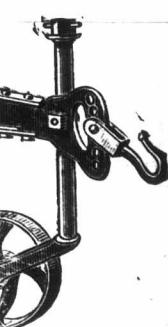


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Our engravings, "The Offer" and "The Accepted," by  
Thos. Faed, R. A., and the colored lithograph, "Life's Voy-  
age," have been described in our Dec. No., 1876; Jan., 1877,  
and April, 1878, respectively, and after a most careful exam-  
ination of hundreds of valuable engravings, we have not been  
able to find any more pleasing or suitable. They are without  
doubt unrivalled premiums.

In April No., "Homeward, or The Curfew," by Joseph  
Johns, was described, and a cut but faintly suggested the  
merit and beauty of the large engraving, 22 x 28 inches in  
size, now offered, and in this issue a small wood-cut of the  
chromo "Balmoral Castle," is given. This engraving,  
24 x 30 inches in size, is of elegant finish and design. The  
last two mentioned were published at Two Dollars each under  
copyright.

"Lorne and Louise" was fully described in our Dec. No.,  
1879, and but a few copies remain in our hands.

### OUR RULES.

The name sent in must be a new one, and the subscription  
for one year (\$1.00) must be enclosed.

The prize is for the old subscriber who sends in the new  
name, and not to the new subscriber.

Choose your prize when remitting otherwise a choice may  
be made for you.

To any subscriber, to any member of a subscriber's family  
(boys and girls), to all postmasters and school teachers who  
send in new subscribers, these prizes will be mailed, postage  
paid.

### The Coming Exhibitions.

The citizens of London are making great im-  
provements in the grounds this year. A new,  
substantial and neat fence is being erected, the  
stock sheds are all being moved, and the ground is  
being leveled so that a much better view may be  
had. A good track for horses is being made, and  
everything promises a fine exhibition. The build-  
ings will not compare in grandeur with those at  
Toronto or at Montreal, but the display of agri-  
cultural implements and horses will be better, and  
a larger number of farmers will be present.

There is one great disadvantage under which  
this Exhibition suffers this year. The members of  
the executive committee living at such great dis-  
tances from each other, there have been but very  
few meetings at which improvements or sugges-  
tions could be given, or beneficial arrangements  
discussed. We hear that the necessary paring  
system, consequent on the great losses and great  
expenses of previous years, is being carried out in  
some instances to an injurious extent. The Board  
should consider that as London always has been a  
place in which the Association has gained money  
and honor, they should not act too parsimoniously  
towards that city. At any rate a good exhibition  
is safely assured.

The Industrial Exhibition in Toronto has an ex-  
cellent executive board at hand; the members of  
said board have worked and are working assidu-  
ously, and under their management an excellent  
display will undoubtedly be made. They are to  
have a dairy exhibit which bids fair to surpass that  
at the Provincial Exhibition.

At Montreal very great improvements have been  
made, 14 acres having been added to the fine com-  
manding ground on the side of the mountain; also  
great improvements are being made in the man-  
agement. Their fine buildings and convenient  
horse stables and cattle sheds make them in some  
respects the model for future buildings. For dates,  
&c., of these exhibitions see the advertising  
columns of this journal.

The so-called Dominion Exhibition is to be held  
this year at Halifax, but in reality what we should  
call a Dominion Exhibition has never yet been  
held, excepting in name. The interests of the  
different Provinces have not yet been united.  
Local fairs have hitherto eclipsed these Dominion  
Exhibitions, little interest being taken in them  
except by those residing in the immediate  
vicinity. But the exhibition to be held  
in Halifax this year we believe will be the best  
ever held in the Maritime Provinces.

It would be much to the advantage of many of our  
enterprising subscribers to visit the exhibition in  
some one of our sister Provinces. For instance, the  
Quebec farmers would be profited by a visit to the  
Industrial Exhibition at Toronto, or the Provincial  
at London. Our Western men might with ad-  
vantage to themselves and their families take a  
trip to the Maritime Provinces. Many thousands

can well afford such an expenditure, and their  
wives, sons or daughters richly deserve a holiday.  
Many have now hoarded and saved far more money  
and property than they will ever be thanked for,  
much of which will be assuredly squandered to  
the injury of some pet or by some unknown hand.  
We say, take a little of the money you have for  
years been saving and take a trip for enlighten-  
ment and pleasure, and you will not regret it.  
We do not advise those who have not means to  
spare to expend it in such a manner, but there is  
much more pleasure and profit returned from a  
liberal and just expenditure of money than is en-  
joyed by the mean, pinching, narrow-minded miser  
whose soul is dried up as hard as the metal he may  
be accumulating, and for which no one will ever  
bless him in this world or the next. Every locality  
has some one or more money grabbers with whom  
you would not exchange your pleasure for their  
money had they a million times more than they  
have. Take a trip. Visit some of these large  
exhibitions in a distant part of the Dominion.  
Take your wife or daughter or son with you, and  
you will be richer for the expenditure of the  
money—richer in knowledge and happiness.

### The Apple Crop.

It could not be expected that we should have a  
very heavy crop of apples this year, after such an  
enormous crop as was obtained the past season.  
Notwithstanding, there are in some orchards heavy  
crops this year, and all the orchards we have seen  
have a fair sprinkling of apples in them. The  
shipping of apples, although attended with loss to  
some last year who did not understand the busi-  
ness, will be duly attended to this season by those  
who were successful last, and fair prices will  
be obtained, particularly by those who have good  
shipping apples and enough of them to make it an  
object for a good buyer to call on them. Those  
who have mixed orchards, that is, a large number  
of varieties, are not apt to obtain as good a price  
as those who confine themselves to a few varieties.

Where the fruit is not quite up to shipping  
quality from any cause, cider should be made, and  
cider in the hands of those who understand it and  
its manipulation, pays very well. For instance,  
this summer we have heard of one man selling all  
his make at 40c. per gallon. In speaking of cider  
it is of importance that a person should have a  
good mill. The large power mills are undoubtedly  
the best, but many who do not live near one of  
these, and have not sufficient apples at their com-  
mand to justify the expense of a large mill, will  
find the hand mills to answer a good purpose.  
But it is a strange fact that, efficient as our manu-  
facturers are in all other implements, yet the best  
cider mills, either for hand or power, have to be  
imported. We have had a good many Canadian-  
made cider mills spread over the country, and most  
of them do the work, but there has been so much  
inferior metal put into them that the breakage has  
been very great and dissatisfaction has resulted,  
consequently the American cider mills have come  
into vogue. Evaporating or drying answers well  
with those who understand the handling and  
marketing.