

dents of the Township Societies should be the Vice-Presidents, and the Secretaries should be Assistant Secretaries to aid the officers of the District Societies, in the performance of their official duties. The list of premiums should embrace all the agricultural, mechanical, and horticultural products of the District, and encouragement should also be extended to those who may invent or create any article that would be serviceable to the country. To judge these articles correctly, it will be found a very difficult point to get well qualified and important judges. One of the best means of securing that result, would be to make a call upon each Township Society for three judges, and in no instance should two of those judges be chosen for the same class, and in their appointment the Township Societies should be clearly instructed to send in judges for specific purposes, so that the best in the Township would be selected, and in every instance they would have no interest in giving a partial decision in order to favor a friend, or to place their own favorite Township in an undue favourable light. The sources from whence the premiums should be derived, are, 1st, the government grant, £100; 2nd, the entrance fees from competitors; 3rd, the collections at the gates of the Show Ground. The entrance fees for competition, so as to have it within the reach of all, might be put down to five shillings, and the entrance at the gates of the Show Ground ought to be at least one shilling and threepence for adult visitors, and half that sum for youths under 16 years of age. The money raised at the gates should be expended annually in awarding premiums for such articles as do not really come under the appellation of agricultural products; and the amount given for the encouragement of those objects, should depend entirely upon the willingness that the mass of the people evinced in contributing their mite towards the encouragement of native genius and enterprise. Agricultural books, and even medals should be awarded by the District Associations, and the whole of their pro-

ceedings should be based upon the principles of patriotism, and not merely for the gratification of selfish and local feelings and purposes. If this plan of organization was adopted, all classes would feel an interest in sustaining the character of District Agricultural Societies, and the benefits that would be derived by the country at large would be incalculable, inasmuch as it would be a certain means of awakening a spirit of enquiry among all classes of our population, and agricultural and mechanical improvement would shortly be the order of the day.

The Provincial Association, as already pretty well understood, should be governed by the Presidents and Secretaries of District Agricultural Societies, and the judges should be selected by the District Societies; and at their elections, it should be known on what class they should each be expected to act—and in no instance should two from the same district be selected to judge the articles entered for competition in the same class. By this means, jealousies would be removed, and the mass of the people would have much confidence in the operation of the Association.

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Public documents on subjects relating to the industrial resources of the Province, are rarely to be met with, and therefore we speak for the one under notice a careful reading, at the hands of our numerous readers, confident that it will amply repay a careful perusal:—