

being presented for printing which was not ordered by this Board, for the future no bills shall be paid unless the work for which they are rendered shall have been ordered by the Secretary.

After disposing of numerous matters of detail, connected with the business of the exhibition, the Board then adjourned till further notice.

THE EXHIBITION

AT HAMILTON, SEPTEMBER 18 TO 21, 1860.

(Reported by Mr. William O'Brien.)

The Exhibition of the Agricultural Association of Upper Canada which has just been brought to a close, will long be regarded as a most brilliant epoch in the records of the Society. Closely connected with the visit of the illustrious personage who made it the scene of his last public appearance in this part of the dominions of his Royal mother, it possesses an historical interest which time will not readily efface, while as a memorial of the progress which we have made in those branches of industry most essential to our prosperity, it far outshone all that have preceded it. So complete, indeed, and so splendid an exposition of the resources of the country could hardly have been anticipated, and there is therefore especial reason to rejoice that the exhibition was held at such a time as to enable the future head of the empire, and the ministers who accompanied him, such a fair opportunity of judging for themselves of the nature and variety of our productions. To say, indeed, that the exhibition for the present year excelled all previous ones would be but to use a remark which, we are happy to say, has been applicable in turn to each that has yet been held; it is within the truth to assert that at no time in the history of the Association has so decided an advance over former years been shown in our agricultural progress, or so general an effort put forth to display to the best advantage the position to which, in this respect, the country has attained. On former occasions the progress made has generally been visible in one or two points only; the remarkable feature this year was that it was equally manifest in all essential particulars, and that nowhere was there

any deficiency to mar the general appearance of the whole.

The Exhibition ground, which, we remark, is in all respects the best, and most picturesque that has yet been selected for the buildings erected upon it, which both handsome and commodious—the various incidents connected with the two visits of the Prince of Wales paid to the exhibition—all these have already been fully described through the Press, that it is needless for us to revert to them in detail. To the public at large the double attraction of the show and of the Prince was irresistible, and such a concourse of people gathered together as probably never assembled at any one time in Canada be greatly to the benefit of the funds of the society, which were never before so largely enriched by the sale of tickets of admission.

On Tuesday, the 18th September, the exhibition was opened for the judges, and of whom had concluded their labors by evening. On Wednesday, as usual, men only were admitted, and as it was understood that the Prince would visit the ground during the day, the sale of members' tickets was unprecedentedly large. About six o'clock the Prince arrived, but such a concourse immediately gathered about him that it was impossible for him to form any idea of the nature of the show, and he was obliged to retire without having seen anything but the masses of people who everywhere surrounded him, much to the disappointment of the officers of the Association. On Thursday the public were admitted, and the inspection of the building by the Prince was formed. On this occasion His Royal Highness was more fortunate, for every one who went outside to witness his approach, the doors were immediately closed, and the Prince was kept clear until the illustrious visitor had time to inspect all the articles of the exhibition, without crowding or inconvenience. With the show of fruit in particular the Prince expressed himself highly delighted and certainly, in this respect, as well as many others, there was everything to excite astonishment in the minds of those who were accustomed to regard this country as yet on the threshold of civilization. The opening ceremonies then took place, at which His Royal Highness received the address of the Association, which, we may reply, will be found elsewhere, and was presented by the Secretary with a copy