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AGRICULTURE AND ARTS.

[SECOND NOTICE].

Having in our last issue drawn attention to the body of the above report, we now proceed to give some account of the important appendices thereto.

APPENDIX A. consists of a catalogue of technical books on Arts, Manufactures, Agriculture, Horticulture, and Science. There are upwards of a thousand treatises on the above subjects, besides several hundred volumes of British and American Patents, the journals and transactions of agricultural and other writers. Most of these books formed the library of the late Board of Arts, but the Commissioner has recently added a considerable number of works on agriculture, horticulture, and other pursuits. The library is open, free to the public, every day during office hours, and affords much needed facilities to such as wish to consult technical works for practical purposes.

APPENDIX B. contains a report of Professor Buckland, stating in a concise manner the principal results of his recent visit to Britain for the purpose of obtaining agricultural and other information that might be beneficial to this Province. We gather from the Professor's remarks on the national and provincial shows which he attended, that much of their completeness and regularity of working, is attributable to the early closing of entries, and the time occupied in the arrangement and exhibition of the articles. The Royal English Society closes the entry books the beginning of May, though the show is not usually held before the middle of July. Most of the Provincial Societies, all indeed of any note, close

the entries two or three weeks, at least, before holding the exhibition. Thus there is ample time to prepare a place for everything, and to put everything in its place. The managers of our Provincial Exhibition, it is hoped, will benefit by this suggestion ; for, if we cannot all at once reach so high a standard, there is no good reason why we should not set ourselves in earnest to approach it by degrees. The order and comfort to both man and beast, notwithstanding the intense heat of the weather, at the great Leicester meeting, constituted one of its chief characteristics. It is true that the great British exhibitions are almost exclusively confined to live stock and agricultural implements and machines ; and the only society of note that admits of arts and manufactures is the Bath and West of England, whose exhibitions closely resemble those of our Provincial Association. This society was incorporated in 1777, and by its liberal prizes awarded at the annual exhibitions, in connection with its published transactions, has materially advanced within its own circle the important interests comprised by its organization.

Notwithstanding the great improvements that have of late years been effected in British stock, and the increased numbers to be seen at the annual exhibitions, it would appear that farm implements and machinery have increased and improved in a much greater ratio. The first show of the English Society was held in 1839 at Oxford, when there were only twenty exhibitors of implements, and it was several years before this important department attained anything approaching a distinguished position. At the late meeting at Leicester the number of exhibitors in this department of the show was 307, occupying