

bone and sinew of the agricultural interests of Canada.

No pains will be spared by the committee or management to sustain the creditable appearance which all classes in the united counties of Leeds and Grenville are desirous of making in competition with the inhabitants of their sister counties in the province, and in affording the accommodation necessary to exhibit prominently the large collection of articles which will be brought forward upon this occasion, and which, it is confidently expected, will surpass that of any previous exhibition in Canada.

While the committee promises this much on their part, they cannot avoid looking with good reason to all interested in the matter for countenance and support in an age when telegraphs, railroads, steam navigation, and the various appliances of modern invention, have happily supplied the place of the one-harried plough and the shoulder-bruising pole-propelled Durham boats of days now happily by-gone in the history of Canada.

In order that all within your reach and influence may meet the views of the committee, it is necessary that you should take a lively interest in the production and exposition of every article in your vicinity, serving to exemplify skill, ingenuity or originality of design in the various economic arrangements of life, that not only the fireside of the prudent housewife's happy country home should be represented by specimens of weaving, knitting and sewing, together with the farmer's valuable dairy products, but that the less useful and more ornamental branches which constitute the luxuries of our country should be exhibited; that the embroidery frame, the painter's easel, and the crochet needle should each contribute and place specimens of its industry side by side with the plough, the loom and the saw; while at the same time the great mineral wealth of the country should not be forgotten, and ample evidence of its importance be adduced in the specimens at the exhibition.

In furtherance of these views, it is suggested that Messrs. ———, with power to add to their number, should be constituted a

committee to enlist as many as possible in this important work, to call the attention of farmers and mechanics within your locality and influence to this important matter, requesting their co-operation and assistance in the preparation of articles for the exhibition, impressing upon their minds the importance and great advantage of being the successful competitors in the friendly strife we are desirous of provoking, and assuring them that the association will undoubtedly fix their premiums on as liberal a scale as possible, impress upon them that in a competition where articles of manufacture and mechanical skill will be received from all parts of Canada and the United States upon equal terms, it will be a proud pre-eminence on their part should they be the successful competitors, that it will be for the credit of their country, that every exertion should be used to exhibit her growth and improvement.

While the eyes of all Canada will be upon the united counties where the exhibition is to be held, it is confidently expected that they will not appear in the background in an object where, upon former occasions, others have shown so much enterprise. To give Canadian agriculturists an opportunity of presenting the public with some of the riches of their intellect, the committee offers a gold medal, with suitable inscription, for the best essay upon agriculture and its advantages as a pursuit, the response to which they confidently trust will be such as to do credit to agriculturists as a body.

In conclusion the committee beg to say that they will be most happy to receive suggestions from all parties who may feel an interest in the exhibition.

On behalf of the committee,

George S. McLean,
Secretary.

Brockville, C.W., Feb. 21, 1851.

A parliamentary election campaign was in progress at the time. A meeting was held in Row's schoolhouse, on March 18, in the interests of Mr. Richards, at which that gentleman fully discussed the political issues of the day. At the conclusion, a vote of thanks, moved by