

Provincial Agricultural Association.

Our readers will observe, that the first Provincial Show will be held in Toronto, on the 21st and 22d inst. The arrangements may not be as complete as would have been the case had more time been given the Committee of Management, but at all events a commencement has been made, and as the Association will be in future governed by a Board of Agriculture, there can be no question, but that its government and management will favorably compare with that of any similar Association in being. It must be borne in mind, that the collective wisdom of Western Canada will be semi-annually concentrated in the Board of Agriculture, and that this Board will have the entire controul of the Agricultural Association—the publication of its proceedings—the Model Farm—the Agricultural Museum—and of the various other interests which will legitimately come under its management. In all probability a meeting of the Board will take place before the close of navigation this autumn, and then, and not till then, will the public be able to judge correctly of the benefits which will accrue to the country through its powerful agency.

Preparations are being made on a grand scale, for the Exhibition, and it is confidently expected that the competition for the prizes, and attendance of visitors, will be equal to the first efforts of similar Associations in Great Britain and other countries where they have been introduced. The citizens of Toronto appear quite determined to acquit themselves with credit on the occasion, and we doubt not but all who visit the Show will return home strongly impressed with the important influence that such mammoth exhibitions will have upon the productive interests of the country. It might not be out of place to mention, that any person in Western Canada may compete for one or all of the prizes, by paying to the Treasurer the small subscription of five shillings.

NEW YORK AGRICULTURAL SHOW.—Agreeably to the announcement to our readers, we visited the Auburn Exhibition, and while there saw much to admire. Indeed the improvements made during the past twelve months have been so great, especially in some departments of Agricultural Machinery, that we deem it a duty we owe our numerous readers, to publish a report of the exhibition in the November number of our journal.

This might have been done in time for the October number, had not urgent business on the farm prevented us from doing so; however, we shall endeavour to prepare it previous to our next issue.

AGRICULTURAL WAREHOUSE.—From the notice of this proposed establishment, given in our last, our readers would be led to expect that it would be opened by the 1st inst., but owing to the active part we are obliged to take in making preparations for the Provincial Agricultural Show, it will be the lapse of some weeks before the Warehouse can be properly opened, or orders for machinery at all satisfactorily attended to.

A number of inquiries respecting the potato-digging machine, separators, and other improved machinery, have come to hand, but owing to the great distance we have been residing from Toronto, it has been quite impracticable to attend to them. The machine for digging potatoes has been tested by the editor, and it is with regret he has to state, that it has not equalled his expectations.

Extraordinary fine Crop of Peaches.

It has long been our opinion that the Canadian market might be fully and very profitably supplied with a superior quality of peaches, being the produce of this country, provided the proper steps were taken to secure this desirable object. The peach may be grown in open culture in the southern portions of the Western, London, Talbot, Niagara, and Gore Districts, and in those sections where it is found a profitable crop, pains should be taken to introduce and cultivate the best varieties, and such as are peculiarly hardy and adapted to the climate of the country. Dried peaches cannot be had in Canada without paying two or three prices for them; but if a few enterprising cultivators would engage in the business of growing this fruit extensively in some location in Canada suited for the enterprise, we see no reason why this fruit could not be had in any desired quantity, both in a green and dried state, at prices that would not seem exorbitantly high, and at the same time liberally remunerate the growers and dealers in the article. To show what has been done elsewhere in this line, we would mention, that in the small state of Delaware, a single orchardist, has, at the present period, upwards of 500 acres of a peach orchard.