

Normal School. Many of the District and local Societies, on that occasion, contributed liberally towards the funds of the Association, and the individual subscriptions from various parts of the Province were of a character that stimulated its officers and managers in its future operations. Every department of the Show was creditably sustained, and the premiums, though large, were promptly paid. The second year the premium list was considerably increased, and business was done upon a scale that would require at least £1000 to meet the expenditure. The citizens of Hamilton, however, appeared quite able for the task, and engaged in the matter in a manner that would have been quite commensurate to meet all the engagements incurred by the Association and local Committee, had the weather proved even ordinarily favorable. The very elements conspired to thwart the Hamiltonians in the pleasures they had with so much reason, imagined would be enjoyed during the great festive week in which the Provincial Fair was to be held in their flourishing city. Hard months of toil that had been spent by the chairman, the secretary, and treasurer of the local committee, and in fact by most of the members of that Committee, did not produce the effect so earnestly anticipated; and instead of having a large gathering of kindred spirits, all joined in solid phalanx to promote the well being of the industrial interests of the Province, nothing but a continued period of rain, with its concomitants, a sea of mud and indescribable confusion and disorder, prevailed. Nevertheless, some 1700 articles were brought forward for exhibition, the most of which were highly creditable to the parties who entered them for competition; and the expense incurred by the Committee and the large premium list, being nearly all drawn in prizes, there having been but a comparatively few blanks on the list, thus the outlay on the part of the Association was quite as great as if 20,000 visit-

ors had attended the meeting. The means of the Association for promptly meeting its liabilities, were not ample for the task, and there yet remains to be paid a considerable amount of premiums which doubtless will be liquidated at the very earliest possible opportunity. In the last number of this paper ample notice was taken of the third meeting held under the patronage of the Association at the town of Cobourg; and as the financial report of the local committee is not at hand, a correct statement cannot be made; but, from the economy that in every instance seemed to pervade the arrangements, and the few extra premiums awarded, the inference may be fairly drawn that the subscriptions and receipts at the show grounds were quite ample to meet the entire expenditure, so that now the only barrier in the way that appears to prevent the Association from exercising a highly salutary influence on the public mind, is the want of money to liquidate old debts, and for the carrying out of the original designs contemplated by its founders. When the Institution was first established, no one for a moment supposed that a session of Parliament would be allowed to elapse without a charter being granted, and a liberal annual grant made to be in some respect equal in point of magnitude, to the great objects for which it has been founded to encourage and promote. Unhappily, however, those hopes have been frustrated, and the last Parliament graciously condescended so far as to grant the charter; but when the supplies were granted, the bill for encouraging the laudable efforts made by a few spirited Canadians in founding a national institution, which, in point of importance, may, by a little nurturing care on the part of the people and Government of the country, be made equal to any chartered institution in the Province, WAS ENGROSSED, and allowed to be printed among the other acts of that Parliament or Government with the clause intended for the appropriation filled