

ADDRESS.

GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION:

The continued ill-health of the worthy President of the Provincial Agricultural Association, D. B. Stevenson, Esq., which is sincerely to be deplored, renders him unable to assume the duties of his office. Our regrets are increased at the loss the Association sustains in his absence from the post of honour which his long experience so eminently qualified him to fill, and most particularly do I feel that loss; knowing that it devolves upon me, incompetent as I am, to occupy his place, or suitably to address this respectable assembly on the present occasion.

It must be truly gratifying to every one who takes an interest in the affairs of the Provincial Agricultural Association, only a few years in existence, to witness the satisfactory results flowing from the labours of its managers, in promoting an institution which has been productive of so much general good to all classes of the community. And this, the thirteenth Annual Exhibition, will, it is believed, from its beneficial and happy results, compare favourably with, if it does not excel any that has preceded it.

When we reflect upon the many and varied benefits accruing to the country generally, from the indefatigable exertions of the Provincial Agricultural Association, the credit due to the gentlemen who control its management, cannot be over-rated, nor the advantages to every class of society over-estimated.

And while we cheerfully accord the meed of praise so justly earned by the members of the Board for all their excellent arrangements, it is also a pleasing duty to acknowledge the valuable services so promptly and efficiently rendered by several ladies and gentlemen not directly connected with the Association, who have taken an active part in bringing the present Exhibition to so pleasing a result.

To the citizens of Toronto and all those contributing to the erection of this magnificent structure, the highest praise