

It is a matter of importance that the suggestion of the Superintendent of Education, in reference to the compilation of an agricultural school book, containing the principles of geology, mineralogy, and chemistry, as bearing upon agriculture, should be immediately carried out, and I hope soon to see it in general use.

Canada has now arrived at that state of advancement which would justify the outlay necessary to the publication of its natural history. Mr. Logan has already collected a vast amount of information bearing upon it, and it would be exceedingly creditable to the Province that an appropriation sufficient to carry out so great a work should at once be made. The State of New York has done itself the highest possible credit in publishing its natural history in all its branches, in eighteen quarto volumes, together with a geological chart, and the work is still progressing.

I have frequently advocated the necessity for procuring a set of tents to our Provincial Exhibition, and I trust that the time has now arrived for the accomplishment of this object.

I have also recommended that twenty-five pounds should be added to the Government Grant to each of the County Societies for Horticultural premiums exclusively, in all the Counties where Horticultural Societies are not already established, and that a like sum be added for premiums on the best farms and gardens in which are observed such a rotation of crops as shall be established by the agricultural board.

I feel assured that the farmers, mechanics, and manufacturers, of the Province, must feel no ordinary degree of satisfaction, in beholding the splendid exhibition here before us, and the consideration of its benefits to the country at large, and particularly to this section of it, must amply reward them for the time, trouble and expense they have so generously bestowed.

The ladies of Upper Canada have again laid this association under many obligations, by their renewed contributions of beauty and utility.

We must acknowledge ourselves much indebted to Col. Askin, Mr. Holmes (the Mayor), Mr. Niles, Mr. Strathy, the Secretary to the Local Committee, and several other gentlemen who have exerted themselves beyond anything we had a right to expect.

The thanks of this association are due to the gentlemen of the Press of London, and of the Province generally, to the Mechanics' Institute, to the Fire Companies, and the different bands for their exertions in favor of the Exhibition.

We feel under many obligations to the citizens generally for their generous hospitality to strangers visiting London on this occasion.

The country is greatly indebted to the Great Western Railroad Company for their generosity in transmitting the articles intended for the Exhibition free of charge, and it is gratifying to find that this great undertaking is likely to prove remunerative.

In conclusion, we must be thankful to a merciful God, while we acknowledge his kindness in having cast our lot in a land of Gospel light and liberty, and under a form of Government which, if properly administered, is not inferior to any, that our merchants, as well as the merchants of the nation to which we belong, are trading with all the distant nations of the earth, and the missionary and the gospel are following in their train. Wherever Britain and her offspring have set their foot and unfurled their banners, civil and religious liberty overspread the land. The fields flow with milk and honey, the arts flourish, education advances, manufactures every where spring into life, and the fields and mines contribute to the comfort and the welfare of mankind. If true to ourselves, and the blessing of God be not withdrawn from us, we must soon become a great, powerful and religious people.

The Band played the Queen's Anthem.

The Hon. Adam Fergusson, seconded by Col. Thomson, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Sheriff Treadwell, the President of the Association, for his excellent address, and for the very efficient manner in which he had fulfilled the arduous office of President for the past year.

The motion was carried with great enthusiasm.

The President acknowledged the compliment briefly, and declared the names of the officers appointed for the ensuing year, as given above.

Mr. Holmes, of London, stated that the judges on music had awarded the prizes offered by the London Fire Brigade, as follows:

Woodstock Band, 1st prize. Band of Phoenix Fire Company, London, 2nd prize.

The Secretary, Professor Buckland, then read the list of prizes awarded by the judges, which we append.

As soon as the Secretary had read through a department of the Prize List, the Treasurer commenced paying the same, and a large number were paid the same evening. All who applied were paid promptly before leaving London.

With this evening the Exhibition terminated. The weather was throughout highly favorable for the occasion, and, notwithstanding some unavoidable drawbacks, the Show was on the whole one of the most gratifying and successful which have yet taken place. The receipts at the gates exceeded those at any former Exhibition, there being nearly 2,000 members' badges, and upwards of 25,000 entrance tickets disposed of,—a decisive proof of the growing interest in the Institution.