

tural dinner, furnished by Mrs. Welch, at which, in the absence of the President from the Province, our talented townsman the Hon. Mr. Wilmot presided; and after the cloth was removed he delivered an address in even more than his usual happy and eloquent manner. Mr. Kerr, Mr. Bartlett, and several other amateur and practical farmers also addressed the company, and much useful and interesting conversation on agricultural subjects took place during the evening.

In addition to the premiums awarded at the Central County exhibition, forty pounds was distributed at Parish Shows, held in the Parishes of Southampton, Prince William, Douglas, and Kingsclear, previous to the Central exhibition. Articles exhibited at one Parish Show could not compete for prizes in another Parish; but all could be exhibited for prizes at the Central exhibition. A number of the articles which obtained premiums at the Central exhibition had taken local premiums, and the two best Ploughmen had competed successfully at the ploughing match in their own parish.

It was suggested at the Dinner, by the Attorney General, that in the absence of a Provincial Agricultural Association, the valley of the Saint John holds out peculiar advantages for an annual fair and exhibition, including Ploughing Matches, open to all agriculturists and manufacturers from the St. Francis to Partridge Island, such a meeting to take place immediately after the respective county exhibitions; and whilst the parish shows test the best farmers in each parish, the county shows carry the competition to the length of testing the best farmers and the best agricultural parishes in each county; and the River St. John show will test the best farmer and the best agricultural county in the valley of the St. John. The details of such an exhibition would be easily arranged by a committee appointed for the purpose, only premising that the premiums should be liberal, the competition general, and the situation selected central; and that unsuccessful competitors should be protected from actual pecuniary loss, on its being certified that the articles they exhibited were of a superior description. The facilities afforded by the numerous steamers which ply on our noble river, both above and below Fredericton, would enable farmers to exhibit their stock and productions in good condition at a moderate expence, whilst a reduction of fare at the time of the show, on the principle of the pleasure party trips, not forgetting "Editors and Reporters gratis," would ensure a full attendance at the show, and fair remuneration to the steamboat proprietors and stewards.

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