

quality, and the bouquets truly beautiful. Mr. Bristol, of Picton, deservedly won the first prize for cockscombs, which were exceedingly well grown and showy. Mr. Flanagan, of Kingston, carried off the first prize for the largest collection of dahlias; for the best twelve dahlias, the best collection of phloxes, of double zinnias, of scabioceas, of double daisies, and the best twelve verbenas, and the best twelve pansies. The first prize collection of verbenas was awarded to Mr. G. G. Fraser, of Kingston. Among the dahlias shown were some truly fine varieties; of these we desire specially to mention Queen Mab, Stafford Gem, Mrs. Harvey's Cakes, Hebe, LaPhare, and Calypso, varieties that deserved a first place in every collection. Mr. E. Baiden, of Portsmouth, received the first prize and J. L. Nicol, of Kingston, second, for collection of six single petunias, most of them very prettily marked.

GARDEN VEGETABLES.

The cabbages were very large and coarse, too coarse to deserve a first prize for table use. They might do for cattle or for the manufacture of sour kraut. Only a few cauliflowers were shown; two of these were very fine and would no doubt have received a prize had not the rules called for three; as it was, the prize samples came from Portsmouth. The tomatoes were all very smooth and fine, a great improvement over some of the great, coarse, gnarled and twisted sorts we used to see exhibited.

The prize Early Horn Carrots, from Mr. C. George, Kingston, were a very fine grained and beautiful table vegetable; and in the judging of these and of the Beets and Turnips, the decision of the judges is to be highly commended, for in all these they awarded the first prize, not to the coarse and monstrous specimens, fit only for the barn and sheep yard, but to the truly fine-grained and beautiful samples of more moderate dimensions, which alone deserved a place on the table. The Intermediate and Long Red Carrots were well grown by Mr. S. N. Watts, of Portsmouth, as were also his Salsify, which deservedly took the first prizes. The collection of Parsnips was very small, George Croft, of Portsmouth, taking the lead. Red Peppers were in great abundance and variety. The Yellow and White Table Turnips, shown by Mr. Beeham, of Guelph, and which most richly deserved and obtained the first prizes, were most beautiful specimens, clean, smooth and fine grained.

The Beets which received the first prize were shown by G. J. Miller, of Virgil, near Niagara, and were the finest sample of table beet we have ever noticed at a provincial exhibition.

There was a very good collection of Yellow and Red Onions, but Mr. George Croft, of Portsmouth, was the fortunate winner of first prizes in both these.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

There was a large show of factory-made cheeses: this year, all of a very much superior quality to that exhibited hitherto.

The hand-made cheeses, Stilton, were confined exclusively to Mr. Geo. Morton, of Kingston.

A large show of butter, but we think, from a few samples we tasted, not as good flavour as heretofore, probably owing to the dryness of the season.

BEEHIVES AND HONEY.

There was only a small display in this department, and there was not the usual interest manifest among the visitors, who are generally attracted in considerable numbers about the hives and "busy bees" at work among them; but there were none of these

to be seen on the ground. There were five exhibitors of hives, all of whom showed frame hives. The first prize was awarded to N. Chase, of Garden Island, and the second to — Nicholle, of Lindsay. Mr. Loser showed his hives and a honey extractor of simple and inexpensive design, on the centrifugal principle.

There was a limited display of honey in the comb and strained, also of bees-wax—all of good quality.

THE RECEIPTS.

The amount of money taken at the gates was as follows:—

Tuesday	\$ 278 42
Wednesday.....	2,933 44
Thursday.....	2,695 05
Friday	278 42
Total	\$6,235 33

