

for holding the same, should be determined on at least 18 months or 2 years previous thereto, and notice to the public given thereof; for although a year's notice was given of the one we have had, many of the mechanics in the Province, offered nothing for competition, giving as a reason that they had not had time to prepare any thing, from the shortness of the notice, without neglecting the private orders they had to fulfil; and it has been urged upon us, that longer notice should be given. It may be even possible at some future time, when the railways are in operation, to meet our neighbours in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, in friendly competition at some central place convenient to all.

“Although this Exhibition has been the primary and principal object of the Society for the past year, and has made it a very busy and laborious one to the Executive Committee, it has not been the only object of our attention. Several valuable Essays having been received on the subject of Farm Management, on Orchards, and the Management of Fruit Trees, and on the Growth of Turnips, from competitors for the premiums offered by the Society at their quarterly meeting of the 22d of April, 1851, the same have been reported on and the premiums awarded, which were procured and delivered to the respective parties by His Excellency, in public, at the close of the Exhibition, and the Essays are published in the third number of our Journal. Valuable reports from the several committees appointed to report on the Breeding and Improving of Farm Stock—on the Breeding and Management of Pigs—on Agricultural Warehouses and Agencies—on the Provincial Agricultural Statistics—have been made and are published in the last number of our Journal, which are all well worthy the attentive perusal of persons taking an interest in those subjects. It will be also seen by the publication in our last number, that a communication was in June last opened between the Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, in England, and this Society. The object of the English Society in making this communication, is one that I think of very great importance to us, and may prove of serious benefit in the result. Their expressed object is ‘to consider the best means of making that Society useful in advancing the knowledge of the resources and capabilities of the numerous British Colonies in all quarters of the world, and in furnishing the Colonies themselves with such information as may be required on subjects connected with Arts, Manufactures and Commerce.’ In this communication was enclosed statements explaining their constitution and the objects they have in view in opening a correspondence with similar Societies in the Colonies, for which a committee of their members appears to have been appointed. These documents were immediately taken into consideration by the Executive Committee, and the Corresponding Secretary was directed to write an