

adviser having dissuaded me from attempting it, Lieut.-Governor Tilley, at the unanimous request of the Committee, has finally consented to deliver the closing address on Friday—a substitution which will be highly acceptable, I am sure, to the public, and which is most agreeable to myself.

In closing I have only to congratulate you and the committee on having applied for and obtained the assent of an accomplished speaker, well known to us all in the person of our esteemed Lieut.-Governor, whom I now have the honor of introducing to you, to deliver the opening address.

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR ARCHIBALD'S OPENING ADDRESS.

The magnificent assemblage gathered within this building is a pleasing proof of the interest felt by all classes in the Exhibition now about to be opened. It forms too a graceful acknowledgement, on the part of the community, of the eminent services rendered by the gentlemen who have laboured to make this Exhibition a success. It is an acknowledgment to which these gentlemen are well entitled. They have had several months of assiduous toil in preparing for the event of to-day. They have had to provide for an infinite number of details, indispensable to the success of the Exhibition, but wholly unknown to the general public; and now that their work is approaching its completion; now that the curtain is about to be drawn and the public admitted to see the result of their labours, it must be gratifying to these gentlemen to witness the interest which your presence on this occasion in great numbers, and in many cases from a great distance, evinces in the object which has occupied so much of their time and thought. That object has been to place before you a representation of the products of certain industries in which our people are largely engaged,—in an especial and particular manner to show the products of that great industry, which in this, as in every country, underlies all other industries—I mean the cultivation of the soil and the subsidiary employments growing out of Agricultural operations.

In this respect the present Exhibition differs from some that have preceded it. Its range is less extensive. Manufactures generally and the productions of art do not come within its scope. It deals principally with the products of the farm and the garden. It is intended to show what amount of excellence is within the reach of the agriculturist, the stock raiser and the gardener, under the circumstances, in the climate and with the soil, with which those classes have to deal in Nova Scotia.

We ought all to form accurate conceptions of our country, of its character and capabilities. An Exhibition like this will do much to help us in that respect. There are two errors into which we may fall—we may overrate our country, or we may underrate it. It is better to do neither, but if there is to be a mistake at all, I confess I have some sympathy with the man who allows his judgment to be a

little bit
birth of
with so
home of
flower
every
and re
parted
though
picture
only—
other.
accoun
mean
poltro
in.

But
no de
lities.
trial n
positi

The
neck
bays
Provi
termi
indus
water
facili
impo
white
of we
Ther
out o
for d
any
but
or S

T
area
yet
the
for
(\$3,
othe
our
crea
our