

is due, as the ample dimensions and appropriate arrangements of their Crystal Palace, having added much to the convenience and pleasure experienced by visitors and exhibitors, as well as giving protection to various valuable articles on exhibition.

And it is to be hoped that the example so nobly set before us, in providing such excellent accommodation for the vast throng of people assembled here, will be followed by every other place at which the Annual Exhibition may in future be held.

While science is making rapid progress throughout the civilized world, it is pleasing to see that Canada has kept her place in the general improvement, and this Exhibition displays an advancement not only in our improved breeds of domestic animals of every description, but also in Arts and Manufactures, far exceeding our most sanguine expectations.

A comparison of the number of entries, and the amount of prizes at the present Exhibition, with that of the first in 1846 and subsequent years, is sufficient evidence of the great progress the Association has made.

Notwithstanding the late temporary depression in business, proceeding from causes over which we had no control—and though the commerce in this country, as well as that of a great part of Europe and America, during a portion of last year, has to a certain extent been affected—yet Canada has cause to be proud of the soundness of her commercial position, during those trying times, which so severely tested the solvency of many of the greatest commercial and monetary institutions of both continents—and through which those of this Province acquitted themselves so creditably, without even for a moment resorting to the means which others were compelled to adopt in that emergency.

Although our great staple of export, the wheat crop, has not turned out so favourably this season as heretofore, yet the country is now comparatively prosperous, and owes much of that prosperity to our improved agricultural knowledge, and mechanical skill. And it is on the persevering industry, and properly directed energies, of those engaged in agricultural and mechanical pursuits, aided by the fostering care which the Legislature has enabled the Agricultural Association to exercise, that the future prosperity of the country will chiefly depend.

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