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In other columns will be found the names, etc., of the prize winners in the various departments at the Provincial Fair and Toronto Industrial, also a report of each fair.

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Editorial.

On the Wing

We went to Toronto to give a cheer of welcome to Lord Stanley, (the Queen's representative,) our recently appointed Governor-General, on the occasion of his opening the Industrial Exhibition that day. It is our opinion that his plain, unostentatious manner and sound remarks (although he may not be as fluent an orator as many of his subjects) will make him very popular, also the unassuming yet dignified Lady Stanley and his niece will also become very popular. His encouraging remarks to visitors to agricultural exhibitions were very appropriate, as by a comparison it tends to prevent a person from living in a fool's paradise, and gave them an opportunity of picking up a wrinkle or two. After declaring the exhibition open, the York Pioneers were presented to him; he then visited the different exhibits.

The next morning we left for Buffalo to see the International Exhibition being held there. This is an enterprise gotten up by the Buffalonians, and it is astonishing how rapidly our American cousins do things, as it only took them a little over three months to erect the buildings and put the grounds in order. One of the buildings is larger than any exhibition building we have in Canada. Canadians may take many useful lessons from their plans. The stock buildings are constructed so that visitors can see the horses and animals at any time. Very liberal prizes were offered, and the few Canadians that exhibited were highly successful, most of them carrying off the first prizes and sweepstakes. The live stock, excepting a few classes, were not to be compared with what are exhibited at our exhibitions, although they have done wonders in holding such a fine exhibit, which we have no doubt will be greatly improved each year. Still it is necessary for the Americans to come to some of our exhibitions to pick up a wrinkle or two, particularly so in live stock.

The following were some of the Canadian prize winners:—Chas. Dalgleish, of Chesterfield, carried off the first prize for Clydesdale stallion, \$250; John Jackson, of Abingdon, carried off three first, two second, one third and the sweepstakes for Southdowns, \$135; J. C. Canon, of Galt, carried off two first, two second, one third and the sweepstakes for Berkshires, \$80; R. McEwen, of Byron, three first, one third and sweepstakes for Cooley dogs, \$65; John Mathews, of Acton, first prize for span of carriage horses, \$100; Harrison & Orr, of Milton, and Fuller, of Woodstock, carried off prizes for carriage horses; P. Grant, of Thornbury, carried