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Editorial.

On the Wing.

Aug. 16.—It is now one week since we returned from what appears to us the most important trip we have ever taken. Having been absent for over three months, it is hard to buckle into harness again, and to separate from the numerous sights we have seen and sounds we have heard that which may be of some importance or interest to you, and condense it into a suitable space for this journal.

During this trip we have seen a little of Scotland, Ireland and Wales; we had never been there before. We have also seen more of England than ever before, and trust that we may be able to deduce from our observations some remarks that may tend to your benefit, and be read with interest during the coming winter months. We visited the Royal Agricultural Exhibition of England, the Agricultural Exhibition of Edinburgh, and the International Exhibitions being held at Edinburgh and at Liverpool. But the most important of all was the Indian and Colonial Exhibition in London. This exhibition will prove of more moment to the British Empire than any exhibition that has yet taken place, the object being to unite Great Britain and her colonies together in stronger bonds of harmony, and to act in conjunction for our mutual benefit and advancement.

We were present at the opening, which was the first public acknowledgment from our gracious Queen. When entering the Canadian Court her face was slightly turned towards the position we occupied, giving us a better opportunity of seeing her face than we ever had before. We thought she looked better than we had seen her represented by any of the likenesses published. Our artist prepared the scene which you may find by referring to our August issue. In that issue you may also see the idea of the mechanic preparing the tire to bind all the colonies into the great hub, Britain. We hope that tire may be made of suitable material. Perhaps you may be able to add material that might strengthen it. Think what it should be made of; can you strengthen it in any way? Is it desirable that it should be strengthened? Is there any more honorable or just government in the world, or a better, more substantial, or more just form of government existing? If there is, let us hear of it. If not, let us try and support and improve the country that waves our native or adopted flag.

We were present at the first gathering or banquet gotten up by the colonists; also at the first emigration meeting, at which the Marquis of Lorne occupied the chair. The Secretary and other speakers addressed the meeting. The most sympathetic chords were struck when Miss Rye made a few short and telling remarks about her missions among the poor and the success that was attending her efforts in taking children to Canada, thus benefiting the country they leave and placing them in comfortable homes, where there is a possibility of their becoming useful members of society and a blessing to the country to which they go, and to themselves. There may be some failures, but youth is the best time to emigrate.

On the 26th of July we attended the first meeting of the Colonial Commercial Exchange. Mr. C. S. Stephen occupied the chair, and a very efficient chairman he makes. A large number of the Canadian exhibitors were present, and a lively interest was evinced. These gatherings will, we have no doubt, result in good. Every attention will be given to devising and carrying out plans that may be considered beneficial to both Great Britain and her colonies.

THE CANADIAN TROPHY.

Some of our sister colonies may have devoted more means and attention to the preparation for this exhibition than Canada did at first, and made very highly creditable displays; but latterly Canada's reputation as an exhibitor very materially improved, and after walking over the exhibition several times, we concluded that the most important part to Canada and perhaps to the nation is centered at and around the Canadian Trophy, a view of which our artist has made from what we considered the most important parts and connections which could be taken at one view. See next page.

In the foreground is seen the cheese trophy exhibited by Mr. T. D. Millar, of Ingersoll. Mr. Millar carried off the highest awards given to Canadian cheese at Antwerp. The dairy interest is one of immense importance in Ontario; it bids fair to excel other interests, as it is rapidly increasing in importance and in the quantity of produce exported. Canadian dairymen consider they are now in advance of any others in the cheese department; that they are prepared to make any class of cheese that may be required. Dairying is a safe and profitable business; all who understand it are doing well. London and Belleville are the two great centres for cheese manufacture in Ontario, and Danville and Montreal in Quebec. On the top of the cheese trophy is a golden cow and calf.