

which is wholly devoted to the productive interests of Canada West, we wish strongly to impress upon the minds of our readers the importance of a general and complete organization, and free discussion on all subjects in which the great interests of the country are involved at this particular crisis. Our action should be based upon broad principles, and our great object should be, the development of every known productive interest in the country,—upon these grounds all may meet, and cordially co-operate in carrying out to the fullest extent. The old motto holds good in agricultural as well as in political matters, that “*in union there is strength*,” and it is to be hoped that the great majority of the people of Canada have too much good sense, to split upon straw, when the great interests of the country are at stake.

Judging from the good feeling that pervaded the minds of the distinguished gentlemen who addressed the Chair at the Agricultural Dinner, on the evening of the first day of the Exhibition, at the Government House, the inference might be fairly drawn, that the subject of Agriculture at least afforded a topic for useful discussion, in which all parties and creeds might engage without creating a rancorous feeling in the breast of any. The patriotic sentiments advanced on the occasion referred to, were so much in unison with our own views, with very few exceptions, that we are induced to publish the speeches in full in the present number of the *Cultivator*. This being the first Provincial Exhibition, it is important that a full report of the proceedings should go before the public, and also that the principles upon which the Institution is based, should be thoroughly understood by every inhabitant in the province. Both of these duties we shall endeavour to execute; but in doing so, we exceedingly regret that our time and attention is so much occupied with business that requires our personal supervision, and which is of such a nature that it could not be executed with hired assistance.—This apology we trust will be satisfactory to our friends, if we should fail in giving as full a report as they may have desired.

The competition, on the whole, may be considered both spirited and creditable; and although the articles exhibited under each class, were not so numerous as would have been the case, had more time been given the public in preparing for the Show, still, it is satisfactory to state, that al-

most every article entered for competition, was highly creditable, and very many of which would favorably compare with the best of their kind found in any portion of Europe or America.—Owing to the difficult task we had to perform in “*the business office*,” we were prevented from visiting the Cattle Show, but we enquired of many, who may be considered good judges of stock, and it was their unanimous opinion, that the exhibition was both creditable to the cause and to the province.

The show of thorough bred Durham cattle, we learn from the most authentic source, exceeded the expectations of every man who visited the grounds. Mr. Howitt's stock, of Guelph, was admired by all, and, we are informed, were eagerly bought up by gentlemen from various districts of the province. A three years old heifer, owned by Mr. H., was purchased by John A. Walton, of Peterboro', for which the latter gentleman paid the very handsome sum of £57-10s., and for a two years old, £45.

It is useless to extend our remarks on what we did not see, when there was so much that was worthy of notice that we did see. We much regret that it should be supposed that a Provincial Show, where about £400 was to be awarded in prizes, should commence at ten o'clock in the morning, and on the afternoon of the same day be completed. Scores of gentlemen from different districts came to Toronto with ample funds, with a view of purchasing stock and agricultural implements, but were prevented from doing so, from the hurried manner in which the stock was sent back into the country. Many of the parties alluded to were commissioned by Agricultural Societies to make purchases; and from the circumstance that they were appointed on committees, they were officially employed the whole of the first day, and on the morning of the second, no stock appeared on the ground, owing to some mismanagement on the part of the Committees who had charge of that department. It is to be hoped that the gentlemen who had thorough-bred stock at the Show, will not take umbra because the editor of this paper has not brought all that was worthy of notice favourably before the public; the cause of the non-performance of this delightful task has been already explained, and as no specimens could be specially mentioned, none will have just reason of complaint.

The products of the orchard were unquestion-