

ment booths within the enclosure. Groups of persons might be seen about the grounds, with their baskets of provisions, enjoying themselves in the most happy manner, in pic-nic fashion. The outside exhibitions were very numerous, including fat women, fat boys, with animals, birds, reptiles, insects and all sorts of monstrosities that can be imagined. But neither time nor inclination permitted me to give any attention to these outside wonders.

On Thursday, at 12 o'clock an immense number of persons assembled, in front of the raised seats, and on them, to hear the Hon. Caleb Cushing deliver the oration of the occasion, which occupied an hour and a half. The oration was eloquently delivered, and contained many very fine passages; but it also, if I may be permitted to make the remark, seemed to me to contain a good deal of historical and political matter, not particularly appropriate to the occasion.

There was to be a ball on Thursday evening and a banquet on Friday, but it was not convenient for me to remain for the enjoyment of these celebrations. I left Richmond at 7 o'clock Thursday evening, arrived at Washington on Friday at half-past 4 a.m., Baltimore at half-past 7 a.m., and Elmira at half-past 9 p.m.; left the latter place at 5.30 a.m. on Saturday, and after a detention of two and a half hours at the Suspension Bridge, arrived at Toronto via Hamilton, on the Great Western Railway at 9 p.m. and home at 11, having been absent eight days. I reached home quite satisfied that our Provincial Agricultural exhibition at Toronto was in every respect very far superior to that of the United States Agricultural Society at Richmond.

As I by no means wish, however, unduly to depreciate the United States exhibition, it is no more than proper for me to state that the paucity of stock and articles displayed was said to have been occasioned by a disagreement or rivalry that had arisen between the society and a society of the neighborhood, which held a show at the same time, and to which a large amount of stock had been taken. Be this as it may, there was very little stock on the ground, none from the state of New York, or the states further east and north, and it struck me as very singular that in none of the newspapers I saw on my way was there the slightest notion taken of the great national fair, while columns were filled with accounts of the disgraceful scene enacted at the same time at Long Point, the prize fight between Morrissey and Heenan. I am of opinion that the comparative failure of the exhibition may be, to a certain extent, attributed to the want of interest taken in the institution by the general newspaper press.

In conclusion, I have to acknowledge the very marked and kind attention I received from the President of the Society, Mr. Tilghman, of Maryland, 50 miles south east of Baltimore, who, though he devoted himself most assiduously to the duties of his position as President of the Society, yet found time to be most polite and attentive to me, as a delegate from Canada.

I have the honor to submit the above imperfect report for the information of the Board.

I am Sir, &c.,

E. W. THOMSON,
Pres't Board of Agriculture.

PROFESSOR BUCKLAND,
Sec'y Board of Agriculture, U. C. }

ON THE GROWTH OF HEMP.

TORONTO, 6th September, 1859.

DEAR SIR,—Allow me to bring under your notice and that of the valuable institution with which you are associated, the importance of encouraging the growth of Hemp in Canada, already too much neglected. It is fully ascer-