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Editorial.

THE PROVINCIAL SHOW.

Our great annual exhibition of agriculture and arts is over, and it is pleasant once again to be able to write the word "Success" as its history. At first it was feared, from the lowering state of the weather, and the ominous down-pour which literally *damped* the initial day of the fair, that failure had marked the exhibition for its own. These fears, happily, were dispelled by the welcome, though gradual, clearing up of the sky, and ultimately the weather became all that could be desired. The last day of the show was as delightful a sample of our true enjoyable October weather, as could have been "made to order" as part of the great exhibition itself, were such a thing possible.

Full particulars of the exhibition will be found elsewhere in our present issue; in the President's address, which contains more than the usual amount of information; and under "The Farm" and "Live Stock" departmental headings. Some account of the horticultural and art branches of the late fair, may be expected in our next.

The most unobservant visitor who from year to year gives the Provincial Exhibition his presence, cannot fail to be struck with the signs of progress which thrust themselves into view on every hand. This feature is characteristic, more or less, of every feature of the exhibition, but especially of the live stock, machinery, and implements. Our farmers are becoming pretty generally awake to the interests of keeping a better class of animals, and the great advantages of having the best facilities for doing the work of the farm. It costs no more to keep a superior than an inferior stock,—often it costs less to keep the better class of animals. Satisfaction in handling, better prices, more profitable results, are considerations that tell on all except the most stupid of mankind. So in regard to improved implements. They save labor, economize time, do better work, and render farming easier and more profitable as a business—thus removing some of the objections often urged against it, with, it must be owned, not a little truth and force. As these objections come to be counteracted, farming will

rise in the estimation of mankind, and come to occupy that position among human avocations to which it is justly entitled.

It were unreasonable to expect that everybody would be satisfied with the judicial decisions and prize distributions on occasions like that which has just passed. But there has been, for some reason or other, more than the usual amount of grumbling this year. In some cases that we could point out, egregious blunders have been made in the selection of judges, and, as might have been expected, in the awards made. Too much care cannot be exercised in getting properly qualified persons to act as judges. We are quite aware that this is often a matter of no small difficulty; but it is also a matter of the very highest importance, and one that we believe it is possible to arrange to the satisfaction of all, except that unreasonable class of fault-finders, whom it is out of the question to expect to please.

The question as to the place of next year's exhibition excited much discussion, and some warmth of feeling. That there is force in the arguments by which an Eastern locality is urged, cannot be denied; but past experience proves that we go Eastward at the expense of all the main interests of the Exhibition, and it is at least a debatable matter how far the general good is to be sacrificed for the sake of local advantage. It is every way desirable that our great exhibition should always rally round it the co-operation of every part of the Province, and we should feel that any policy which led to division and splitting-off, would be most unwise. We trust things will be so managed as to avert any such dire calamity, and that from year to year the Provincial Show will continue to be a grand exhibition of the growth and progress of agriculture and the arts in our highly-favoured Province.

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING OF DIRECTORS.

The annual meeting of the Directors of the Provincial Agricultural Association was held on Thursday evening, Oct. 6th, in the Agricultural Hall. There was a large attendance, not only of