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On Permanently Locating Agricultural Exhibitions.

Under the head of "the management of Agricultural Societies," the last number of our talented contemporary, *the Country Gentleman*, has some very useful and practical remarks that deserve the best attention of all who are interested in the prosperity of these institutions. It would appear that farmers the other side of the lines, as well as on this, do not take that deep interest in the business of agricultural societies which they ought, but complain at home that the management is inefficient, whereas if they had done their duty by attending the annual meetings and taking their proper share of the work and responsibility, the defects and shortcomings which they so loudly complain of might have been, in great measure, prevented.

It appears that the question of permanent location has for some time engaged the attention of the friends and directors of Agricultural Societies in several of the States of the American Union, but that no general or very decided conclusion has as yet been reached. The question is evidently a complex one, and requires to be viewed and discussed on both sides; and our cotemporary offers a number of useful and common-sense suggestions that must be acceptable to such as desire to form correct notions on the subject. We are decidedly of opinion that no rule can be arrived at in an extensive Province like Canada, or,

perhaps, in any one of the States, that will admit of general, or, at least, unmodified application, as so much must depend on location, and sectional views and feelings. The union of township and even county societies occasionally for exhibition purposes, as permitted by our statute, when mutually desired, would doubtless prove beneficial. To enlarge the sphere of combination rather than diminish it is, no doubt, the true policy to be pursued. The chief value of Township Societies is the collecting of the best articles furnished by the locality, and creating therein a feeling of emulation, *with reference to the County and Provincial Exhibitions*. Our theory in Canada is that township, county, and Provincial societies, form mutual links of one great chain of agricultural operations; and the success of each, as well as of the whole, materially depends upon the manner in which this spirit of mutual dependance is practically carried out. The good and efficient working of *the whole* is the great object to be sought. Our cotemporary asks,

"Is there not some method by which the advantages of both the permanent and migratory systems can be combined, by a Society occupying a still wider field of labor?"

"The Provincial Agricultural Society of Canada West appear to have successfully accomplished this. Kingston, Hamilton, Toronto and London, the four chief cities of the Province, having publicly appropriated or privately subscribed the amounts requisite for the purchase and laying out of grounds and the erection of substantial buildings, each en-