

thanks of the meeting having been voted for the address, the election of auditors was proceeded with, when Messrs. F. W. Stone of Guelph, and D. W. Beadle of St. Catharines, were appointed to that office. A delegation from Quebec, headed by M. Joly, M.P., was presented to the meeting. M. Joly spoke on their behalf, succinctly presenting and eloquently advocating a Dominion Exhibition for next year, the promotion of which was the chief errand of the Quebec delegation to Kingston. Hon. Mr. Hathaway, Premier of New Brunswick, was also introduced to the meeting, and spoke earnestly in favor of the same project. He manfully owned his mistake in at one time opposing confederation, and declared his readiness to co-operate with any movement having a tendency to bind the Dominion in a more close bond of union and good fellowship. A considerable discussion followed in the course of which it was manifest that the idea of a Dominion Exhibition was well entertained, but it was felt to be rather premature. Moreover the statute under which the meeting acted required the annual appointment of a place within the Province of Ontario. After passing a resolution affirming the desirableness of a Dominion Exhibition at some future day, the vexed question of Hamilton *vs.* Ottawa came up on a motion for the former place by Mr. Rykert, and an amendment in favor of the latter, by Mr. Scott, M.P. Mr. Rykert thrashed London pretty severely, and urged with much force that to go farther east with the Exhibition next year would give the Londoners a colorable pretext for going on and intensifying their rivalry. Mr. Scott reasoned well for Ottawa, as well as others. Mayor Chisholm spoke moderately and forcibly for the "ambitious city." The upshot of it all was that when the vote was taken, 32 votes were cast for Ottawa, and 108 for Hamilton. This, however, was only the numerical result. There was a moral result which is likely if not certain to carry the Provincial Exhibition to Ottawa at no distant day. The importance of the place as the capital of Canada, the growing agricultural resources of the Ottawa valley, the duty of the stronger parts of the country to help the weaker, the anxious desire of Ottawans to get the Exhibition, were strongly put and evidently told upon the meeting. The fact brought out that while the Western portion of the Province had three points at which the Provincial Exhibition was held while the East had only one, made considerable impression, while the appeals, "let us have the Exhibition once in twenty-seven years;" "try us just once," had a pathos and a power in them which somewhat melted the hearts of the most inveterate haters of Ottawa. The Ottawans took their defeat with very good grace, and altogether have gained a considerable march on their adversaries. A few sharp things were said, some amusingly witty passes took place, the discussion was an exceedingly well sustained one, and while the choice of Hamilton for next year seemed inevitable, there was an excellent feeling displayed toward Ottawa, and the whole thing passed off with less asperity than might have been expected.

The usual vote of thanks were then passed, and the meeting adjourned half an hour before midnight.

THE WESTERN FAIR.

NOTE BY EDITOR ONTARIO FARMER.—The foregoing account of the Western Fair is, we must confess, too meagre for its just appreciation by our readers, but it is all we have been able to secure as a report specially prepared for this journal. Unable to cut ourselves in two, so as to be present at both, and feeling that we must pay our personal respects to the Provincial Exhibition, we had as we supposed, made arrangements for a full and particular account of the London Fair by the hand of another; but what is very apt to befall "the best laid schemes of mice and men," fell to our lot, and we have come short of our expectations. To make up in part for our own short-comings, we copy the following article from the *London Daily Advertiser* of Sept. 29th, which not only sums up the results of the Exhibition, but adds a few comments which it will be well for all concerned to "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest."

The Western Fair, which closed to-day, has been on the whole a splendid success, notwithstanding the inclement and unfavorable weather. It has been successful in point of attendance, successful in the phase of finances, and pre-eminently successful as a display of the best products of farm, garden and workshop.

As it is, the Western Fair has outstripped the Provincial Exhibition at Kingston in every important particular, notwithstanding that we have had no assistance of importance from the Government, no side-attractions of "distinguished visitors," and the disadvantage of exhibiting simultaneously with an important Show in the East. Had the sun outshone all week with to-day's brightness, the attendance would have been something wonderful. As it is, the Directors feel satisfied and thankful.

These facts give firm ground for present congratulation and future confidence. Such an exhibition, and such a success under such circumstances are possible nowhere else in Canada. The importance of Western Ontario, and of its natural Capital, London, has been demonstrated afresh, pointing with confident finger to greater things to come.

We regret to see indications of jealousy on the part of the Provincial Exhibition authorities and at Toronto. We are sorry the two Exhibitions clashed by being held in the same week, but it is well known the fault was not ours. If the Provincial Exhibition people thought to swamp the Western Fair by naming a date they knew we had chosen, we are right glad their failure has been so complete.

There is some ground for believing that Toronto views these Central Fairs with an indifference almost amounting to opposition. The reason is characteristic of Toronto. The perambulating system of Provincial Exhibitions has nearly outlived its usefulness, and the propriety of fixing it permanently every year at Toronto has been mooted. These Western and Central Fairs smack of independence rather than of centralization, and on this account are not particularly to the liking of the local capital. Why not make the best of it? Western Ontario has now its firmly-established Western Fair, equal in all needed respects to the Provincial