

has been heretofore. In London a good Exhibition was held, but since then it has been degenerating. The Exhibition held in the Village of Strathroy, in many ways surpassed the last Provincial Fair. We have visited none that was more successful. The principal acting parties are farmers, and they are endeavoring to act fairly to all, and every one takes an interest in it. The Strathroy Exhibition is gaining in quite as great a ratio as the Provincial is losing, and if each continue to advance and retrograde as they respectively have done for the past two years, in 1870 the Strathroy will distance the Provincial Fair.

We expect steps will be taken to prevent the Provincial Exhibition from descending lower than it now is in the eyes of the public. The number of things exhibited at Kingston was small in comparison to previous Exhibitions, but in regard to the quality of the sheep, and Durham and Ayrshire cattle, this year's show was good. Machinery, roots, fruits, hogs, Devons, horses and poultry were not as good as formerly, nor was the fine arts or ladies work as well represented. We noticed a new kind of a harrow which we thought might be useful. It consisted of the usual number of bills, each having two iron bars through them, going half way to the adjoining bill. These are attached by a piece of cast iron about the size of an egg, having a hole in each end to admit the iron rods. The whole is kept together by two chains passing through each bill and tightened by a nut. The advantages are lightness and simplicity. They require no morticing, and are easily repaired, they are made by Israel Kinney, of Woodstock, Ontario.

We noticed a prize ticket attached to an implement called a potato digger, such an implement as we are fully convinced would be no better than a double mould board plough.

Two new kinds of wheat were on exhibition (new to us at least) but we saw no prize ticket on either. We shall speak of seeds in future, as we have been endeavoring to ascertain as much as possible about that department, and it is of great importance to us. We also saw some excellent spinning and weaving machines that are a decided improvement on the old system. The ladies exhibited some very nice wax work, hair work and fancy work, and some fair paintings.

Mr. Snell exhibited a very large Leicester, probably the largest ever shown in America, the weight of the animal being 445 lbs. He purchased an imported Cotswold ram from Mr. Cochrane for the sum of \$500. Mr. Davis of Richmond Hill, was offered \$1000 for a span of carriage horses.

One class of animals were not as well represented as we think they might have been, we mean the M. P.'s and M. P. P.'s. We noticed one powerful specimen in this class, but we think one owned in Middlesex should have been there. His fine portly form would have been a credit to the Exhibition.

We heard a complaint made by one of the principal exhibitors of stock. It was that the exhibitors of horses were charged for the stabling, and the occupants of the large building were charged nothing. We think this hardly right. Another exhibitor complains that he was not allowed to remove his contribution to the exhibition that has gained no prize, and the prize animals are allowed to be taken away before the close. This is also wrong. Why should a non-recipient of a prize be detained on expenses, while the recipient of prizes are allowed to remove their stock. We have in a previous number given a long list of the improper management and we can add much to it if it were necessary to do so, which we will not touch on at present, and refer to the account the *Canada Farmer* gives. We extract the following from that paper for Oct. 1st.

"The Annual Exhibition of the Agricultural Association of Ontario has just come off, having been held in Kingston during the past week. Taking everything into account, and especially making due allowance for the place of meeting, the affair may very properly be pronounced a success. Of course locality very much affects a thing of this kind, and it were unreasonable to expect so good a show at the extreme points East and West as at the centre. Kingston is, from local disadvantages, the poorest place for the Provincial Exhibition of the four at which we are accustomed to hold it; and although the one just over has been greatly in advance of its predecessors, we very much question if the receipts of the present year will do more than defray expenses. On the last occasion of the kind at Kingston, the Association lost some \$2,000. At Toronto and Hamilton, handsome profits are obtained when favorable weather is had, and it is not a little vexatious that what is made one year at a central, convenient, accessible point, should be sunk the fol-

lowing year through the remoteness of the place of exhibition. We believe that every year, weather permitting, the Provincial Show, held at Toronto, would be a paying concern, and it is a subject the farmers of Ontario would do well to consider, whether hereafter it might not be desirable to fix it as one of the permanent institutions of the metropolis and seat of Government. We can readily anticipate the objections to such a proposition, but, query; would not the greatest good to the greatest number be secured in this way? If so, that ought to settle the point. Many advantages would result from the course we have suggested, especially those connected with commodious and permanent buildings, which it would be easy to secure, if the exhibition were always held at the centre."

We in the West consider the editor of that Journal has for a long time attempted to slight us, and has kept our enterprise and progress as much in the dark as possible, and further that its main aim has been to center every thing at Toronto, and shield the negligence and omissions that occur there. Had he wished to give a truthful account, he would have included London among the places where the Exhibition has been held with success. Taking it on the whole, we consider that the last Exhibition held in London was the best ever held in the Province. Perhaps the Reverend editor has a special dislike to London, because his own real estate speculations there proved a failure.

The Prince of Wales might have drawn a large gathering to Hamilton; but for Agricultural purposes alone no. Provincial Exhibition in Canada has excelled the last held here, Rev. W. F. Clarke to the contrary notwithstanding. We have noticed the desire of the Torontonians to center every thing they can there for many purposes. We admit that the locality is good, but for Agriculture there are many other places more advantageously situated, having large, fertile tracts of land on every side of them, whereas Toronto is bounded on one side by the Lake and on the other with inferior land.

The Provincial Exhibition will move from place to place, and to more places than it now does, as it acts as a great stimulus to improvement. There will also be an Agricultural Emporium established in some locality.

To Councillors, or to County or joint County Agricultural Societies that wish to raise the most valuable stock of horses, Anglo-Saxon may be engaged for the ensuing season.