

completed the necessary arrangements in connection with the Exhibition. From the time it was taken hold of till the present moment they have been engaged in endeavoring to make it a grand success. I may say that this is a matter of which the people of this Province may well feel proud. When we look around us and see products of all kinds displayed before our eyes, we have, as Nova Scotians, great reason to be proud of the exhibition we have made. I think it a great success. No doubt it is due to the indefatigable industry and energetic action of the City Council that we have such a laudable and praiseworthy undertaking brought to such a happy completion. An allusion was made to the exhibition at Ottawa, and it was intimated that this was the first of a series to be held all over the Dominion; this is good; the results will be beneficial. Nova Scotians can compete with their fellow countrymen. While speaking of Nova Scotia, let me say, that although it is a small country, yet it has produced more men of eminence, in whatever department of life we look, than any of its larger friends. Among her sons we find illustrious names; names recorded on the page of history. Who was it that stretched, as it were, a line of steamers from Halifax to England? It was a son of Nova Scotia; I refer to the late Sir Samuel Cunard. It was he who made that voyage as safe as the journey from London to Edinburgh was a few years ago. Again, if we turn to the page that tells us of the heroes of our wars, we find the names of Nova Scotians. Think on the names of Sir F. Williams, and General Inglis, the gallant defender of Lucknow: names not only known in Nova Scotia, but elsewhere. Turn to literature, and here we have names of which we have no reason to be ashamed; authors born in Nova Scotia, whose works are read wherever the English language is known. In conclusion, I may express a hope that our farmers will still continue to use their best exertions to enrich their land, &c., so that when the time comes for another exhibition, it may be their privilege and their pride to exhibit their produce in the best condition. Then will our Nova Scotian products still occupy a high position when compared with those of our sister Provinces, as in this in which they are distinguished. I shall not trouble you further with any remarks at this stage, but thank you for your kind attention.

The Lieut. Governor then declared the Exhibition to be open.

THE PROPOSED NEW BRUNSWICK EXHIBITION OF 1880.

(From the Maritime Farmer, of Fredericton.)

A LARGE and influential meeting was held in St. John on Monday evening last, to consider matters relating to the Exhibition of next year. From the array of names published in the St. John papers of those who were present, and those who were placed on the Committee, we are inclined to think that St. John has taken hold of this matter in the right spirit, and we will expect good results from the deliberation of such a meeting. St. John is proverbially slow to move,

but when her citizens once resolve to do anything, they do it with a will, and seldom fail to be successful.

The Mayor occupied the chair, and two resolutions were passed, one affirming the opinion of the meeting that an Exhibition should be held in St. John in the Autumn of 1880, and the other appointing a committee to act with the committee of the St. John Agricultural Society, in considering the preliminary arrangements, and ways and means for holding the Exhibition, and report to another meeting of the citizens. The committee appointed in conformity to this resolution numbers eighty-two, when that of the St. John Society is added, it will be large enough in all conscience. We hope there will be wisdom in the multitude of council.

Mr. Magee, on behalf of the St. John Society, submitted a statement of the probable cost of the Exhibition, which he put at \$12,000, and \$8,000 for premiums, say in all \$20,000. He estimated the receipts at the gate would be \$8,000, leaving a balance of \$12,000, which the Government was asked to pay.

At the meeting of the St. John Society and a few others held last week, the Attorney-General and the Secretary for Agriculture were present, when the same statement was read and explained by Mr. Magee. The Attorney-General then stated that the Government would expect St. John to provide the necessary accommodation for holding the Exhibition, and this being done, the Government would pay all other expenses and the premiums, and of course collect all the receipts. This statement does not seem to have been clearly made to the meeting on Monday, and perhaps the meeting did not reach that point, as they resolved to appoint a committee to inquire into all these matters. Any locality getting the location of an Exhibition, should be prepared to contribute largely towards it, Toronto gave about \$60,000 this year for that purpose; Halifax gave \$20,000; Fredericton gave upwards of \$7,000 last year, and why should St. John expect to get it next year, without paying anything. We do not deny that St. John has strong claims for consideration at this time, and we hope to see a liberal policy adopted towards it, but to ask too much may have the effect of injuring their course. We hope the committee will be prepared to do all they can, and in this way enlist the sympathy of the Government to meet them as far as possible.

The Government might hold the Exhibition in Fredericton without being put to the cost of one dollar for accommodation, but we do not put this forward at present, as we believe it for the general good that it should be held in St. John this

time, but in the event of satisfactory arrangements not being made, we would then expect the Government to decide upon holding it here. This shows the wisdom of giving aid only to permanent buildings. Spending large sums time and again upon temporary buildings is costly and unsatisfactory. If St. John was putting the money in permanent structures, we could heartily advocate a much larger grant.

THE LIVERPOOL, (QUEEN'S CO.) EXHIBITION, 8TH OCT., 1879.

(From an "Extra" of the Liverpool Advance.)

THE Exhibition for South Queen's was opened at 2 p. m. to-day. There was a very large attendance from various parts of the County, and the Exhibition was highly creditable, and one of which we may well be proud, as the fruits and roots are far in advance of those exhibited in Halifax. When the time arrived for opening the Exhibition, in due form, J. L. Hemmeon, Esq., President of the Society, took the Chair, and after a few appropriate remarks introduced I. N. Mack, Esq., the late Speaker of the House of Assembly, who delivered in substance the following address:—

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:—I could have wished that the opening address of to-day, had been entrusted to one more capable of doing justice to the occasion. Those who remember the creditable display made at the Exhibition of 1877, and the able and eloquent opening address delivered then, and then call to mind the great improvement which was apparent in the display of last year, and the appropriate and practical speech with which it was opened, on looking at the spectacle presented here to-day, and noting on all sides the improvements visible on the Exhibitions of the last two years, might reasonably expect that the opening speech to-day should exhibit the same marked improvement over those of the two former occasions. Such, I fear, will be disappointed. I have been able but to jot down, as occasion offered, such suggestions and remarks as presented themselves, but have been prevented by stress of circumstances, from extending these or putting them into such order as the occasion demands.

The increased and increasing interest in agricultural pursuits, shown by the people of our County in the last three years, is one of the few pleasing aspects of an outlook otherwise sufficiently gloomy and disheartening. Several causes have contributed to this, not the least of which have been the very successful exhibitions of the past two years. They have shown that not only the rich and fertile soils of