This amount, it is estimated, will fall short of the amount paid in prizes and the expenses of the exhibition by nearly \$11,000, although the receipts were more than 50 per cent. more than at the last show held here. At the exhibition held last fall in Toronto, the receipts were:—On Tuesday and Wednesday, \$9,476; on Thursday, \$6,113; and on Friday, about \$2,000; total, \$17,589.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Agricultural and Arts Association was held this evening in the Ontario Hall. There was a large attendance of delegates from all sections of the Province. Hon. James Skead, President, was unable to attend, owing to a fractured arm and indisposition. In his absence the chair was taken by the Vice-President, Mr. Stephen White. With him on the platform were Mr. H. G. Joly, M. P., President, and Mr. G. Leclerc, Secretary, of the Quebec Provincial Agricultural Association; Mr. Henry Bulmer, Mr. Louis Beaubien, M. P. P., Ald. Rodden, A. A. C. Lariviere, President of the Quebec Board of Arts, and J. M. Browning, all of Montreal, members of the Quebec Association; Hon. Mr. Hathaway, Premier of the Government of New Brunswick; Hon. Mr. Macdougall, Mayor Rochester, of Ottawa; Sheriff Ferguson, Kingston; Prof. Buckland, Mr. Jas. Young, M. P., Galt; Nathan Choite, Port Hope; Mr. D. B. Chisholm, Mayor of Hamilton; Mr. J. C. Rykert, M. P. P.; R. W. Scott, M. P. P.; F. W. Stone, Guelph; Mr. Shipley, Middlesex; Mr. Wilson, E. Mallory, Napanee; Mr. Farley, Thos. Stock, Wentworth; Mayor Livingston, of Kingston; Mr. Buell, Mr. McDonald, and Mr. Gibbons. All the members of the Council were present except Messrs. Christie, Morton, and Barrett.

The Chairman explained the cause of the President's absence, and said that Mr. Wright, of Ottawa, who acted as Senator Skead's private secretary, would read his address.

On motion of Sheriff FERGUSON, seconded by Mr. E. MALLORY, a vote of thanks was tendered to Senator Skead for his address.

Mr. THOMSON, Secretary, called over a roll of delegates, and 130 answered to their names. He also read the minutes of the last meeting, which were adopted.

Mr. D. W. Beadle, St. Catharines, and Mr. F. W. Stone, Guelph, were elected Auditors.

QUEBEC DELEGATES.

The CHAIRMAN, referring to the visit of Senator Skead and Mr. Macdonald to the Quebec exhibition, as repre-

sentatives of the Ontario Association, said that there were present six delegates from the Quebec Association, who would at a subsequent stage address the meeting on the subject of a joint Exhibition. These delegates were then formally introduced to the meeting, and were received with cheers.

The CHAIRMAN said the question of the selection of the place of the next Exhibition was now before the meeting.

Mr. YOUNG suggested that before that question was taken up they should hear the delegates from Quebec.

This suggestion was readily agreed to.

DOMINION EXHIBITION.

Mr. H. G. JOLY was called on, and spoke briefly on the subject of a Dominion Exhibition. He said the idea originated with the delegates from Ontario, but they of Quebec heartily supported it. He spoke of the beneficial results of all the Provinces meeting in friendly competition at a common exhibition. He and the other Quebec delegates came here at the invitation of the President of the Ontario Association, and would be happy to listen to the discussion, but he did not think it becoming in them to lead the discussion on this matter.

Hon. LOUIS BEAUBIEN, being called on, said the Agricultural Association and Board of Arts of Quebec had decided to assist in a Dominion Exhibition if the other Provinces, and especially Ontario, concurred in it. If there was anything in the law of Ontario preventing the Association of that Province joining in a Dominion Exhibition it might be amended next session.

Mr. STOCK, while glad to meet Quebec delegates, thought it would be premature to act upon that matter further than taking the opinion of the meeting and afterwards submitting it to the County Societies.

Mr. YOUNG said there was a distinguished gentleman present from New Brunswick, and suggested that he be invited to address the meeting.

Hon. Mr. HATHAWAY was received with cheers by the assemblage. He said that while favouring the idea of a Dominion Exhibition in the abstract, he was of opinion that it would not be desirable at this particular time to enter into a question of that magnitude. The Maritime Provinces had not yet been able to have a Union Exhibition for want of means of communication, which were not yet completed. It was true that the Western Extension would soon be completed, and he was happy to say that he had just received a telegram from the President of the New Brunswick Council, now in England, that capital had been secured for a Riviere du Loup line. (Cheers.) When those lines were completed a Dominion Exhibition would be practicable. He spoke of a closer union of the Provinces, and said though at first opposed to Confederation he was now prepared to join heart and hand in carrying out that scheme. (Loud cheers.)

Mr. J. C. RYKERT moved that in the opinion of this meeting it is highly desirable that at an early day there should be a Dominion Exhibition, providing the same does not interfere with our Provincial Exhibitions.

Mr. THOMAS STOCK seconded the resolution.

Several gentlemen spoke to the resolution.

The proposition of having a Dominion Exhibition was very favourably received, but it was felt that it was impossible to do more just now than express an opinion on the subject. At the suggestion of several gentlemen the motion was amended by striking out the provision, and it was then carried unanimously.