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THE EXHIBITION AT BRANTFORD.

The Twelfth Annual Exhibition of the Agricultural Association was held at Brantford on the 29th and 30th of September and 1st and 2nd of October. The weather was wet and cold during the greater part of the week. In several departments the Exhibition was in advance of its predecessors. There was abundant evidence that a steady progressive improvement in the leading branches of our domestic industry is being made from year to year. In agricultural implements and machinery, the exhibition of this year has far surpassed all previous exhibitions, both as to quantity and quality. The same may be said of sheep,—the Leicesters taking the lead of all other breeds. The two classes of thorough-bred cattle, Durhams and Devons, made an excellent show, but exhibited no marked superiority as to quality over former years. The show of stallions was good, and of matched horses the best we have ever seen, taken as a whole. In the department of cereals there was a falling-off, especially in wheat; but the unfavorable season will account for the inferiority in this department. Roots made a good display, but not equal to former shows. In manufactures generally there was little improvement, though in a few branches the display was excellent. Carriages made a poor show, none of the large manufacturers appearing as exhibitors.

The location of the Show at an inland town like Brantford, must necessarily exclude the heavy manufactures of the large cities. A carriage-maker, for instance, will not, for the sake of any advantage the Exhibition may offer, expose a valuable carriage to the risk of injury in being transhipped three or four times by careless railway servants, on its way to and from the fair. Even where, from the nature of the article, liability to damage may not be great, the expense of transporting and transhipping heavy machinery, &c., effectually prevents competition, except from the immediate neighborhood. The Provincial Shows ought not, in our opinion, to be taken off the main lines of communication. Exhibitors should not be required to remove their goods from one steamer or line of railway to another; once shipped, they should go straight to the fair ground. Of course a few who have the