

Matches) but the case was exactly the reverse at Varennes. Free tickets were handed to all the Directors of the Society who were present, to the judges, and we believe to many others; the ploughmen and some parties who accompanied them had also free tickets at a later hour of the day when the work was finished. Mr. Laurent, who we suppose had the management of these matters, deserves the greatest praise for his liberal conduct, and for his generous example, an example, we fear, that will not be followed by many in public or private. Several toasts were given, but as they were those usually proposed at public dinners, we need only say, they included Her Majesty the Queen, His Excellency the Governor General and Lady Elgin, and all were received with hearty cheering. To the latter George Cartier, Esq., M. P. P., for the County of Verchères, responded. Several other healths were given, and Mr. Laurent very properly was not forgotten, all received the usual honors, but we must leave this part of the proceedings to other reporters. After dinner the company again went to the field to see how the ploughmen contending for prizes were completing their work. The time of finishing was very irregular as well in consequence of the unequal quality of the soil, as the unequal size of the lots, and therefore it was determined by the Members of the Ploughing Match Committee that it would be inexpedient, if not unjust, to disqualify any ploughman on account of time, and the judges were instructed to award the premiums according to merit in the actual execution of the work. The judges named previous to the Ploughing Match did not all attend, and in consequence the Committee had to choose some gentlemen on the ground. Alph. Kempton, John Drummond, and Peter Fisher, Esqs., were appointed as judges for the Canadian Class, and — Allard, Hugh Brodie, and Joseph Lannoitte, Esqs., for the English Class. It was a matter of considerable difficulty

to determine the premiums in their proper order, and the time for doing so was shorter than was desirable. The judges, however, made their award to the Secretary of the Society before it was dark, and after the Numbers were called, the following were declared the successful competitors.

English Class.—Thos. Hodge, St. Laurent, first prize £4, Matthew Hutchison, do., second do. £3 10s., J. McEwan, ploughman to Mr. John Drummond, Petite Côte, third do. £3, R. Lockhead, ploughman to John Morris, Esq., Ste. Thérèse, fourth do. £2 10s., Thos. Scott, St. Michel, fifth do. £2 5s., James Holdsworth, Petite Côte, sixth do. £2, Alex. Millar, Ste. Thérèse, seventh do. £1 15s., J. Fletcher, ploughman to J. Dodds, Esq., Petite Côte, eighth do. £1 10s., James Drummond, Petite Côte, ninth do. £1 5s., Hugh Campbell, do., tenth do. £1.

Class for Canadians only.—Louis Prud'homme, Côte St. Luc, first prize £4, Eustache Prud'homme, do., second do. £3 10s., Joseph Lafond, Visitation, third do. £3, Alex. Desmarchais, Côte des Neiges, fourth do. £2 10s., Amable Bourguignon, Côte St. Pierre, fifth do. £2 5s., Hypolite Valiquette, Point Clair, sixth do. £2, Felix Joran, St. Laurent, seventh do. £1 15s., Joseph Ouimet, Ste. Rose, eighth do. £1 10s., Ben. Cormier, Long Point, ninth do. £1 5s., Hector Boutier, Quebec, tenth do. £1.

We do not think it necessary to give the names of all the unsuccessful competitors, as we hope next year to have the pleasure of naming them and paying them as the successful competitors. The prizes were all paid upon the spot by the Secretary and Treasurer of the Society in presence of the Directors, amounting to £45 10s. Some dissatisfaction was expressed by those awarded prizes in the English Class, that they were not placed so high on the list as their great merit entitled them, but if men were to estimate their own work, they would probably be all first prizes, and none second. The days work being concluded, those