

exhibitors or visitors. This was due, no doubt, in a great measure, to the presence at all times during the Exhibition, of some of the Directors and members of the Committees of the Association, and the zeal and promptness manifested by them in attending to the wants of their patrons. It is true there were a few complaints, arising principally from the fact that the articles of some of the exhibitors were overlooked by the Judges. This was occasioned by a want of proper classification in some of the Departments, and a lack of space in the Main Building, on account of which many articles coming in late had to be placed wherever there was room, irrespective of class.

The exhibitors, on the whole, were well pleased with the result of the Exhibition, and expressed their intention of again being present at the Exhibition of the Association in 1880. Since the close of the Exhibition, communications have been received from several agriculturalists and manufacturers in various parts of the Province, who did not take part in the late Exhibition, stating that it is their intention to exhibit at the next. There is, therefore, every reason to anticipate that the number of entries for the Exhibition of the present year will far exceed those for 1879.

The Association is very much indebted to the members of the press of the City, for the liberal support which they have given it during the year, and to which support the success of the late Exhibition was in a large measure due.

To the various railway companies of the Province are the thanks of the Association also due, as without their co-operation, a successful Exhibition could not possibly have been held. They met the Association with a liberal spirit, and as a result, did a very large business during the Exhibition. The arrangements for excursions and cheap fares over all the lines were complete, and there is every reason to believe that the result to the companies themselves was entirely satisfactory, and that the railway arrangements for the Exhibition of 1880 will be equally, if not more liberal, systematic and complete.

In preparing the Prize List for the next Exhibition, your Board would strongly recommend that consideration be given to the question of discontinuing prizes in nearly all classes for manufactures. Your Directors find that this is the desire of a large number of the exhibitors, as no matter how much care is taken in the selection of Judges, it is impossible to give satisfaction, and in many cases an injustice is often unintentionally done to the exhibitor.