

Mr. McDougall had not expected to be called upon for a speech to this toast as he observed Mr. Buckland, who was also connected with the agricultural press, on the platform. At this late hour, and after so many excellent speeches, and especially after the able manner in which the President had set forth the merits and capabilities of the Press, he thought a speech in reply might be very well excused. One of the benefits of the press however was this—that on occasions of this kind when interesting and instructive speeches were made exciting the admiration of all, such as they had just heard, but would probably in a little time forget, the Press gathered up and preserved, to be read and studied at leisure, the best and choicest portions. This its representatives would endeavour to do to-day. He concluded by thanking them for the kindness with which they had received the toast.

The Agricultural Association of Upper Canada.

Mr. Buckland replied. He said it would ill become him, at that stage of the proceedings, to make any lengthened remarks. He believed here was not one here who was not fully acquainted with the object and nature of the institution. Owing to the liberality of the Government last year, the Association was now free from debt; and he hoped a grant would be voted by the Legislature this year, which would enable it to go on in its course of usefulness free from debt. He had great pleasure in witnessing the excellent ploughing, and was enabled to bear witness that an obvious improvement had taken place since the Whitby match last year. We might go in a kindly and generous spirit of rivalry, till this province would become, if it is not already, one of the brightest jewels in the British Crown.

The Judges.

The Township that gives the next Challenge.

Mr. McNair then announced that Vaughan would again take up Scarboro,—if no other township does so—the match to come off some time between the 1st of April and the 15th of May of next year.

The announcement was received with great applause.

Lady Elgin and the Fair of Canada.

The President remarked that they should not forget those whom they had left at home—at their fire-sides.

His Excellency the Governor-General returned thanks. He thought the President had made the only mistake he had made during the evening, just now. A friend of his had given his son this advice—not to go into good company, as the danger was not of getting into bad company—he was too much of a gentleman for that—but of getting into good company. He thought Lady Elgin would think that they were getting into good company. His Excellency begged to propose the health of the President, Mr. Thomson. The President had alluded to his (Lord Elgin's) prizes. If any good resulted from these prizes, it was in always having had Mr. Thomson for judge. He would rather give a prize than have to judge between the merits of the competitors. His Excellency concluded by proposing the health of the President.

The President said he certainly never rose to respond to a toast with such a sense of gratitude as on this occasion. His Excellency had taken a most flattering notice of his (Mr. T.'s) poor exertions in the cause of agriculture. He begged to return his most sincere thanks for the honor done him. He hoped they would continue not to benefit themselves only, but also posterity. The list of toasts, which had been long, was now got through; and he hoped they would separate

with the same good feeling that brought them together.

Three cheers were then given for the Queen.

Three cheers for Lord Elgin.

Three cheers for the infant Bruce.

Lord Elgin.—May he (the infant Bruce) always be worthy of his name.

The company then separated.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF THE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

The Executive Committee appointed by the Agricultural Association of Upper Canada to manage the Annual Exhibition, held at Kingston, on the 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st September, 1849, in making up and closing the Accounts of the said Exhibition, beg leave to

REPORT:

That having carefully examined the Treasurer's accounts—both as regards the money received and the expenditure thereof, as set forth in his detailed account of disbursements—and being satisfied of the correctness of the same, the abstract recapitulation sent herewith will show that the amount of receipts from all sources was£1,325 7 10
and the sum expended£1,235 16 5½

leaving a balance of£88 11 4½ to be carried to the general funds of the Association. This sum, with the money said to have been promised by other Districts, and not paid, for the year 1849, viz.: Simcoe District, £10; Malden and Anderson, £5; Bytown, £10; Niagara District, £25; Johnstown District, £40—will make together, if recovered, the sum of £178 11s. 4½d., forming the nucleus of a reserved fund for the Association, which we recommend should be increased from time to time, until it shall amount to a sum not less than £500, supposing that bad weather, or other unforeseen accidents, may sometimes occur to prevent the income from the sale of tickets at the Show gates being sufficient to cover the contingent expenses.

Much of the expenditure stated in this Report may be hereafter saved by establishing a code of instructions for the guidance of the Executive Committee appointed in the counties wherein Exhibitions are held, and thereby give means for awarding higher premiums to every branch of our Provincial products.

Great consideration should be had in laying out the Show Ground, and erecting the necessary buildings and sheds to the full dimensions required. Although we, at Kingston, did enlarge upon the scale of grounds and buildings put up in former years, yet we are of opinion that, in future, if the area of the ground (ten acres last year) be not enlarged, the size of the buildings and offices should be made at least one-third larger than the accompanying plan.

Entrance gates, heretofore, have been too few to admit foot passengers. Instead of one gate, there should be at least two, with a ticket office about the centre.—In addition to the doorkeepers, the entrance doors should be superintended by some persons of superior authority, to keep order and prevent confusion.

A separate entrance should be made for carriages and horses, at a greater distance than heretofore from the foot passengers' gate, with a ticket office attached; and no carriage tickets should be sold at the foot passengers' office. We also think it would add to the profits of the Association, as well as be more satisfactory to the public, if the Show Grounds were opened from eight o'clock in the morning until sunset each day.