

ings. In short, nothing will be spared, not even the music, to make every body happy and content. Special trains will be run at half prices by the Grand Trunk, as we have already noticed.

The Governor General will certainly be present at the show, on the first day, and it is most desirable that a large attendance of the farmers on this occasion should give to his Excellency a favourable opinion of the interest paid by them to agricultural improvements, as well as of the hearty welcome of the rural community to the representative of our Queen.

The establishment of a Provincial Agricultural Depot at Montreal is now realized, and in a few days hence our collections will be completed. The building selected by the Board forms part of the Marble Block, Notre-Dame street. It consists of three stories, with a large basement for the storage of trees. On the first flat will be the heavy agricultural implements and our office, on the second floor the lighter agricultural implements and seeds. These will be occasionally removed so as to use this floor for a lecture-room. The Board of Agriculture will have their office on this floor. The third story will contain the library department and news' room. We propose having also a permanent horticultural exhibition of flowers, and monthly fruit exhibitions during the summer months. During September we propose attending the Provincial Exhibitions at Sherbrooke and Toronto, and the New York State Exhibition at Rochester. These will afford us a very good occasion of selecting for our collection those implements best recommended for our special circumstances. Again as to young trees, either for orchards or for ornament, we will secure a large supply, so that however large will be the demand for them, we shall be able to meet the orders.

We will also attend most of the county exhibitions, when time will allow us to do so, and more particularly those to which we have been specially invited. We shall always report on the exhibitions which we will attend; but whenever circumstances forbid us to be there we would receive with great pleasure any report, either from one of the officers of the society or from one of the members. It is of the highest importance that every one should be informed of the doings of each society, for the experience of the one may lead to the management of the difficulties of the other, and as a consequence give assistance to the general improvement.

With regard to Provincial Exhibitions we find in the Upper Canada "Agriculturist" the following remarks, in which we entirely concur. In our section of the Province we have already made a wide distinction between the agricultural and industrial departments, but we yet believe in agricultural productions and poultry. These in course of time must be got rid of, and no doubt some improvement in this way will be done at the next Provincial Exhibition.

The Provincial Agricultural Exhibitions.

This Institution, like the Horticultural Society, the House of Industry, and the General Hospital, is under the control of a local oligar-

chy, to which may be attributed its inefficiency in 'oo many respects. In a recent number we stated pretty plainly our views about the trumpery things unconnected with Agriculture which disgraced the Exhibition at London last year, and indeed every place where an Exhibition has been held. Even the papers of London the Little expressed their regret at the very indifferent show. The contents of the gallery would hardly have been accepted as a gift by a Pawnbroker—indeed, it seemed as if all shops of that description had been ransacked. Old prints, dilapidated Indian curiosities, worsted work and drawings, which any bread and butter Miss, who had just entered her teens, would have blushed to acknowledge—all things at our Agricultural Show, largely subsidized by the Provincial Government! We select from among many letters on subjoined, to show that there are many farmers who agree with us in opinion. The *Globe* has followed our example and denounced the daubs and quilts, and pipes, &c. Why won't the managers of the society consult and follow English precedents as far as circumstances admit. On comparing the prize list of the Royal Agricultural Society of England with that of Canada, we find that England gives 39 prizes for horses of the value of £545 sterling—Canada gives 120 prizes for the same kind of stock, and Canada has built stabling in Toronto, on the Exhibition ground, at a cost of \$8,000, for 200 horses. For cattle England gives 91 prizes of the value of £735 sterling—Canada gives 250! For sheep England gives 36 prizes to the value of £410 sterling, and Canada gives about 150. For pigs England gives 45 prizes of the value of £180 sterling, and Canada about 80. The average value of Prizes here must be about 50 cents to every pound sterling in England. Could we not reduce the number of prizes here and increase the value of them.

Here, our show partakes of the miscellaneous character of a village fair at home. At AGRICULTURAL Societies held at home, we do not find such articles as "poultry, seeds, fruit, grain, plants and flowers, garden vegetables, fruit, cabinet ware, and wooden manufacture, chemical preparations, fine arts, amateur drawings in oil, water colours, pencil and crayon, photography, wearing apparel, groceries and provisions, preserves, crochet, tatting, best gentleman's shirt! stoves, paper, bookbinding, pottery, paving materials, harness, boots and shoes, bands of music, sugar plums, confectionery!!!"

Now these are all good in their way, but surely a more fitting time and place could be found for them than at an agricultural show. Let them be divided for any sake, and then the gentler sex may exhibit their talent and agility in tatting and tattling. Fairs are the proper place for many of the above named things, and the farmers about Toronto would do well to avail themselves of the local act which permits them. These fairs every year, in Toronto, would bring as much money into circulation as one exhibition in every five years. A fair in Toronto, we shall be reminded failed, but it got into the hands of a tailor and