

Among the substantial and useful articles on the ground, may be mentioned a horse hoe and double mould board plough, and a wooden Scotch plough, manufactured by John Bell, of this City; and also a very superior iron plough, manufactured by John Morley, near St. Catharines. In looking over the ploughs, we could not but observe, that iron and wooden ploughs should not come into competition with each other. A separate class should be given each, and by that means Judges would not be liable to err in their judgment; for instance, Mr. Bell's wooden Scotch plough, would do credit even to one of the Highland Society's Shows of Scotland, but still, when brought in competition with the one made entirely of iron by Mr. Morley, the Judges could not otherwise decide than by awarding to it the second prize. Owing to the vast amount of business we have in hand, it is quite impossible to extend these hurried remarks, but if space and opportunity should admit of the arrangement, we shall in some of the latter pages of this number, again recur to the subject of agricultural mechanics, and also mention some other valuable articles that came under our notice while at the Exhibition.

THE DINNER.

If the patriotic feeling which pervaded the minds of the numerous and respectable party of gentlemen who were assembled at the dinner on the evening of the 21st ultimo, at the old Government House, be a true index of the favour in which the PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION FOR UPPER CANADA is already entertained by all parties, what may we not hope for in the future? Two hundred and sixteen sat down to dinner, and praises of unqualified approbation were numerous from every guest, in favour of the superior manner in which the dinner was provided by Mr. B. R. Snow, of the recess.

After the dinner cloth was removed, we enjoyed the most intellectual feast that ever took place at a farmer's jubilee in the Province. The speeches as reported by the *British Colonist*, of this city, speak for themselves. If they had been reported in full they would have occupied three times as much space; but as the substance has been given, our readers who were not at the dinner, may form a pretty good idea of the views advanced by the speakers. So much time was taken up in responding to toasts, that had but little to do with agriculture, that the more important matters were entirely neglected. For instance, J. H. Price, Esq., M.P.P.

was prepared to address the Chair at length, but owing to the lateness of the hour, was prevented from doing so. It is to be hoped that on future festivals of this kind, that the speakers will be requested to confine their remarks to the great interests for which the Association has been organized to promote.

The Hon. CHIEF JUSTICE ROBINSON, at the call of the chair, rose to make a few observations. He had ever felt that this was not a toast that required to be responded to, because it was one that found a response in every heart. He felt deeply what the President had expressed, that we have reason to be proud and grateful for the success of the undertaking; and large as the attendance was, it only found limits in want of room. He was speaking on that with which he was not familiar, while many present were; but he could not refrain from advertising to the fact, that there was no country possessing the advantages—advantages almost illimitable—that Canada does. Looking to the great waters at her foot, and the innumerable rivers leading thereto, and the water-power afforded—he would ask, where was the country that could boast of like advantages with Upper Canada? Even with London, and other towns far removed, the inhabitants had the advantages of good plank roads, by which the produce reached the great waters, on whose surface it was to be borne to Europe. He knew not their plans for the future, but presumed they would be assimilated to the mother country—where the annual meeting was held in different localities each year. By these means parties would be brought together, and thereby made acquainted with each other, and also with different parts of this rich province and its boundless resources. Few among them now knew but little more than the beauties of the neighbourhood in which they might be located; but it had been his duty to travel the province for more than thirty years, and yet at each successive visit he believed the last he left the more beautiful. He was quite sure that there were dozens present who had no conception of the beauties of the province, and if the association should do no more than make them acquainted with them, even that would be of great benefit. He, with them, was gratified at beholding the specimens that had been shown; but the great use was not in their production, but in the benefit conferred on the whole; as in what relates to the human race, where the talents, acquirements, and erudition of the poet, the divine, the lawyer, or the statesman, would in no small degree, form the great middle class, without which no country would find prosperity. It was not by the exhibition of a large bunch of carrots, or celery, or turnips, that it was to be effected, but by the general excellence which would result from the emulation the exhibition would excite. Their first meeting had occurred at a singular period, at the moment the mother country, with a due regard to the interests of her colonies, had seen fit to withdraw the system of protection under which she, with the colonies, had grown to such unexampled prosperity. The prophecies that had fallen had been various, and involved questions of a doubtful nature; were this not the