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## Report on the Provincial Exhibition of 1852.

### GENTLEMEN OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK SOCIETY:—

The third Report of the Society, which was published in August last, fully details the steps which had been taken up to that period for holding a grand Provincial Exhibition in Fredericton; and the general plan therein sketched has since been carried out with the most complete success.

The Society may justly be congratulated on having exhibited to the public in a manner not to be impugned or misrepresented, "a true test and living picture" of the capabilities of the Province, and "the point of development to which they had attained" in the year 1852.

The late period of the year fixed upon for the Exhibition was a cause of some uneasiness, but on the whole it would have been hardly possible to have held it under a more favorable concurrence of circumstances. The chances of unpropitious weather and the darkness of the evenings in October, together with the distance of the Grove from town, induced the Committee to hold the chief part of the Exhibition in and adjoining to the Province Building, instead of the Grove, as was originally contemplated; and the progress of things fully justified the Committee in this change of plan.

Negotiations were entered into with M. Stead, Esq., Architect, St. John, who submitted an outline of a building to be placed immediately in front of the Province Hall, and the whole was put into his charge, subject to the control of a Committee, consisting of the President, the Vice Presidents for St. John and York, and the Corresponding Secretary. The arrangement with Mr. Stead was concluded on the 3rd day of July.

The Corresponding Secretary addressed letters to the various Agricultural Societies, Mechanics' Institutes, Local Committees, Manufacturing Establishments, and individuals in various parts of the Province, from most of whom encouraging answers were received.

He likewise attended and addressed public meetings in St. John and Fredericton, and personally visited almost all the Manufacturing Establishments of these Cities. Premium lists, advertisements, and addresses were published and disseminated freely, not only throughout the Province, but elsewhere, and an interest in the scheme was thus generally excited.

By the beginning of September, the Executive Committee had assurances of very general support, not only in donations to the Exhibition fund, but also in regard to articles for Exhibition.