

After the first working, should any grass appear, the land is again gone over with the "gang-plough." Before seeding it is harrowed well. The wheat is sometimes drilled or sown broadcast, and then covered with the "gang-plough." I have seen a great deal of land managed in this way during the present season in the State of New York, which as a bed for wheat was far superior to summer-fallow which was ploughed three or four times. Specimens of the "double-mould" and "gang ploughs" are on the show ground. I would earnestly invite your attention to them as most valuable agricultural implements. No good farmer should be without them. Those which I use, were made by Mr. Williams, of West Henrietta, New York.

Gentlemen, I feel that I have trespassed long on your time and must conclude my Address. We have reason to feel proud of the Exhibition which has just closed; it has been inferior to none of its predecessors, and in some respects it has been superior to them all. From this we ought to take courage and resolve, in the spirit of this age of progress, that each succeeding exhibition shall excel all that have gone before it. This is what the world expects from us. Let us remember the honor, dignity, and usefulness of our profession; for in the language of Daniel Webster, "No man is so high as to be independent of the success of this great interest; no man is so low as not to be affected by its prosperity or decline. Agriculture feeds us; to a great degree it clothes us; without it we could not have manufactures, and we should not have commerce." These all stand together, but they stand together, like pillars in a cluster, the largest in the centre, and that largest is agriculture. Let us remember, too, that we live in a country of small farms and freehold tenements; a country in which men cultivate with their own hands their own fee-simple acres, drawing not only their subsistence, but also their spirit of independence and manly freedom from the ground they plough. They are at once its owners, its cultivators, and its defenders. And, whatever else may be undervalued or overlooked, let us never forget that the cultivation of the earth, is the most important labor of man. Man may be civilized, in some degree, without, great progress in manufactures, and with little commerce with his distant neighbours. But without the cultivation of the earth, he is, in all countries, a savage. Until he gives up the chase, and fixes himself in some place, and seeks a living from the earth, he is a roaming barbarian. When tillage begins, other arts follow. The farmers, therefore, are the founders of human civilization."

The President having finished reading the above address,

Colonel Thompson said he was sure all present were satisfied that they were making progress in the selection of their Presidents. The admirable address to which they had listened gave them a very high idea of the abilities of the gentleman who had delivered it—[applause]—and he presumed they were all anxious to have an opportunity of reading it in their habitations [Applause]. He therefore moved that the thanks of the Association be given to the President for his excellent address, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

Rounds of cheers having been given for the Queen, our noble Allies, the Governor General, the Farmers of Canada, and the President of the Association, the

Secretary, (Professor Buckland,) proceeded to read the Premium list, and with this terminated the business of the Show, with the exception of the payment of the premiums, which is necessarily a work of time.

THE DINNER TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

In the evening the Dinner given to His Excellency by the Local Committee took place in the Globe Hotel. Near a hundred gentlemen were present.

Sheriff Ruttan, Chairman of the Local Committee, occupied the chair, having at his right the distinguished guest of the evening, His Excellency the Governor General, Hon. Adam Ferguson, Professor Buckland, and R. L. Denison, Esq. On his left the Chairman was supported by David Christie, Esq., M. P., President of the Agricultural Association, Honorable Inspector General Cayley, Hon. Geo. Boulton, E. W. Thomson, Esq., and Major E. T. Campbell.

The vice-chair was occupied by D^r Arey E. Boulton, Esq., Mayor of Cobourg, supported on his right by Sir Allan Macnab, Lord Bury, and Captain Reiblack, and on his left by Hon. J. A. Macdonald and Hon. Robert Spence.

The chairs at the ends of the tables were occupied by Baron de Longueuil, Wm. Weller, Esq., and Asa A. Burdham, Esq.

Among the other gentlemen present we observed J. Langton, Esq., M. P., Archdeacon Bethune, Thos. Street, Esq., H. J. Rutan, Esq., C. H. Morgan, Esq., Col. Marks, Judge Boswell, Judge Hall, Peterboro', Sheriff Conger, Peterboro', A. Fraser, Esq., Professor Tillotson, J. B. Fortune, Esq., G. A. Barber, Esq., James Cockburn, Esq., A. Secor, Esq., W. Gravelly, Esq., &c., &c.

The CHAIRMAN, before proceeding to the toasts of the evening, explained that the reason why he presided instead of the President of the Association, was his position as chairman of the Local Committee. His Excellency the Governor General, who had honoured them with his presence, must have found it a very difficult matter to accede to their request that he should meet with them that evening, although he was sure that it would have been with very great reluctance that his Excellency would have foregone the pleasure of meeting so many of the farmers of Upper Canada on the present occasion. In these circumstances they felt a special indebtedness to his Excellency for honouring them with his presence, but they must recollect that he must have been subjected to great fatigue while travelling night and day from Quebec during the last three or four days, and it would therefore be incumbent on them to make as short speeches as possible.

The CHAIRMAN then gave in succession, "The Queen," "Prince Albert and the Royal Family," and "The Emperor of the French and our noble Allies"—all three toasts being drunk with much enthusiasm.

The CHAIRMAN then said—I am now about to propose the health of our noble and distinguished guest. [Cheers] It is a toast which we have rarely an opportunity of hearing responded to in the town of Cobourg, and I know that this evening it has been at a very considerable personal sacrifice, that His Excellency has condescended to visit us. For this as well as for many other reasons, I am sure that every individual in the room will most cordially respond to the toast I now give—"the health of the Governor General."