

remedy is with yourselves. You must by local or county Exhibitions increase the interest in your noble employment and give an impetus to farming, that a keen competition may be excited among yourselves in your vocation, as to who can raise the best stock, till the ground so that, all things being equal, it will produce the largest and finest roots and plants, and, in fine as to who is the best practical farmer in the county and whose farm is the model farm on the Island of Cape Breton. It remains with yourselves; which course will you take?

*From the Morning Chronicle, 7th Oct., 1874.*

It must have been apparent to all, even at the first glance, that Nova Scotia has indeed progressed of late years and is rapidly developing her great agricultural resources. The display in the first hall is proof sufficient that our position among fruit growing countries has improved. The numberless varieties of the different kinds of fruit shown, and the beauty of the samples, gave some idea of what are the capabilities of many parts of our Province, and especially of the favoured Annapolis Valley, while in roots and vegetables, in grain and field seeds, the results are to the full as satisfactory.

But, we imagine, the most marked progress is to be seen in the stock department, one of the finest of the show and one quite capable of sustaining favourably a comparison with exhibitions of a similar nature in the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario. The efforts of recent years have borne good fruit, and the breed of cattle, of sheep, of pigs has been vastly improved. In whatever else the present exhibition may be lacking, it certainly does not fall short of the expectations entertained by many that our farmers and cattle raisers would be able to send superb specimens of animals.

As much cannot, perhaps, be said of the section of horses, although here also progress may be noted. Further attention must be paid to the breeding of horses, so that at the next exhibition we may be able to point to creditable animals raised in the Province.

It is impossible, of course, within the limits of this article, to descant at all fully upon the merits of the one class or the other, but it is proper to establish the fact that we have every reason to be proud of the Provincial Exhibition of 1874. When it is borne in mind with how many difficulties of all sorts agriculturists have had to contend, and when it is remembered of how very recent growth is the general interest in such matters, there can be but one expression of opinion and but one verdict in regard to the show—that, as far as it goes, it is decidedly a success.

Many will be inclined to regret, and indeed the regret has found voice, that

manufactures were not also included and the range of the Exhibition greatly extended. The regret is a very natural one, as it would have been most interesting to compare, especially at this time, the standing of our manufacturers with that of their competitors in other Provinces of the Dominion. But, perhaps, it would not have been possible to do full justice both to manufactures and agricultural products. As it is we find the spacious premises already filled to overflowing and no one who yesterday visited the Exhibition could have desired to see the show of fruits, flowers, plants, or grains in any way reduced. The promoters of this Exhibition can justly be congratulated on the completeness of their success and on the response they met with from agriculturists; had they included manufactures, they might have had a more varied display but, it is possible, not so thorough illustrations of the capabilities of the Province as an agricultural country. At all events we feel quite satisfied with matters as they are; a Manufacturers' Exhibition, we think, would be highly desirable, believing, at the same time, that it will be all the better for being a special one like this.

The public evinced yesterday a great deal of interest. To many of the visitors it may be that certain departments did not appear as satisfactory as to others, for which fact an easy reason may be given, viz., that everybody is not equally able to judge of a flower and of a prize bull, but we are certain that the popular opinion was that the Exhibition, as we have already said, is a success.

*From the Halifax Evening Express.*

The Exhibition has been after all a greater success than we believed it would be. We are quite willing to admit that our fears proved to a certain extent (after the first day and night which certainly justified them) to be without solid foundation; and we are very much gratified at the success of the Exhibition. We are particularly so, since we have witnessed how exceedingly hard the various managers and committees have been working, how well all the internal arrangements work, how complete the organization for keeping order is, and how considerate of the public convenience all the arrangements are. We should be glad to dwell particularly upon the labors of the Officers, but as they are patent to all,—praise may become naturally superfluous. Yesterday an immense crowd of people was present. They thronged all the rooms and all the parts of the grounds, surrounded all the articles, grew enthusiastic over the most admirable, witty over the odd ones, and patriotic over the great natural productions of the country in the vegetable line. The more one sees of the exhibition, the more one becomes

convinced, in spite of the familiarity of the articles, that the display is greatly creditable.

It is simply impossible to do justice to the merits of many of the classes of articles exhibited. The exhibition really includes a great number of branches of industry, and many persons will wonder why, when so much expense was incurred, and such high prices charged for admission, greater efforts were not made to make the exhibition more general. But it is far more easy to find fault than to do justice on an occasion of this kind, and as the general voice accords to the exhibition itself the medal of success, we have no niggard desire to withhold our own more qualified approval.

*From the Eastern Chronicle.*

The weather throughout was most propitious, the display of Live Stock, grains, roots, vegetables, manufactured articles, &c., was on the whole very good, and all arrangements appeared to have been satisfactorily carried out. The Halifax papers which have devoted most space to publishing interesting details of the Exhibition speak of it as a success. We notice that the greater proportion of prizes for fruit and for thorough-bred stock go chiefly to the West Counties including Halifax and Colchester. Pictou County has, however, taken a respectable number of prizes.

*From the Halifax Evening Reporter.*

It has often been remarked that a county is judged, and sometimes very unfairly, by those of its inhabitants whom we chance to meet—seldom a true representative of the whole country; and in the present exhibit of the productions of our country, although they are certainly of a very high order, it is not safe to take them as a criterion of the capabilities of the country for raising the various kinds of fruit, vegetables, &c., which we believe might still be very considerably improved. Nor are we at all sure that Nova Scotia's best, either in the productions of the soil, or the live stock, is to be seen at the present Exhibition; for during the last few days we have heard it remarked from various quarters that several of our worthy farmers were deterred from exhibiting simply from the fact that the exhibition was held in Halifax, to which place they found it difficult to bring their stock and fruits, etc. Whether this feeling is very wide-spread or not we cannot say; but, taking all things into consideration, we think the capital of the country is preferable for a gathering of this kind to any other spot, if for nothing else than to engender and maintain a mutual interest and good feeling between our citizens and their country friends, many of whom will go back to their