

sion—that which makes a man despair, and that which stimulates him to fresh exertion.

“If we look to the past we have no reason to be discouraged. The time is not far removed when the greater part of the River St. John was traversed only by the Indian and the Beaver. The site of the City of Saint John itself was a wilderness within the memory of one or two persons now in this room. Now, happy homes and cultivated fields are seen on each side from St. John to the Grand Falls.

“If we look to the future, we may hope that the vast sea of forest which divides the Province into two parts, will be traversed by half a dozen roads, each bordered by thriving settlements. The progress of Upper Canada shows us what *can* be done—but all this must depend on your own exertions.

“These exertions will be materially aided by such Exhibitions and meetings as the present, which will be useful in three ways:—

“1st, By what they *do show*;

“2nd, By what they *do not show*;

“3rd, By the contact and intercourse which they produce.

“With regard to what they do show, we must not be disappointed at the small number of productions of the fine arts, or of ornamental manufacture; such things cannot be expected in abundance in a new country like this.

“There is no department of the Exhibition more important than that which relates to Agriculture. I am glad to see those Agricultural Implements; such a manufacture is important in all countries, but more especially in one where labour is scarce. Your first business in New Brunswick is to grow your own food.

“There is much to be learnt from what is *not* shown, because it is every man's business to consider how far it is advantageous or possible for him to supply some of those deficiencies.

“But, nothing in such gatherings as the present is more important than the fact that men from all parts of the country are brought together. One of the faults of New Brunswick is the division which sometimes exist among you. I wish to see the day when the Cornish motto, “*one and all*,” could be applied to you, and when every man shall lend his hand to that which benefits the whole Province, and not his own neighbourhood alone.

“GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE,

“In again thanking you for your reception of myself and Lady Head, I desire to repeat my hearty good wishes for the success of your endeavours. I know at what you have aimed, and I know that I am expressing your feelings as well as my own, when I say that I hope this Exhibition may be an epoch in the History of New Brunswick.