

and this amongst a civilized and professedly christian people ; and the evil still continues, with all its attendant idolatry, blasphemy, wretchedness and woe ! During the past year, as recently stated by the Police Magistrate of this city, some 4,000 cases of drunkenness came before him judicially ; and who can tell the amount of wretchedness connected with these cases, either in the persons of the drunkards themselves or their families—who can tell ? Or how many cases in the city during the same period that were not judicially brought forward, or that were never brought to light ?

Working men ! mechanics ! think seriously of these things—" We speak as unto wise men, judge ye what we say." These evils of which we have been speaking do not pertain more, or so much, to you, as to some other classes of the community ; but the evil does exist amongst you. On your sobriety, industry and skill, depends to so large an extent the welfare and prosperity of our new Dominion. Let it be seen that you appreciate the importance of a life of sobriety, and intelligent industry, both to yourselves and others. Connect yourselves with Mechanics' Institutes, or similar associations, during the winter months ; and to those amongst you—whose age and circumstances will not preclude your doing so—join the Evening Classes in these Institutions, during the ensuing session ; that you may thus become *more* intelligent workmen and worthier citizens, and thus be able to use the social and political privileges you enjoy, to the advancement of your own happiness and that of others. *So mote it be.*

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

The attention of intending exhibitors at the ensuing Provincial Exhibition, is directed to the fact that it is to be held in the City of Kingston, commencing on Monday, the 23rd of September, inst ; that the time for making entries of Agricultural products and Implements, Machinery and Manufactures, was supposed to have closed on Saturday, the 31st ult.—No doubt, however, that entries will still be taken in these departments, if sent in promptly ; that entries in Horticultural products, Ladies' Work, and the Fine Arts, should be sent in by the 14th September, inst.

In all classes but those of Live Stock, the entries must be made in the names of the producers ; not more than one specimen of the same variety can be entered in any one section of the prize list ; all Agricultural and Horticultural products to be the growth of the present year ; and all manufactured articles, or works of art, awarded prizes at any previous Provincial Exhibition, can not again be en-

tered in competition ; but they may be awarded diplomas, if superior to everything else of their class upon the grounds.

All specimens of the Fine Arts must be delivered on the ground by Friday the 20th of September ; all other than live stock by Monday the 23rd, Live Stock must be on the ground not later than Tuesday, the 24th, at noon. All articles must be delivered at and removed from the grounds at the expense of the exhibitors.

The usual arrangements will be made with the railroads and steamboats, for the conveyance of goods and visitors at reduced rates. These rates will be published in time.

Each member of the association, having paid \$1 subscription as an entry fee, will receive four *single* admission tickets ; if more are required, they will have to be purchased. Life-members, Delegates from societies, members of the press, and the judges and visitors only, will be admitted by badges. Tickets of admission 25 cents each, will be issued on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Carriages and horsemen will not be admitted to the grounds.

The annual meeting of the Directors will be held on the grounds, on Friday, the 27th September, at 10 o'clock, A.M. The members of the Board of Agriculture and of the Board of Arts and Manufactures ; the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of County Agricultural Societies and of all Horticultural Societies, constitute the *ex-officio* Directors of the Association.

The Treasurer of the Association will commence paying the premiums on the morning of Saturday, the 28th September, at 9 o'clock.

We know of nothing more that it is absolutely necessary for exhibitors to know, at present, unless it is the *duty* devolving upon every good citizen of the Province of Ontario, to render all the assistance in their power to this their own Association, the exhibitions of which have done so much for the advancement in Agriculture, Arts and Manufactures, for the past twenty-two years.

AMERICAN v. ENGLISH GUNS.

In the No. of this Journal for December 1866, under the above heading, we quoted the London *Engineer*, and other authorities, to show that the much vaunted American 15 and 20 inch " Rodman guns" were not weapons of such destructive powers as need cause any serious alarm on the part of Great Britain ; and that in a number of experiments in the United States, and during their civil conflict, it had not proved equal as a weapon of offence to the British 12-ton broadside or the new 9-inch calibre gun of the British Navy.