

accept such a situation unless he felt qualified and competent to perform its duties with satisfaction to the public. There was this one point stood in the way of the people who bring in stock or implements, or anything else, they come as it were to a lottery—each one expected a prize, but it was impossible that such could be given. They had then to abide the decision of the Judges, and receive that with satisfaction. The stock produced upon the present occasion was a noble specimen. It would do credit to any country. In former times they looked to the size of the animal, but at the present day the quality of the "prime pieces" is studied. The shape of the animal, a good shoulder a good loin, and a good breast, must all be taken into account. It gave him great pleasure to see the Herefords on the ground, as it was the first time he had seen the pure breed.—They were no doubt the most important of all stock for Canada.

Col. KINGSMILL after a few remarks, concluded by toasting the "Successful Canadidates."

Mr. CHRISTIE of Dumfries, who had exhibited the prize wheat, was called upon to reply, but as it was now getting late he had left a short time previous.

Hon. Mr. FEGUSSON briefly replied.

Mr. BOOMER proposed the unsuccessful competitors.

Mr. THOMPSON replied. He alluded to the fixing upon Niagara as a place for the exhibition. Some individuals had proposed the Falls as the best place. In the present instance it was very fortunate that it was not there. On Wednesday afternoon they were enjoying beautiful weather, while at the Falls the rain and showers of hail were very heavy.

The Chairman then gave our "Visitors from the United States of America."

Mr. SOTHAM replied. Although he lived in America he was a true born Englishman. He had lived in the United States for eighteen years and had not taken any oath of allegiance, and there was a tie between him and his mother country which never could be broken. Although Mr. Allen acknowledges himself a Yankee he is a John Bull baby, and the gentleman at the left (General Whitney) is a good a John Bull, for there is not a more straight-forward gentlemanly man in Great Britain.

Mr. ALLEN made a few remarks and in conclusion proposed the health of the Ladies.

As this was contrary to the instructions given from the chair it was not allowed to pass, which perhaps would have been the easiest way of settling the matter, as no one would wish to be guilty of being so ungallant as to refuse to drink to the ladies, even upon the shortest notice. As it was, a little healthy excitement was kept up. The meeting clamoured for the toast; the Chairman would not grant it. Mr. Boulton was called upon to proceed with the toast on the list which happened to fall to him. He rose but was not heard. Some of our young Toronto friends, headed by a Mr. Crew, made themselves a little too noisy for the comfort of their neighbours. However Mr. Boulton proceeded, and in—which is rather uncommon—a short and cogent speech proposed the Press of Canada.

Mr. FERRES of the Montreal Gazette was called on to reply. After apologising for not being prepared, having been taken unawares, he thanked the meeting for the enthusiasm with which they had received the Press. Without the possession of a Free Press, they could not have the possession of free institutions.—Without a free press free institutions never could be

achieved, and without it they never could be preserved. It was therefore gratifying to see so many in all department of life so thoroughly convinced of this great truth. This gives the press courage to resist even the semblance of oppression, and enables it to maintain firmly the balance of public virtue. The press depended upon the public—but a moment's consideration would show that the press returned the benefit with ample interest in the advantages it bestowed upon the community. So long as these mutual sentiments are maintained between the press and those who support it, so long will they bid defiance to any attempts to subvert the liberties of the country.

Mr. ROSE proposed the Mayor and Corporation of Niagara.

Mr. SIMPSON of the Niagara "Chronicle," replied.

Mr. THORBURN proposed the "Local Committee and the Stewards connected with the Exhibition."

Mr. STREET was highly gratified that the time had now come when the gallants of the meeting could, without fear of contradiction from the chair show their spirit and their enthusiasm. The subject was one which no human being could do justice to; even all the eloquence of Mr. Allen of Buffalo, was expended in vain. He would not detain them longer, but would propose, with all the honors, "The Ladies of Canada."

Col. BRUCE replied.

Mr. HAMILTON gave the "Educational Interests of Canada."

Professor CROFT replied.

Sheriff RUTTAN proposed the "Manufacturers and Mechanics" of Canada."

Mr. J. BOULTON replied in the name of the Mechanics.

Several other toasts were submitted, but as it had reached half-past 12 o'clock, a section of the company was left sitting.

[We are indebted to one of our City contemporaries for the above report.]

## THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

On Friday the Annual meeting for the election of officers &c., took place in the Committee room on the grounds, J. B. Marks, Esq., of Kingston, in the chair.

The following gentlemen were unanimously elected:

PRESIDENT—J. B. Marks.

1st. VICE PRES'T—T. C. Street.

2nd. Do. —Wm. Matthie.

TREASURER—R. L. Denison.

SECRETARY—George Buckland.

A communication having been read from the Secretary of the Provincial Industrial Commission, requesting the Society to name competent judges for visiting the approaching Provincial Exhibition at Montreal, the following gentlemen were appointed:

Mechanics—Sheriff Ruttan, Cobourg, and W. McCulloch, Brockville.

Grain—E. W. Thompson, and R. L. Denison, Toronto, and John Gilbert, Hastings.

Fine Arts—Messrs. G. P. Wells, Toronto, and J. M. Wilson, Norfolk.

Manufactures and Agricultural Produce—Messrs. B. P. Davy, Belleville, J. W. Rose, Williamsburg, and J. W. Huff, of Brockville.