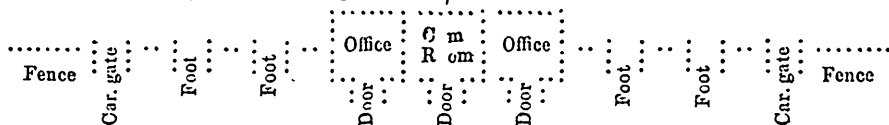


*Tickets and Badges.*—In a recent number of a foreign Agricultural paper it was suggested that the substitution of tickets of admission to agricultural exhibitions for badges was desirable, inasmuch as improper use had been made of the latter, which could not well be made of the former. From what has come within my own knowledge I think there is little doubt but the transference of badges may have been practised to some extent at our exhibitions, and to whatever extent that has been the case, the primary interests of the Association have suffered accordingly. Would it therefore not be worthy the consideration of the Association, the restriction of the use of badges to the officers, the members of the local committee, the representatives of the county societies; the judges; the members of the Press and privileged Visitors. And that a tariff of prices be adopted in the sale of tickets, which, while preventing the abuse

of the badge system, would secure all its advantages—namely, convenience in making change, and ease of admission, at a moderate price, without recourse to the officer for tickets. The tariff might be made to embrace—single, family, and horse-men's tickets—also by the half and full dozen at reduced rates.

*Entrances to the grounds.*—Instead of having only one carriage way and two foot passenger gates, one on each side of the carriage way, as at the last show, when there was much crowding, confusion, and delay to those who desired to pass quietly and quickly, and loss to the exhibition funds by persons passing without paying, I would suggest that the office booths be so constructed that there could be a carriage way near to each end, and two foot passenger gates in the space between the carriage way, entrances and the ends of the said offices—say, something like the following sketch:



This would give additional accommodation beyond what has hitherto been afforded. In connection with the subject of improvement in entrances it may be remarked, that it would also be most desirable that some of the members of the local committee take turns in over-seeing the approaches and seeing that constables did their duty, and at the same time were not imposed upon. "A little brief authority" would have a salutary effect in this respect, as well in preventing crowding and confusion. By having the office booths placed on the plan suggested, and a board left off the end of each facing the gates, an eye upon the entrances could also always be kept from within if necessary.

*Plan of grounds and printed list of entries.*—Should the Association adopt the plan suggested in a late number of your journal, of having the list of entries filled up and returned from each County one month before the date of holding the Exhibition, would it not be an improvement on the past, to have printed in small cheap pamphlet form, a catalogue of the contents of the various entries returned to the association, omitting, however, the names of Exhibitors. The cattle, productions, &c., from Canada East, and from the United States could also be embodied in the pamphlet, providing intending exhibitors desired to avail themselves of such publicity, which very many no doubt would, and furnish lists of their intended contributions about the same date as from counties in Canada West. Forming part of this pamphlet, might also be introduced a sketch of the proposed exhibition grounds, showing generally where the various classes of productions would be found; as well as any other explanatory matter which the Association might deem desirable to embody. The pamphlet might be got up by one of the many enterprising Canadian publishers at short notice, and at a moderate cost; the Agricultural Association paying a bonus to the publisher to enable the work to be sold cheaply, and ensure against loss. The contents of the pamphlet would be found most useful and convenient in the hands of visitors to the exhibitions; and to those who are not agriculturists or mechanics, and do not have an opportunity of seeing or at any rate do not take much interest in the premium list published before the show, or the list of awarded pre-

miums published after, in the Agricultural Journal it would serve as a remembrance of the pleasure enjoyed, and a record of what they saw at the exhibition; as well as showing to their absent friends and children what was exhibited, and in so doing, an enlarged interest and pride might be stimulated and diffused among all in this valuable Canadian institution.

*Attention to distinguished Visitors and the Press.*—Complaints have been made that at the last exhibition there was no sub-committee to receive distinguished and other visitors from a distance, and provide for them information as to where they would find ready and comfortable accommodation, and to show them those other little, but to strangers, most acceptable attentions, and which adds so much in conveying favorable impressions abroad. The members of the press from a distance should have special attention in regard to providing for their accommodation; and to the whole press every source of information connected with the exhibition should be opened, as it is through the circulating press—which, it may be said, now reaches every man's home, whether he lives in a log shanty in the woods, or in a cut stone house in a distant city—a knowledge of the collections, and of the sayings and doings is made to flow. To remedy and prevent a recurrence of this cause of complaint, let a portion of the local committee be appointed some days before the date of the exhibition, whose duty it shall be to look out for the necessary information and prepare it so that it may be had at the Society's office on the ground's, by application on the part of the visitors for whom it is intended—or at the principal hotels to which strangers upon arrival naturally first go. To show attention on the grounds and give information as before referred to, a committee whose duty it would be, might be formed on the first day of the exhibition, of those gentlemen who are ex-Presidents, Presidents and Vice Presidents, and who may be present,—but in the absence of a sufficient number of such, others might be selected who would be willing to act during the continuance of the exhibition.

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