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The essay appears in this issue.

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## On the Wing.

exhibition jottings.

Exhibitions are the educators of the presen age, and have been in past ages. We have seen Centennial at Philadelphiand, we visited the hibition. This year we have seen the Colonial in London, the International at Edinburgh, the Marine at Liverpool, the Royal Agricultural at Norwich, Eng., the Agricultural Exhibition at Ediriburgh, Scotland, the Industrial at Toronto the Provincial at Guelph, and the Western Fair at London, Canada. Space will not permit of long descriptions, nor of filling our pages with the statistics or the prize lists. Our sphere is to deduce from impressions received remarks in Cay be of sore beneat to our farmer
A quantity of the fruit and vegetables from some of the largest exhibitions have been sent to the Colonial to show what Canada can raise. We highly approve of the plan, and much good should result
from it. The best has been done that at the time of the choosing would permit; but we trust that all interested in the welfare of Canada will remember this fact, that good as our roots, apples, pears and grapes may have appeared, they were not fully matured, and There was a very marked improvement in oncer and quality of the apples and pears exhibited then; the fine sunshine and warm weather had so much improved the appearance of some of the apples exhibited that it would require an expert to admit that they were the same as the colorless varietios that had been selected at previous exhibitions.
delaware exhibition.
Delaware is only a small township, twelve miles from London, and yet it has two exhibitions, one held by the Oneida Indians. If this exhibition could be taken as a specimen o Township exhibitions, no honorable person who has the interest of the farmer or the wel heart, the agriculture our country at tend to injure them or -selfishness and monopolists may desire to break them. Nearly every farm for a radius of ten miles was represented there, as the ladies and children desire to go to this exhibition to see, be seen, and have a chat with their neighbors. The prizes are necessarily very small, as no admittance fee to visitors is
charged; no heavy expensem are incurred; the real practioal farmers are the officers, and they give their time and attention to it with, out pay ; they select good judges from neigh prize at this exhibition is by some considered more meritorious than even the name of a Proincial prize, because the prizes are considered honorably awarded. Party politics have not as yet contaminated this exhibition, and it is a remarkable fact that some of the best stockmen, grain growers and fruit growern who have not exhibited at either of the large exhibitions, exhibit here. For instance, Mr. . G. Deadman has long been known as ruit growers in this Western Peni to be met here, and on being asked why ho id not exhibit at the Provincial and Western Fairs, said, "Because of the injustioe and anfairness practiced at them." We asked in what manner, and he replied that a party or parties who were not fruit growers went round and bought or stole fruit, and exhibited and carried off the prizes ; also that at the rovincial even worse than this was done. He ard complained and protested against suoh these useful hints that it was of do aregarded to him to show, and no honor or merit to whibit. Mr. MoNames, the exhibitor of the largest variety of pears, was there and corroborated Mr. Deadman's statements. Mr. Richard Gibson, the noted Shorthorn breeder, Cormerly manager of the New York Mills Herd, oxhibited his fine herd of Shorthorns at Dela. ware, but he did not exhibit at the Provincial or at the Weatern Fairs. Why ? Probably it M. Co for the same reason that the ifun. H. vincial for a number of yeare, whan he owned the most valuable Shorthorns ever ofwed in this Dominion, and had not been honorably treated by the Provincial Board The celehrated Bow Park Herd have been withheld from exhibition. Mr. Stone's magnificent herd of Herefords may perhaps never be seen again in London, unless great changea take place. Mr. Dawes magnificent stock to be seen on his own farm. But this should suffice to show that even a Provincial, or held by individuals who have ntize may bo the best stock or products of our coury. This tends to militate against the popularity or utility of the large exhibitions, and it will increase unless they take a pattern from such exhibitions as well conducted Township exh bitions. There was no political harangue,

