

ville, and Robert Robson of London. The President's Prize of \$50 was awarded to the horse owned by Mr. Blanchard. There were not so many thorough Breds in the Procession, but some that were exhibited were very good—evidently possessing great speed, and taking them together, their equal has not been seen in this Province. Those owned by H. Huntingford, George Cooper, and N. H. Dickson, were much admired. After the horses, followed the Durham Bulls, which, so far as numbers were concerned, took precedence of all competitors. Baron de Longueuil, George Wilson, George Taylor, Hon. A. Ferguson, R. Wade, M. Jones, and others, had some very beautiful animals in the Procession. Baron de Longueuil carried off the First Prize. The Devons followed next, but there were but very few when compared with the Durhams. J. P. Gage, John Masson, R. Ferrie, G. F. Rykert, and D. Tye, were exhibitors, and each showed some superior stock. In the Herefords, Baron de Longueuil shone out conspicuously, and carried off prizes to the amount of £30 5s in this class alone. There were a good number of Ayrshires in the Procession, and the animals exhibited by J. B. Ewart, David Jones, Wm. Millar, Baron de Longueuil and R. L. Denison, were worthy of notice. Next came the oxen in yoke; and the yoke belonging to M. Lawrie, of Hamilton, were of great weight and power. In fat oxen—G. Pegler, of London, exhibited a monster, and as he moved along at a slow pace he looked more like a rhinoceros than an ox. Jonathan Scott, of Toronto, had also a good beast in the procession, which took the second Prize. Some splendid spans of matched carriage horses made their appearance interspersed throughout the procession, among which we noticed a span belonging to W. H. Dickson, Niagara, as being particularly good. Mr. John J. Pettit, of Salfleet, and Hon. W. Allan, of Toronto, also exhibited a span each. In the greater part of the vehicles which joined the procession were to be seen good specimens. The matched draught Mares exhibited by Mr. Armstrong, of Markham, these deservedly ranked first; Wm. Miller, of Pickering, coming second. The whole stock made a very imposing display; the like of which has never been seen in Toronto, and was well calculated to impress strangers with an idea of the wealth and capabilities of the Province.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

FARMERS OF UPPER CANADA:—

The duty of delivering the Annual Address on this occasion, by the rules of the Society, devolves upon me, as the President of the Provincial Agricultural Association.

I wish for the sake of the intelligent farmers whom I see before me, as well as for the cause which we are all laboring to advance, that the duty had been assigned to one, who being at once a practical and scientific farmer, could have entered fully into the details of the noble art of agriculture, and shewn that science can be brought most advantageously to aid in its varied operations.

As I have had very little instruction or experience in agricultural pursuits, it cannot be expected that I should venture to discuss so important a subject, especially in the presence of those whose superior skill and science, fit them more to impart than to receive knowledge, in regard to this most essential branch of human industry. I must therefore content myself with directing your attention to such matters as have an obvious

bearing on the future progress of the country, and are intimately connected with the welfare and prosperity of the agricultural classes.

We have many blessings for which to be thankful to the Gracious Giver of all good.

Our lot has been cast in a land inferior to none, in all natural advantages—its soil is fertile—its waters are abundant and pure—its climate is favorable to the health of man—to the sustenance of all the lesser animals—and to the growth and ripening of all the various vegetable productions, which the necessities of man and beast demand. It has been frequently remarked, and I believe it is now freely admitted, by those best qualified to judge, that the splendid country which lies between Lakes Huron, Erie, and Ontario—as regards its forests—soil—climate and water—is not surpassed on the Continent of America—and it rests chiefly with ourselves, by a unity of purpose and action—by well timed efforts and proper exertions, rightly directed, to place it in a situation to rank as one of the finest agricultural portions of the world.

The land in which it is our good fortune to live, abounds in the richest mines of iron, copper and lead, and although we have not, to any extent as yet, discovered the gold of California and Australia, or the silver of Mexico and Peru—deeply imbedded in the bowels of the earth—it ought to be a source of the highest congratulation, that many of our industrious farmers have found abundance of these precious metals, in the laudable and profitable pursuit, of stirring the fruitful soil of their own farms.

We have an inexhaustible supply of lime and stone—free stone and granite—of gypsum and water lime or hydraulic cement—we have peat and marl in various parts of the Province, and even lithographic stone, a very rare production, is to be found of fine quality, in some of the Counties.

We have a climate and soil which will grow oats and peas, Indian corn, turnips, carrots, flax and hemp, as well as they are produced anywhere else,—and as respects wheat, the great staple of the country, it was with true Canadian pride, that I lately noticed in an article taken from the "American Miller,"—a standard authority, that the wheat raised in Upper Canada makes better flour than any wheat the American union produces—not even excepting the wheat grown in the far famed and justly celebrated "Genesee Valley." We have running along the whole front of our country, the noble River St. Lawrence, which furnishes us a highway to the Ocean. We can boast of a chain of water communication through that River, our Lakes and our Canals, the like of which is no where to be seen. Macadamized, gravelled, and plank roads, are being rapidly made in all the older parts of the country—nay, even in some, but recently settled. Railroads—the sure indication of increasing prosperity—are either in the course of construction, or are seriously contemplated, in all eligible directions. Improvements are to be seen on all sides. The people are industrious, prudent and moral, and are daily becoming more intelligent and enterprising.