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The time for holding the Annual Exhibition of this important Society being close at hand, we again call the attention of our readers to the subject. We are assured that the Executive Committee at Kingston are actively engaged in completing the arrangements, and that they are looking forward to the result with much hope and satisfaction. Ample accommodation will be provided both for visitors and stock, and for all other kinds of articles sent for exhibition. The public may therefore depend that proper care will be taken of whatever is entered for competition. A guarantee has been given the Committee, by the various owners of boarding houses and hotels in Kingston and its vicinity, that only ordinary rates for board and lodging shall be charged. We likewise learn that arrangements have been made with the proprietors of the various steamboats on the lake, river and the Bay of Quinte, to convey passengers, stock and all articles intended for exhibition, both to and from the Show, at one half the usual rates.

In the premium list we notice some additions to those of previous years: Ayshire Cattle are included, also a Foreign Department—which, although necessarily restricted, will be a means of increasing the Exhibition by considerable additions both from Lower Canada and the United States. From the latter, we expect to see a large number of its most distinguished agriculturists and mechanics. The presence of such eminent individuals in the walk of agricultural science as Professor Johnston, of the University of Durham (England), and Professor J. P. Norton, of Yale, Connecticut—both of whom have expressed their intention of attending—will be an additional means of attracting a great number to the Exhibition, which, there is good reason to hope, will this year far exceed anything of the kind that has hitherto taken place in this country.

We understand that the Governor-General intends to honour the Exhibition with his presence; and notwithstanding the political excitement and

differences which unhappily obtain, we should hope that on an occasion like this, his Excellency will be received by the farmers of Canada with the proper respect due to a British Statesman and the Representative of the Sovereign.

We say, then, to the farmers and mechanics of Canada—to all, in short, who feel an interest in the improvement and well-being of their country—Rally round this most valuable institution, and show by your presence and support that you are prepared to take your assigned part in the onward movements of the age. In this noble and patriotic work, we hope to see men of all parties acting in harmony and with zeal; and we are sure that in the present unhappily excited state of the public mind, the opportunity which will be thus afforded of meeting on common ground, for the attainment of a common good, will be eagerly sought after by all who sincerely desire the peace and prosperity of the country. We hope to see the approaching Exhibition graced by the presence of a large number of our fair countrywomen, whose powerful and salutary influence could scarcely be devoted to a more important cause. And we likewise trust that all who take a part in its proceedings, will see the necessity of cultivating and expressing a *kindly and hopeful feeling*, in reference both to the present and future of Canada. As this is, so far as we know, the only Institution we have at all deserving the distinction of being designated national and free from party control, we believe that it may be made, by judicious management, not only conducive to the improvement of the industrial interests of the country, but also to exert a beneficial influence on public feeling and opinion. Bearing in mind, that the destinies of our country are, under Providence, in our own keeping, it behoves every man to cherish a deep and solemn sense of so high a responsibility; and we hope to hear the many hundreds that will gather around the festive board, on the approaching interesting occasion, sing with one heart and voice—**GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.**