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The Exhibitions.

THE INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION

Opened at Toronto on the 6th and continued till the 17th inst. The appearance of the ground continues to improve. The trees are growing finely, and flower beds have been made and planted; the roads were in good order, and a great amount of care has been displayed to make the place as attractive as possible; indeed, the very fine, commodious buildings and well kept grounds were themselves objects well worthy of a visit. The extensive view of the lake that was to be had from the grounds, and especially from the balcony of the main building on Thursday the 14th, when the waves ran mountains high, and lashed the shore in their fury was a thing long to be remembered by those who reside inland, and who do not have many opportunities of witnessing such a magnificent sight. Upon entering the grounds from the railway depot, the first building we noticed contained a large display of splendidly finished caskets and coffins of Canadian manufacture. So we crossed the road to the carriage hall, in which the exhibit was principally of American manufacture, and was not quarter as good or as large as the display made by Canadian manufacturers in former years. Prominent among the vehicles were three hearses, one emblazoned with the arms of a secret society. In the main building and the agricultural hall the exhibit was small compared with that of previous years, and to make up for the deficiency and make anything like a creditable display, the goods were spread out as much as possible. In the agricultural department scarcely anything was shown but what had been noticed and described in former years, evidently showing the waning interest of manufacturers, and in no place was this evinced more than in the mechanical hall, which was bare of interest, and did not contain one-fourth of the number of the machines that were shown when first this exhibition was instituted.

The exhibit of horses, though not large, was good. The show of cattle would have been a failure had it not been for Mr. Whitefield's, of Rougemont, large entry of first-class animals, without which it would have been far inferior to that of previous years. Sheep and swine were not so well represented as they had been in former years. Had it not been for other attractions such as racing and bombardment, the latter of which swelled the treasury by \$10,000, the exhibition would have been a financial failure. The President of the Association being such a pronounced total abstinence advocate, we were astonished to see the enormous array of places for the consumption of intoxicating drink. The sale of strong liquors on the ground was illegal, and at the commencement of the fair the vendors of such were taken before the magistrate and fines inflicted which might have been looked upon as an equivalent to license for the sale of in-

toxicants, for instead of the thing being followed up, and an attempt made to prevent the sale, it was quietly winked at. Then, again, betting was freely indulged in in the horse ring without the slightest attempt being made to put a stop to such a pernicious practice. Such scenes as we have described are highly demoralizing, and cannot be too strongly condemned, and in no other exhibition grounds that we have attended were such disgraceful practices allowed; such evils must sooner or later tend to ruin the society, for the farmer and other supporters of the fair will not tolerate such demoralizing displays under the name of Industrial and Agricultural Exhibitions. And we regret that the management, in their endeavor to make the exhibition a success financially, have seen fit to countenance such evils.

THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION OF QUEBEC

was held in Montreal from the 14th to the 22nd of September. The first week very little interest was taken in it by the public, as only a very few visitors attended; but the second week, as soon as the farmers came with their stock, the visitors poured in in masses. This should show to the farmers and citizens that it is in the hands of the farmers that the success of these exhibitions lies, for both in Montreal and Toronto the week devoted to other interests only resulted in a heavy loss to both of the Associations; and we know that the feeling of farmers is this, that they cannot or will not lose more than a week at any of the exhibitions. In fact, three or four days is quite sufficient time for stock to be shown.

The agricultural buildings at Montreal are superior to those in Toronto, both in design and convenience; in fact, we consider them the best we have seen either on this continent or in Europe for Provincial or State purposes. Of course we do not compare them to the national buildings of England, France or the States.

The exhibit at Montreal excels all others on this continent in the display of Ayrshire cattle, but in other departments we do not consider it equal to the western exhibitions; in implements and machinery it fell very far short of many exhibits in the west.

Time prevents us at present from particularizing more minutely on these exhibitions, but during the winter we trust that contributions and editorial will appear that may tend to the improvement and interest of farmers. We enquired of the Secretary and Directors why this exhibition was held in the same week as the Provincial was being held in Kingston, but they could not explain. Many of the farmers and exhibitors at Montreal complained because the exhibitions were both held at the same time, and they were unable to attend at Kingston because they thought it their duty to be at their own Provincial Exhibition. This bad management has tended to injure both of the Provincial Exhibitions.