

"I have been appointed by the Board as the Special Agent to visit and solicit the interest of Canada and the other British North American Colonies, and am at present here to receive the sanction of the Hon. Executive Committee, under whose auspices, and with whose special introductions and commendations to the Governors of those respective Provinces I shall personally visit Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick.

"There is much interest felt here in your Provincial Exhibition, to be held in October next, and I beg, through you, as the Secretary of that enterprise, to lay before its directors, and call their special attention to the World's Fair at New York. It will be unnecessary to speak of the great mutual advantage to be derived from a creditable representation of the British North American Provinces on this occasion at New York. The opening will be an occasion of some ceremony. The President of the United States and other high officials will honor it with their presence; the Governor General and Lieutenant Governors of the other Provinces will have invitations to attend, and the opportunity will be perhaps the best that can ever be afforded for personal explanations and friendly adjudications of the complex question of reciprocal trade between the Provinces and this country.

"Any communications addressed to me, care of Wm. Whetten, Esquire, Secretary, &c., 53 Broadway, will be kindly acknowledged.

"I beg to refer you to New York Albion, 4th September, 1852, noticing this matter,

"I remain your obedient servant,

"JAMES WHITMAN.

"DAVID S. KERR, Esquire,

"Secretary Provincial Exhibition."

"From these letters you will be able to judge what is best to be done, and perhaps some gentleman present will, in the course of the evening, propose a resolution on the subject for the consideration of the meeting. My own opinion is, that it is a subject that should be taken up by the Government, and a recommendation submitted to the Legislature for pecuniary aid.

"I think it necessary to call your attention also to a report made by Mr. Professor Jack, on the subject of existing difference in the size of the half bushel measures used in different places in this Province, which is as follows:—

{ "KING'S COLLEGE, Fredericton,
7th October, 1853.

"The Jury appointed to determine the weight of the grains shown at the Provincial Exhibition, having called upon me to examine two half-bushel measures, in the contents of which they had detected a