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THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

We publish in this month's issue the prize list and regulations of the Eighteenth Exhibition of the Agricultural Association of Upper Canada, to be held in the City of Kingston, September 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th, 1863.—The attention of our readers and the public generally is earnestly invited to an inspection of the list, which will be found to embrace almost every article of importance connected with agricultural and manufacturing industry, including horticultural and artistical productions. It has always been the practice of the Association to award a money prize or a diploma to such articles of merit as may be shown, although not mentioned in the catalogue; and the occasion of the Provincial Show consequently presents the most favorable opportunity to producers of every description of bringing their various productions before the public, and to have their merits determined by competent and responsible judges. The sum offered in premiums has been of late years considerably increased, amounting now to the magnificent sum of about TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS! We think the Board has acted wisely in thus keeping up the amount of the premium; as large and numerous prizes will be sure to draw together a great number of visitors and competitors, from whom are chiefly derived the means of paying the premiums and expenses of conducting the Exhibition.

Kingston is most favourably situated for a gathering of this sort, it being of conve-

nient access both by rail and water, and occupying a sort of central position between the middle and eastern sections of Upper Canada; and is readily reached both from Montreal and the neighbouring States. If, therefore, the weather should prove favourable, another display of our great resources, and of the status of our art and industry, may confidently be anticipated that will reflect honour and credit on this rapidly advancing portion of the great British Empire.

As Kingston was the first of our cities to erect extensive buildings of a permanent character for the accommodation of our Provincial Exhibitions, nothing will now be wanting to render that accommodation still more complete, so as to meet fully the constantly increasing demand for space. With that view the Corporation have granted two thousand dollars, and the Council of the United Counties an additional two thousand, so that our farmers and mechanics, and other exhibitors, may safely reckon on having plenty of space, thoroughly protected, for exhibiting their various productions.

It will be seen from the List that numerous prizes are offered in the department of Arts and Manufactures, and it is much to be desired that our artisans should begin immediately to prepare for the occasion, if they have not done so already. Not a day should now be lost, and every effort should be made to sustain and improve this interesting and useful department of the Exhibition. We trust also that the leading farmers and stock breeders in every part of the Province will be represented on this occasion—but it should not be forgotten by the inhabitants