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We beg leave to remind farmers, and all others who may intend to be exhibitors at the approaching Provincial Show at Kingston, this autumn, of the necessity of making timely preparations for the same. The Show takes place on the 22nd to 25th September. The entries of Cattle must be made by the middle of August, and of other articles shortly afterwards. Prize Lists and entry forms, with full particulars and directions, have been sent to the Secretaries of Agricultural Societies all over the Province, from whom exhibitors who have not received them otherwise may obtain them. The Local Committee on their part are making ample and substantial preparations for the accommodation of stock and articles, by thoroughly repairing the buildings already existing, and erecting extensive additions to them, as well as some entirely new structures. The subjoined article, which we cut from the *Kingston Daily News*, describes in detail the works in progress, or completed:—

PREPARATIONS FOR THE EXHIBITION.—To Kingston belongs the honor of erecting the first permanent buildings for the purposes of the Agricultural Association of Upper Canada.—Previous to the Exhibition of 1856, the Government of the day granted a license of occupation, for the term of twenty years, of an area of about twenty acres on a portion of the Penitentiary farm lot, and on this the Local Committee raised a handsome and substantial cruciform structure of wood and glass; also ranges of commodious buildings for cattle, horses, pigs, sheep, &c., and a Mechanics' Hall

for machinery and agricultural implements—the whole costing about sixteen thousand dollars. The main building, or "Palace," though not so extensive as its heavy, ungainly rival at Toronto, is a light and elegant structure, and well adapted for the purposes for which it was erected. The transept is 190 feet long and 56 feet wide; the general height of the building 34 feet, and that of the cupola about 60 feet. There is in the whole structure about 24,000 feet of fluted glass, being more than double the quantity in the Toronto Palace. The building is undergoing various repairs and improvements, and additional room will be secured by the removal of the unsightly and useless orchestra which now occupies a large space in the nave. The repairs to the wood-work, under the superintendence of Mr. Geo. Brown, are rapidly approaching completion, and Mr. Wm. Robinson has made good progress in the painting and glazing. In the interior the roof has been colored a pale yellow, the ribs vermilion, and the elliptic sweeps and posts a bright blue, the contrast being exceedingly lively and pleasing. The coloring of the outside is blue and white, and when finished, the exterior of the building will present a clean and attractive appearance. The Mechanics' Hall, a neat and substantial two-storey structure lying to the southeast of the Palace, is being extended by an addition of sixty feet to its length, its original dimensions being 108 feet by 26. It, also, will be colored outside and in—the interior red, white and blue—which will greatly improve its appearance. The old cattle sheds have been thoroughly repaired and strengthened, and the accommodation for this class of animals has been largely increased by the erection of a new range of buildings on the west side of the grounds. The old range is 428 feet long by 32 broad, and the new 300 feet by 12, both being capable of housing comfortably upwards of two hundred