

but at this fifth annual exhibition, we have the pleasure of informing the public, that by the liberality of the Government in voting two or three small sums of money, and the assistance of the County and Township Agricultural Societies, with the private subscriptions of the public at large the institution is free of debt, and enabled to expend at this meeting in premiums above the sum of £1,200, in addition to the large contingent expenses; thus with a little fostering care from the Government, and proper economy in the management (for economy is the life and soul of all agricultural pursuits) the annual exhibition of the productions of the Province will continue to increase towards greater perfection, for it is clear, that wherever the annual meetings are held some of the most valuable and improved heads of stock and the best and cleanest seeds of all descriptions together with all sorts of newly invented implements of husbandry, fit and proper for the farmer's use in saving time and labor in every Agricultural operation, will either be purchased in the neighborhood, or left in those places, as models, the good effects of which may be traced for half a century to come.

Acknowledging these immense benefits to the country, more might be done under the assistance of Divine Providence, by joining the funds of the Upper Canada Association with those of the Lower Canada Agricultural Society making one grand and splendid exhibition for the whole Province once a year, changing alternately from East to West, as a board of managers might deem most advantageous to the country at large.

This plan will also bring us nearer upon a level with our enterprising neighbours in the States of New York and Vermont, from whom we have gathered many valuable hints in clearing the forest, and in the use of several kinds of Implements of Husbandry, and at the annual exhibition in the state of New York the members of Agricultural Societies from Canada have invariably experienced from the Americans many acts of kindness, civility, and hospitality, which we in turn, according to our limited sphere, are always ready to acknowledge and reciprocate.

There is no selfishness amongst the members of Agricultural Societies in any country, they meet together for the purpose of endeavoring to arrive at the surest means of increasing the product of the land they live in, and expend their money and time, in devising the means for making improvements, it being evident that the more that can be produced must render food to every class of society plenty and cheap.

With regard to our position with our American neighbors, they probably have the advantage of us in the climate and nearness to the sea board for a market; on the other hand we may fairly claim the advantage in the best grain growing soil, unlimited water privilege and in extensive forests of timber, therefore a friendly intercourse at the Annual Exhibition may be

cherished and increased without in any degree diminishing our nationality.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most ob't Serv't.

J. B. MARKS.

First Vice President.

Ag. As. U. C.

Niagara, 19th Sept. 1850.

THE PUBLIC DINNER

Was laid in a large oblate circular marquee erected for the occasion, at a little distance from the show-ground enclosure. The tables extended round the outer part of the area, leaving an open segment for egress. Other three tables were enclosed within these, running parallel with the largest diameter of the area. About half-past six o'clock, a large company sat down to dinner; J. B. Marks, Esq., President of the Association, occupied the chair. At the same table sat Hon. Col. Bruce, Hon. Adam Fergusson, Hon. H. J. Boulton, Col. E. W. Thomson, L. F. Allen, Esq., Buffalo, &c., &c. At the inner circular table sat the Judges. The centre of the first oblong table from the chair was reserved for the Press—Mr. Ferres, *Montreal Gazette*; Mr. Spreul, *Whitby Reporter*; Mr. McDougal, of the *North American*; Mr. Simpson, of the *Niagara Chronicle*, and perhaps some others, whom we did not recognise, were present; Mr. Smiley, of the *Hamilton Spectator*, and Mr. Brown, of the *Globe*, having left with the last boat at six o'clock. T. C. Street, Esq., Vice President of the Association, acted as croupier. The tables were very well laid out, and the company seemed all prepared to do justice to the good things displayed. The instrumental band of the Rifle Brigade was in attendance.

After dinner had been fully discussed the Chairman stated that the Committee had prepared a list of toasts, and that gentlemen had been appointed to propose these, and gentlemen had also been appointed to reply, so that there would be no room for voluntary toasts, and he hoped the meeting would not introduce any toast to break in upon the arrangements of the committee. He concluded by proposing the "Queen," which having been received with all the honors, Mr. G. P. Welis of Toronto, was called upon to sing the Queen's Anthem, which he did with good effect.

The Chairman then said, Mr. Vice President:—

Day was made for vulgar sons

But night for such as you and I.

He then gave "Prince Albert and the Royal Family." Prince Albert he said was fond of farmers, and of farming interests, and raised good stock.—(Applause.)

The Chairman then requested them to fill a bumper to "His Excellency the Governor General." He expected to have seen His Excellency at the Show, and His Excellency did intend to do himself the pleasure of being amongst them, so that he was certain some unforeseen incident had prevented him.

Band—"Scots wha hae."

Col. Bruce having been called upon to reply, rose amid great applause, and said, so little was he prepared for the Governor General's absence that he came down with the fullest expectations of meeting him on the show-ground. His Excellency on arriving at Toronto, told him that he intended to arrange his affairs so as to be back in time for this meeting—(hear, hear) to which he looked forward as one of the most agreeable circumstances of this present year. When he