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EDITOR'S REMARKS.

The Americans put a heavy duty on our exports. Why should we admit their wool, fruit trees and manufactures, on light duty or even none. Let us protect ourselves. It is a strange rule that can only work one way. We see that land is to be had at very low prices in the States, but the taxes are more than the farms would rent for. The debt on New York State alone for the war debt is over six hundred million dollars, independent of the Federal debt. It is equal to a mortgage on every farm in the State, or more than it will sell for. The farmers have to pay this debt, and gladly would thousands sell if they could find fools to buy. In some parts of the States we see that 100 acres can be had for \$13 greenbacks, and believe they would be dear at half the money. Just attend their State fairs as we have done, and that would convince any of you of the superiority of Agricultural advancement in Canada.

We know of Americans that have already come to settle in Canada and more will come. Were our Red River Settlement made available by Railroads or by Canals, in place of the present portages, we think it would soon be filled with settlers. Thousands of dissatisfied Americans would flock there, besides foreign emigration, were the true value of the country known.

We see by the papers that the wheat crop of Wisconsin and Northern Illinois will not exceed twelve bushels per acre. The Spring wheat crop about this part of the country, and to the north of this, we

think, from accounts of the threshing will average about eight bushels. Do we not require a new variety of wheat? We see by exchange papers that it is probable that American silver will be greatly reduced in value by our Legislature. Fifty cent pieces to be made a legal tender at only forty cents, and twenty-five cents to be twenty cents. The reason to be, to get our own money in circulation. When we were in the States we found they would not give near as much for their own silver as for our bills. Farmers, empty out your old stockings or old kegs, and use your money in some way that you will not have a direct loss of 20 per cent on your hoard. We see that cotton goods have declined one-third in value, and that our Canadian tweeds are superseding the imported tweeds. Good for Canada.

Grasshoppers have been so thick in the Western part of Iowa, that the trains were thrown an hour and a half behind time, the Grasshoppers being so thick as to cause the driving wheels to slip on the rails. On one occasion we saw them so thick as to obliterate the sight of a rail fence at ten rods distance. We understand they are moving westward. Could not some inventive genius devise some method of wholesale destruction to them. At the present time our Lakes are nearly hemmed in by net-work to catch fish. The twine the nets are made of is so fine that a man can carry miles of it. Would a frontier protection of grasshopper net of miles in length catch them? Is there no drug to destroy them? Prevention is better than cure. The destruction committed by them in the farming districts is almost incalculable.

THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

The weather was all that could be desired? The busiest season was over and the farmers of Canada never had more money at their disposal. The buildings were already erected, still the attendance of visitors and exhibitors was far short of what it was four years ago in Kingston. Some journalists say it has been a success, can they account for the falling off in attendance. Have we a smaller population than formerly? We will give our reasons, and if any differ with us, let them give theirs to the public, and let the people judge.

We have paid considerable attention to the working of Exhibitions, and in every instance that we have seen, where there has been favoritism, partiality or injustice carried on for a series of years, the inhabitants become dissatisfied, and gradually withdraw their support, and the interest dies out. Others, even in small places, where the Managers try to act fairly to all, are succeeding. Errors in judgment are overlooked, if they are not wilful, but the attempt to trample down and oppress any gives just cause of complaint and the dissatisfaction spreads.

Such is believed to be the cause of the falling off in attendance at the Provincial Exhibition. For a length of time some have tried to overcome the difficulty, but nothing will do it but an Act of Parliament.

Much good has been done by the Provincial Exhibition, and much more may be done, if a proper system is adopted. We hope to see it more prosperous than it