

"I hope that your sons and grandsons may look back on the year 1852, as the year in which a fresh impulse was given to the industry and prosperity of the Province. I earnestly pray that as that prosperity grows and strengthens, the ties of loyalty and affection which bind you to Great Britain may grow and strengthen—that these colonies—Canada, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick may be destined, under Providence, to show to the world what can be done by British industry and energy under British Institutions, as applied in North America."

At the conclusion of the Lieutenant Governor's Address, the President conducted His Excellency and Lady Head over the Exhibition, which was now declared to be formally opened.

The crowd during the first day was overpowering, and some idea of the numbers may be had from the fact that during the day the large sum of £250 was received for tickets of admission.

The effect of the sight of our Exhibition of agricultural produce is well described in the following extract from a recent lecture of our clever and amusing friend, W. Watts, Esq., which it may be well to reproduce:—

"John Bluenose stood amazed, surprised, confounded, in view of the crops of *his own farm and garden—thought at first it must be somebody else's*—and when the glad surprise settled at last into the more glorious conviction, that it was all the fruit of *Provincial fertility and industry*—John fired up with new courage, cocked his hat, gave a tug to his shirt collar, and went home with larger faith, vowing he'd make the next show better.

"But you must not suppose that Bluenose was led to this conviction by the evidence of his own eyes employed on these trophies of his own fields—that had been too bold by half for him. He had to wait till a gentleman who had just returned from the great Upper Canada Fair, then lately held at Toronto, had first declared that our farm produce was greatly superior to their's; till another traveller who had been present at many of the great Agricultural anniversaries in the United States had given the same testimony;—till Mr. Sykes, the English railway contractor, had endorsed a similar opinion, and an Ayrshire farmer, who had time and again seen the finest Agricultural shows in Scotland, repeated the same tale;—then, and not till then, the glad assurance settled down into the heart of Bluenose, that notwithstanding his little faith—his imperfect husbandry—his paucity of agricultural implements—his wastefulness in manures—his carelessness in drainage—his disregard of systematic cropping, indeed of all the appliances of scientific agriculture—the simple fertility of the soil, and his own unskilled industry, had enabled him to gather on those shelves, a show of field and garden productions, worthy to be

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