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KINGSTON, 6 P. M., Tuesday, 26th Sept., 1871.

Whatever disadvantages may attach to Kingston as a place for the Provincial Exhibition, in consequence of its "away down East" position geographically, it must be acknowledged that it is easy of access both by land and water, and that it can boast the finest show grounds of any city or town in the Province of Ontario. Tuesday is not the great day of the Fair, but you can augur from it what the attendance is likely to be on the succeeding days, and how far the entire affairs promises to be a success. The auguries of to-day have been very favorable. Though the weather has looked threatening, and it actually rained pretty smartly early in the morning, there has been a considerable influx of people, mostly of that prompt and prudent class whose habit is to take time by the forelock, and whose aim is really to see the things that are on exhibition. To get a good look at all that is to be seen, one must be on the spot before the crowd arrives, and a goodly number have availed themselves of the opportunity to-day. It was announced that the public would be admitted this afternoon, and although the work of judging was hardly begun, faith had to be kept, and the exhibition thrown open. Although the roll of judges was called over at 9 o'clock this morning, they were not formally put to business until 2 p. m., the chief reason for this delay being that some of the classes were still incomplete. It was also found that many of the judges had not yet put in an appearance. Some, it was ascertained, would not be present at all, though they had accepted the important function. All this is very awkward. The judging should be got through with before the public are admitted, and it is not fair to those on whom the responsibility of management falls, that they should be compelled hastily to fill gaps with such material as may happen to be within reach; neither is it just to exhibitors. Parties are thus pressed into judgeships for which they have no special qualifications, and reluctantly consent rather than see the thing stick

fast. In a few exceptional cases that could be quickly disposed of, the judging was done this forenoon, but only this afternoon was it in general progress, while in a few classes, the appointment of judges has had to be postponed until to-morrow morning.

It is not easy at this early stage of the proceedings either to get or to give a bird's eye view of the exhibition. Hardly any department is complete. Articles have been arriving all day, and the business of unpacking and arranging has been going on very briskly. The implement section looked rather bare and unfilled this morning, but this evening it presents a much better appearance, and in it is generally conceded that in this department the show is by far the best ever held in Kingston. The stock is usually on the ground early, to give time to make the toilet of the animals. A mower or threshing machine is ready to be looked at the moment it reaches the fair-ground. The animal shows the effect of the journey. It is hollow-sided, dull with fatigue, and its hair or wool as the case may be, in the condition young ladies call "mussed up." Food, rest, cleaning, currying and fixing up generally must precede the inspection of either judges or visitors. As with the queens of beauty that reign in society, so with these choice creatures that attract notice at shows, much depends on the "got-up." "Beauty unadorned" may do for poets to sing about, but it won't carry off prizes either in the world of fashion, or at our Agricultural Exhibition.

A general survey of the stalls and pens is enough to convince one that there is a grand display of stock on the ground. Horse flesh of every grade and quality is abundant, the cattle and sheep are numerous, the pigs and poultry well represented. It is too soon to particularize, for even an ordinary observer cannot at a glance form a tolerable conception of a large display of live-stock. In cattle, the Short Horns are, of course, the most numerous class, but there is also a fine show of Herefords, Devons, Ayrshires, Galloways, Grades, and fat cattle. The sheep are simply splendid, and without meaning to be invidious, the opinion must be hazarded, that the collection of cotswoolds, especially the rams excels anything of the kind ever beheld on the continent