth Courier issue of August 26, 1938, page 1, in 1938 Yearbook).

Lanark County Knowledge Contest at Perth Fair - (see Perth Courier issues of September 2, 1938, page 1, September 9, 1938, page 1, & September 23, 1938, Page2, in 1938 Yearbook).

Silver Foxes at Perth Fair - (see Perth Courier issues of September 2, 1938, page 1, & September 9, 1938, page 1, in 1938 Yearbook).

----- 1938 Notes of Interest -----

G. W. M. Hospital Builds 17 Bed Extension - (see Perth Courier issue of April 29, 1938, page 1, in 1938 Yearbook).

50,000 attend opening of Thousand Islands Bridge - (see Perth Courier issue of August 26, 1938, page 1, in 1938 Yearbook).

Crooked Games at Fairs - Government taking steps to eliminate crooked games as Fairs. (see Perth Courier issue of September 9, 1938, page 2, in 1938 Yearbook).

Perth Courier Staff Visits New Thousand Islands Bridge - (see Perth Courier issue of September 23, 1938, page 1, in 1938 Yearbook).

Perth Asked For Aid to Pave New Hwy 7 - (see Perth Courier issue of September 23, 1938, page 1, in 1938 Yearbook).

District Fairs Association Annual Meeting at Perth - (see Perth Courier issue of November 11, 1938, page 1, in 1938 Yearbook).

(1939)

1939 - **Three-Day Fair Planned** - At their annual meeting the S.L.A.S. was planning for a three-day Fair in 1939, if a satisfactory program could be arranged. The dates chosen for the Fair were Thursday, Friday & Saturday, September 14th, 15th & 16th, 1939. As you will see in other articles, throughout 1939, the Fair ended up being a two-day Fair on Friday & Saturday, September 15th & 16th. (see Perth Courier issue of January 27, 1939, page 1, in 1939 Yearbook).

Good Baseball Diamond at Fair Grounds - A need for a suitable ball park in Perth, prompted the S.L.A.S. to remind the Town that their Fair Grounds had one of the best athletic parks in Eastern Ontario, including a suitable ball diamond. The Society was prepared to co-operate with any organization wishing to use the Fair Grounds. (see Perth Courier issue of May 12, 1939, page 10, in 1939 Yearbook).

S.L.A.S. Plants 18 Sugar Maple Trees in Commemoration of Royal Visit - (see Perth Courier issue of June 9, 1939, page 1, in 1939 Yearbook).

The 93rd Annual Perth Fair

The 1939 Perth Fair, Events, Activities & Entertainment - (see Perth Courier issues of September 8, 1939, page 4, & September 15, 1939, page 1, in 1939 Yearbook).

Amateur Contest Feature of Fair - (see Perth Courier issue of September 15, 1939, page 1, in 1939 Yearbook).

Junior Farmers at Perth Fair - (see Perth Courier issue of September 22, 1939, page 1, in 1939 Yearbook).

----- 1939 Notes of Interest -----

----- September 3rd, 1939, Britain & France Declare War on Nazis ------ (see Perth Courier issue of September 8, 1939, page 1, in 1939 Yearbook).

Canada Plans Her Part in War - (see Perth Courier issue of September 8, 1939, page 1, in 1939 Yearbook).

Ex-Servicemen Offer Themselves at Perth Armouries - (see Perth Courier issue of September 8, 1939, page1, in 1939 Yearbook).

Work Started on Perth Water Tower - (see Perth Courier issue of September 8, 1939, page 1, in 1939 *Yearbook*).

----- War Declared by Canada -----

(see Perth Courier issue of September 15, 1939, page 1, in 1939 Yearbook).

(1940)

At the Annual Meeting, it was decided to hold the 1940 Perth Fair on September 12th, 13th & 14th, with a 2 day program. For reasons unknown, the Fair did not take place on these dates. (see Perth Courier issue of January 26, 1940, page 1, in 1940 Yearbook).

Fair Dates Changed - The dates for the **94th Annual Perth Fair** were changed to Monday & Tuesday, September 23rd & 24th, 1940. Conklin's All-Canadian Shows was providing the Midway. (see Perth Courier issue of August 16, 1940, page 1, in 1940 Yearbook).

Perth Fair Events, Activities & Entertainment - Highlights included the Big Holstein Show, War Exhibit, Stock Judging Competition, Dr. Hagyard Tree Contest, Dancing Platform, Machinery Exhibits, Harness Races, Calf Club Competition, & Conklin Shows Midway. (see Perth Courier issue of September 20, 1940, page 1, in 1940 Yearbook).

----- 94th Annual Perth Fair Features Cancelled & Postponed by Heavy Rain ------

(see Perth Courier issue of September 27, 1940, page 1, in 1940 Yearbook).

(1941)

At the Annual Meeting on Saturday, February 15, 1941, Secretary/Treasurer, D. J. Hogan, stated that business reasons would compel him to relinquish his post. It was also decided to hold a directors meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 1941, to elect a President, vice-president & secretary/treasurer.

Many Attractions Secured for Perth Fair - The Perth Fair was set for Friday & Saturday, September 5th & 6th, 1941. Attractions included: Ordnance Corps Exhibit, R.C.A.F. Exhibit, Racing Program, Softball Tournament, Girl's Bicycle Race. The Fair was also accepting contributions to the National Aluminum Drive, aiding the War effort. A 'Tombola' was being staged at the Perth Arena on both evenings of the Fair including amusements, games, jitney dances & accompanying entertainment. (see Perth Courier issue of August 28, 1941, page 1, in 1941 Yearbook).

Years 1942 to Date - to be completed