

John. The Wilkie plough was decidedly the favorite, and was used by the three victors. This public and indisputable proof of the merits of the Wilkie plough was not one of the least valuable results of the Exhibition of 1852.

There were two competitors for the prize for ploughing with oxen ; these stepped out handsomely, and were little behind the others, either in time or workmanship. Both ploughmen belonged to York County.

The advantages of good ploughing are so great and obvious that there can be no need in insisting upon them here ; we conceive that there ought to be parochial, county, and Provincial ploughing matches annually—a good ploughman is not likely to be a slovenly farmer.

In the evening there was a grand Ball, under the patronage of Lady Head, where work and care were forgotten under the magnetic influence of beauty and music.

Notwithstanding the many out-door attractions, the Exhibition building was thronged with visitors the livelong day, and three or four steamboats were constantly plying, day and night, between St. John and Fredericton, filled with passengers on each trip.

Friday was showery in the forenoon, and wet in the afternoon, so much so that the Exhibition Fire-Works were unavoidably postponed until Saturday.

At the Regatta, the gig races were very fair, but not exactly such as we have seen in St. John harbour. The canoe races, however, were excellent.

As most of the pleasure-seekers were walking or driving along the river bank, the attendance at the Exhibition building was rather thin ; nevertheless there never was a more busy day for the Committee, who had to occupy themselves in collecting and collating the various reports, in finding out from the entry books the names belonging to the numbers affixed to the articles returned as for diplomas, prizes, or honorable mention.

The juries had been selected with some difficulty ; they were, as it were, pressed into the service ; if they were not the best in the Province, they were the best that could be had ; and manfully and faithfully they did their work, moving with pain and labor through the crowded hall to complete their responsible duties. The Executive Committee have the highest confidence in the good faith of all parties concerned, and much satisfaction in publishing the awards.

If possible, however, the judges hereafter should be chosen before the Exhibition, and specific instructions ought to be prepared for their use and guidance. Whatever errors, or inadvertencies, or omissions, may be observed in the present case, must be attributed to our inexperience.