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The Provincial Exhibition.

As announced in our last issue the holding of the Exhibition of the Agricultural Association of Upper Canada will take place in Toronto, September 23rd—26th—and preparations are now making to render the accommodation to all classes of exhibitors as ample and comfortable as possible. Hitherto there have been no grounds for complaint among farmers as to the arrangements for the accommodation of cattle and other kinds of live-stock have not been fully equal to the requirements of the case; a defect which it is believed will be remedied for the future, as extensive permanent buildings have now been erected in each of our principal cities; an expense that will not have to be incurred again, and leave therefore each locality to make better and more extensive arrangements for meeting the wants of the farmer, whose interests though exclusive are confessedly the most important of any in these displays of the skill and industry of the country. Two new erections of permanent character for the accommodation of horses and cattle are in the course of erection on the show grounds in Toronto and near in the proximity of the original exhibition building for the reception of the implements and putting machinery into motion. The arrangements for sheep, pigs, and poultry will be more ample and ample than heretofore. And it is confidently believed that the

amount of material in every department of our Provincial industry will be considerably larger this year than on any former occasion, the local committee in Toronto have commenced preparations on what is considered will prove a proportionate scale. In estimating the amount of accommodation required at these national competitions, there is a tendency as the exhibition grows in years to improve in quality, which after all is the main test of the character and utility of these great gatherings. It is in no point of view desirable that any thing be sent to a Provincial competition which is devoid of positive excellence; what might be considered as passable at a township or even a county show should be well considered before sending it to occupy valuable space in a Provincial display, which would be mainly made-up of what is really superior. We make these observations not with a view to discourage intending exhibitors, but rather to stimulate all such as have any thing really worth seeing to send it forward, that the *status* of our Provincial shows, the quality and excellencies of their material, may be progressively improved and elevated.

We would particularly call the attention of intending exhibitors and others interested in the exhibition to the rules and regulations appended to the prize list, as published in our last; copies of which are being printed in pamphlet form, to be circulated among agri-