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The Provincial Exhibition.

In another part of this number of our Journal will be found the Rules and regulations, together with the list of Prizes offered, for the sixteenth annual Provincial Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition of Upper Canada, to be held at the Crystal Palace of London in the last week of September next. It will be seen that the Prize list is similar in its main features to that of former years, competition being invited in the same classes of products, with a few items added. The aggregate amount offered in prizes is about \$12,000, which is more than in any former year, except in the year 1860, when special efforts were made to bring out a very extensive competition. The amount is exceedingly liberal and ought to encourage a spirited competition. It is greater than that at any other exhibition, except possibly one or two, in any of the neighboring provinces or states.

Although the amount of prizes is not quite so large as last year, yet some new features, which were introduced for the first time last year, and which added considerable interest to the exhibition, as for instance the prizes for herds of cattle, prizes for the best animal of any age in a class, &c., have been retained, and will doubtless be again well contested. Prizes have also been offered for a machine for sinking drains and laying tiles, and for a steam plough or cultivator for manual operation, both of which we have good reason to expect will be competed for, and will prove a great source of attraction at the

exhibition. Although no implement of the kind first named has yet been produced to work quite satisfactorily, industry and perseverance may yet succeed in overcoming the difficulties experienced in producing a machine which will effect a great saving of labor and expense in the execution of the important improvement of Land Drainage. The second implement mentioned has now got beyond the mere experimental stage, and is in actual use to a large extent in England, where land is ploughed and cultivated by it considerably cheaper and more advantageously than by the ordinary method. We have not yet seen anything of the kind in Canada, but we fully anticipate that we shall have an opportunity of doing so at our show at London this autumn.

Hon. Adam Fergusson, one of the first presidents of the Association, a member of the Board of Agriculture from its commencement, and whose name is familiarly associated with the progress of agriculture in this province in the minds of all its inhabitants, has very liberally offered some handsome special prizes, which will doubtless prove gratifying mementos to whoever may be the winners of them.

We should have alluded somewhat earlier, in these remarks, to the handsome prize of Sixty Dollars, given by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, which is derived from his princely donation of Two Hundred Pounds to the Association on the occasion of his visit last autumn, and will be continued annually, the object for which it is given being changed from year to