

# THE GREAT EXHIBITION.

## NEW BRUNSWICK SOCIETY,

*For the encouragement of Agriculture, Home Manufactures and Commerce throughout the Province.*

The Annual Meeting of this Society, at the County Court House, in Fredericton, was held on the evening of the 7th day of January, 1852. The President took his seat and as chairman of the Executive Committee submitted the Annual Report of the Society's doings for the information of the public, of which the following is a copy:—

GENTLEMEN.—It becomes my duty to Report the Society's doings during the past year since the last anniversary held in January, and to offer such observations as occur to me in regard to the Society's operations.

It has been a principal object with the Society, and it has been thought particularly incumbent upon it in the early stages of its proceedings, to disseminate as widely as it was able *sound information* connected with the important objects which it is its aim to advance; with this view committees were named to investigate and prepare reports to be submitted to the Society on some of the principal subdivisions of the three great interests which the Society is established to advance, and others allied therewith. These have been published under the supervision of the Society, and widely circulated. The first part of the Journal of our proceedings contains the early reports so submitted, and the course which the Society has thus taken, has I believe met with very general approbation. Since the period of the last annual meeting several other reports on very important subjects have been published. One of them is on Draining; an operation on the effectual performance of which much of the success of Agriculture depends. It is only within a very late period that the full importance of this subject has begun to be understood, even in England, whose Agriculture we have been apt to suppose must have been long since much more perfect than it is now believed to be.

The Report enters very fully into the whole subject, pointing out the various modes adopted in regard to different localities, and the rationale of the benefits thereby communicated to the soil in the nourishment of plants.

A Report has also been made on the improvement of Bars and Stables, both as regards the protection and well being of the cattle, and the preservation and management of manure, with such practical advice as seemed to be loudly called for.

The subject of another Report is the culture of Flax, which although it has not yet attracted much attention in this Province, the Society are induced to think may hereafter be profitably raised and applied. The promotion of our internal prosperity will be very sensibly advanced should these anticipations be realized, and the Society is disposed to watch with great interest any attempts which may be made in this direction. This report enters into many interesting details in regard to the management and preparation for manufacturing purposes of the article in question. A Report has been also presented on the subject of Immigration, and one on the means of encouraging new settlers. These reports set forth the difficulties which beset the emigrant on his first arrival, and those peculiar to the formation of settlements in remote