

carry out the contemplated and varied improvements for which they are zealously striving.

To the encouragement afforded by a liberal premium list, and to the past excellent management of the Board of Agriculture, may be ascribed, in a great measure, the success which has heretofore attended the working of the Agricultural Association; and it is our duty, as well as our interest, to encourage and assist by every means at our disposal all those who may be willing to contribute to the ensuing Exhibition at Toronto, such specimens of their industry, skill or art, either as competitors or exhibitors, as may have a tendency to promote the cause of Agriculture, Arts and Manufactures in all their varied branches, and the general interests of the country. And it is hoped that, on that occasion, that very interesting portion of the Exhibition containing the Ladies' Department and the Fine Arts, will, as usual, command the attraction and admiration of the tens of thousands of visitors that may be expected there.

In addition to the honors secured by successful competition, this year's increased premium list, as will be seen by examining the printed lists, now in circulation, offers greater inducements than any of previous years; particularly in the Mechanical and Manufacturing Departments, with the view to bringing those interests more prominently before the public.

As a proof of the success resulting from the encouragement afforded to Mechanical genius, it was gratifying to witness the achievement obtained in the improved Mowing and Reaping Implements, when testing their working powers as labor saving machines, at the recent trials which took place near Toronto. These trials, both in grass and grain, have proved most conclusively that the time is not far distant when these machines will be as necessary adjuncts to the farm, as that important implement, the plough, itself.

The difficulties in some instances heretofore experienced by exhibitors and others, through the want of waterproof buildings and suitable space in which to exhibit the finer articles of Manufactures, the productions of the Ladies' Handiwork, and the Fine Arts, &c., will happily be obviated at the coming show, as Toronto and its neighborhood, with an enterprize worthy of its people, have now in course of construction, and at a very considerable cost, a magnificent structure composed principally of iron and glass, to be perfectly waterproof, and suitable for all the requirements of that or any similar exhibition which may be holden there; so that those engaged in the finer branches of manufacture, or the more costly productions of art for the exhibition, have a perfect guarantee for security and protection to their articles. This edifice, when completed, which will be before the holding of the show—will not only be a credit to Toronto but the Province at large; and possess an attraction, from its novelty and beauty of structure, as well as its richly filled courts during the time of the Exhibition, rarely to be seen in this country.

A difficulty and much inconvenience in obtaining accommodation have been experienced at some of the places where the Provincial Exhibitions have heretofore been held, so that many persons have been thereby deterred from visiting these great expositions of Canadian Industry and Arts, Toronto, from its magnitude and ample accommodation, affords sufficient assurance that nothing need be feared on that account. In addition to the private enterprize of the citizens, in seeing that the public are properly provided for, we have the guarantee of an excellent committee of management, and the immediate surveillance of the members of the Board of Agriculture, to warrant