

the lines of Railroad now in operation. No doubt many persons were prevented from exhibiting from the want of such forwarding facilities. As an exception to the above statement of deficiency, it is proper to state that the show of Fruit, in quality, was exceedingly fine. The deficiency in other Horticultural products is, probably, to be ascribed to the smaller number of market gardens in the vicinity of London, in comparison to those which may be expected to be found in the neighborhood of older and larger cities. It is to be regretted that the farmers in the vicinity of London itself, did not do more to supply the deficiency in the Agricultural department, as, judging from the specimens they did bring forward, they certainly might have done so with advantage. We must except also from the above remark the class of Carriages, in which the show was highly creditable, and probably fully equal to any former Exhibition. In Agricultural Implements, Mr. Wade, of Cobourg, showed a machine, invented by himself, and worked by a horse, for boring Post Holes. This machine, from the expedition with which it can be made to work, offers great facilities in the construction of fences. In Manufactures of Metals, Mr. Date, of Galt, showed a highly finished and valuable collection of edge tools. The Ladies of London, assisted by those from other quarters, rendered the Floral Hall, by their contributions, as usual, one of the most attractive features of the Exhibition; and in the department of the Fine Arts also, there were many paintings, drawings, &c. shown, deserving of high praise, a considerable number of the exhibitors being amateurs, and lady amateurs. In the Foreign class the Exhibition fell short of any of its predecessors, there being only one or two entries. Space and the nature of this notice, forbid our alluding specially to the articles shown by the many exhibitors.—Otherwise it would be an agreeable task to point out the excellence of many of the animals or specimens of skill exhibited. We must refer to the Prize List to supply all further particulars, and to show who, in the opinion of the Judges, exhibited the finest articles of each kind.

On the day at present under notice (Thursday), His Excellency the Governor General, Lord Elgin, who had arrived in London the preceding day, and had received and replied to an Address from the Town Council, visited the Show Ground, accompanied by Messrs. Hincks and Cameron, John Wilson, Esq., M.P., Sir Cusaek Roney and the members of the Board of Agriculture. At half-past twelve o'clock the whole company ascended the pavilion, when Sheriff Treadwell presented to his Excellency the following address:

*To the Right Honorable James, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, K. T., Baron Elgin, Governor General, &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

It is with pride and satisfaction we, the President, Vice-President and Members of the Agricultural Association of Canada West, hail our Excellency's presence at our Annual Provincial Exhibition.

Aware, as we are, of the deep interest which your Excellency has ever taken in the Agricultural, Mechanical and Commercial advancement of this noble portion of Her Majesty's dominions, we feel well assured of the high gratification which the present Exhibition must have afforded you. Nor will it be forgotten by the farmers of Canada West, that your Excellency has contributed by good wishes and many judicious and munificent donations, to the advancement of Agricultural and mechanical improvement amongst us.

In conclusion we beg to assure your Excellency, that the progress made in the magnificent works which have been commenced, or which have been completed of late years in Canada, during your Excellency's administration, will ever be associated with our grateful recollections.

With every wish that all prosperity and happiness may attend your Excellency, we bid your Excellency God speed.

His Excellency replied to the following effect

Mr. President—Gentlemen,—I am much obliged to the Firemen and to the Guards who have attended here to-day, for the purpose of keeping order; but as I am particularly anxious to tell my friends—the farmers of Upper Canada—how much I have been delighted by what I have seen to-day, I am very anxious that they (the Guards) should not keep them away, as I wish them to allow the crowd to come as near to this stand as possible. (Great applause. Here the audience were allowed to press forward to the stand.)—Gentlemen, I have left the seat of Government,—perhaps I ought to say that I have stolen away from the seat of Government,—at a very busy period of one of the most important sessions ever held in Canada, because I was most desirous to avail myself of the opportunity to take some of my old friends—the farmers of Upper Canada—by the hand, and to ask them of the progress which they have been making since I had the happiness of being among them, and to congratulate them upon their prospects and their prosperity. Gentlemen, I always look with pleasure to these friendly and social meetings, which, when I resided in Upper Canada, I had the satisfaction of having with the farmers of this part of the country, because, although I am not vain enough to suppose that I could impart to them any information with respect to their own affairs, that would be of any value to them, still I always derived the greatest possible gratification and profit from entering into conversation with them. (Applause.) Whenever we had a time of difficulty, I had reason to admire and respect them for the good sense and moderation they displayed in these circumstances of difficulty. Gentlemen, when I last visited the town of London, as was very truly stated in the Address which the municipality presented to me yesterday, it was a time of political excitement. But there was one circumstance at that period which was not alone prejudicial to the interests of the country, but was the occasion of solicitude and regret to those anxious to promote its prosperity and best interests. At that period the bushel of wheat raised on this side the line was worth one-fifth less than