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## The Provincial Exhibition.

The approaching Exhibition of the Agricultural Association of Upper Canada, to be held in this city on the 23rd, 24th, 25th, and 26th inst., promises to surpass all former occasions. Although the entries in some of the departments are not yet been finally completed, sufficient is already known to warrant the conclusion, that all the principal materials constituting the basis of a general Industrial Exhibition, the details of which are now about to take place will not be found wanting. Although the present season has not been, in some important respects, the most favourable to agricultural pursuits, mainly in consequence of severe and extensive drought, during the spring and the early part of summer, the subsequent genial rains and temperature soon produced an agreeable and astonishing change in the backward and languishing vegetation; and we have good reason for expecting to see at the approaching show, superior specimens of roots and cereals, as well as live stock in general.—We will also be several excellent specimens of animals, as well as mechanical productions, of which but little known in Canada.

His Excellency the Governor General will, on his first visit to Upper Canada on this interesting occasion, who will be accompanied by Mr. Monk and family, and also, it is expected by the Governors of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The Local Committee, in conjunction with the citizens of Toronto, intend giving a cheap Agricultural Banquet, at which

their Excellencies and other distinguished guests will be present. This will no doubt be a great attraction, and we hope to see many hundreds of our enterprising farmers, merchants, manufacturers, and others, gathered around the festive board, to do honour to the Representatives of Her Most Gracious Majesty on this continent, and the great cause of the agricultural, mechanical, and general industry of this rapidly improving Province. Public meetings will be held in the new Agricultural Hall, on the corner of Yonge and Queen Streets, on the evenings of Wednesday and Thursday of the Show-week, for addresses and discussions on subjects affecting the interests of Canadian agriculture.

## The Grain Aphis.

The following papers, involving somewhat of a controversy on the habits and effects of the Grain Aphis that has appeared in large numbers this season in several parts of Canada, and elsewhere, has been sent to us, and which we insert for the edification of our readers. Our columns are always open to communications whether original or otherwise that have a bearing on Agriculture or the mechanical arts; or that are in any way relate to such industry. We earnestly invite all parties connected or interested in such pursuits to send us concise statements of the results of their observations. It is in this way that truth is elicited and the knowledge of it diffused. Any display of acrimonious feeling in such mat-