

The Provincial Association commenced its operations without any well-established means of support, trusting to members' fees and contributions from county societies. Its first exhibition was so far successful that a balance of \$408.25 remained in the treasurer's hands after all expenses were paid. In 1847 the association was incorporated by act of Parliament, under the title of "The Agricultural Association of Upper Canada." Since that time it has increased in influence and usefulness year by year, as the following brief synopsis of the results of the different exhibitions held under its auspices amply proves:—

Comparative Statement.

Showing the amount of competition at all the Exhibitions held by the Association, between 1846 and 1860, inclusive:

EXHIBITIONS.	Amount of Prizes offered.	Total No. Entries.	Amount of Prizes awarded.
Toronto, 1846, ...	£400 0 0	1,150	£275 0 0
Hamilton, 1847, ...	750 0 0	1,600	600 0 0
Cobourg, 1848, ...	775 0 0	1,500	575 0 0
Kingston, 1849, ...	1,400 0 0	1,429	700 0 0
Niagara, 1850, ...	1,276 11 9	1,638	950 0 0
Brockville, 1851, ...	1,254 9 3	1,466	806 18 9
Toronto, 1852, ...	1,470 9 9	3,048	1,258 5 0
Hamilton, 1853, ...	1,601 10 9	2,820	1,323 6 3
London, 1854, ...	1,794 0 6	2,933	1,356 17 6
Cobourg, 1855, ...	2,303 1 6	3,077	1,735 8 6
Kingston, 1856, ...	2,309 12 6	3,791	1,699 17 6
Brantford, 1857, ...	2,517 10 0	4,337	2,046 10 0
Toronto, 1858, ...	2,675 2 6	5,572	2,303 15 0
Kingston, 1859, ...	2,628 5 0	4,830	2,016 15 0
Hamilton, 1860, ...	3,753 17 6	7,532	3,235 0 0

Permanent buildings are now erected at Toronto, Hamilton, London, and Kingston, respectively, for the express purpose of holding annual exhibitions. In 1862, the annual meeting was held at Toronto, and permanent provision made for stabling 198 horses and 435 head of cattle. The amount of prizes offered exceeded 16,000 dollars.

Such is the progress which has been made during fifteen years, in bringing together the different industries of Upper Canada, and teaching her people those lessons which can only be learned by friendly competition in an arena open to all, without distinction, prejudice, or favor. The cause of this rapid improvement is no doubt in great part due to the immigration of scientific agriculturists, as well as practical farmers, who have learned and studied husbandry in all its branches in the best districts of England and Scotland. Any improvement which takes place, either in stock, implements, or farming practice, either in Europe or the United States, is immediately imported, and, if satisfactory, adopted in Upper Canada. By means of the different agricultural societies, all needful information respecting the results attained

are speedily made known, and there is now no lack of enterprising and energetic men who gladly embrace every opportunity of improving their farming practice. The financial condition of the Association and the Board of Agriculture, afford incontestible proof of the deep root which these institutions have taken in Canada. It will be remembered that in 1846 they commenced their operations without funds, relying solely on subscriptions. In 1859, the large sum of \$110,908.78 passed through the hands of the treasurer. Out of the surplus funds a handsome and commodious brick building has been erected in Toronto for the purposes of the Board, amply provided with space for museum, library, reading room, large hall for public meetings, and a capacious seed store.

EIGHTEENTH EXHIBITION.

OF THE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION, TO BE HELD AT KINGSTON ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 23, 24, & 25, 1863.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Membership.

1. The members of the Agricultural Societies of the several Townships within the County, or Electoral Division, or United Counties wherein the Annual Exhibition may be held, and the members of the County or Electoral Division Society, shall be also members of the Association for that year, and have members tickets accordingly; provided the Agricultural Societies of the said Townships, or the Society of the said County or Electoral Division or United Counties, shall devote their whole funds for the year, including the Government Grant in aid of the Association, and shall pay over the same, accompanied with a list of the members of each such Society, to the Treasurer of the Association two weeks previous to the Exhibition.

2. The members of the Board of Agriculture, and of the Board of Arts and Manufactures, the Presidents and Vice Presidents of all lawfully organized County Agricultural Societies, and of all Horticultural Societies, are members of the Association for Upper Canada *ex-officio*. The payment of \$1 and upwards constitutes a person a member of the Association for one year; and \$10 for life, when given for that specific object, and not as a contribution to the local funds.

3. Members can enter articles for competition in every department of the Exhibition, at any time previous to the dates below mentioned and all who become members previous to or on the Saturday preceding the show week will be furnished with tickets admitting them to the grounds during the whole time of the show, without additional charge.

ENTRIES.

4. No one but a member shall be allowed to compete for prizes except in class 44, sections 11 to 16 of class 47, and class 54.

5. All entries must be made on printed forms, which may be obtained of the Secretaries of Agricul-