

ness in this Province a variety of sources of industry which only require to be worked up to make us one of the most prosperous peoples in the world.

I here beg leave to testify as Mayor of the city, to the uniform good conduct of our visitors, and exhibitors, among the many thousands of whom I did not hear of a single instance of disorderly conduct, in fact the police reported to me that "we can't make anything for the city out of these people, they are all ladies and gentlemen." (Laughter.) Any man might be proud to belong to such a people. I now bid you farewell, wishing you a pleasant journey to your respective homes.

Cheers were given for the Queen, the two Governors and Mr. McHessey, when the singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

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To-day, our city is full of strangers—not entire strangers—but those who only occasionally visit the capital. The Exhibition seems to have a universal interest, and every section of the Province is well represented in the throng that has poured all day long in and out of the Exhibition building. It is rarely that more people from the rural districts have visited Halifax—perhaps never since H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was here.

We regret—but we are not surprised—to hear that there is a great lack of hotel accommodation, and that many of the visitors have found great difficulty in getting comfortable lodgings—or, in fact, any lodgings at all. The press of this city has, again and again, pointed out our deficiency in the matter of hotel accommodation. At present it is entirely insufficient for the real demands of the travelling public, and, at times of more than ordinary influx, every thing is confusion, and no one is properly entertained. A bad impression of the city is thereby engendered, and people omit to visit us on subsequent occasions. We fail to discover any disposition on the part of those who ought to be foremost in such matters to remedy this radical and glaring deficiency. The press have offered to insert notices of places which would be opened to visitors at this period of extraordinary influx, but scarcely any have availed themselves of the liberal offer. We have a strong confidence, however, that this matter will rectify itself in due time; nevertheless, we cannot but lament the tardiness of our citizens to recognize the full force of these observations.

The influx of multitudes of people from the rural districts should be utilized for the advancement of the city. It should be the aim of the metropolis of every country to make itself essentially the centre of interest and attraction to all parts of that country. The most friendly feeling should be cultivated and the most intimate commercial, industrial and social

relations should be fostered. The one should come to have a community of interest with the other, and both should be mutually dependent on the other. Their aims should blend, and their prosperity be inseparably linked together. The City of London owes its immense proportions and unparalleled growth to the fact that all England centres there. London contains everything and is everything that Englishmen wish and desire. Every Englishman of position visits London every year from Cornwall to Northumberland—from Dover to Cardigan Bay.

We fear that the most cordial and intimate relations between Halifax and the remainder of the Province has not heretofore excited. Nova Scotians have not, that we are aware, ever professed any great personal pride in their Capital City. True, the larger part of our country dealers purchase their supplies here, and Halifax affords a convenient market for most of our productions. But even here we do not enjoy a monopoly—many Western dealers patronizing St. John, and some Eastern men obtaining their supplies from Montreal. In matters of this kind it is not well to indulge in any whining complaints—this will not rectify matters. We should rather ignore the past, if it has been fruitful of neglect in any important particular, and fashion our course more wisely in the future. Halifax has always been a city of great expectations. Its inhabitants have always held an unswerving belief in some brilliant destiny that must, in the nature of things, come about some day. We do not wish to weaken this faith in the least, but would suggest that our prosperity as a commercial centre can only be brought about in the natural and legitimate manner. Nothing could tend so largely to the prosperity of Halifax as to constitute it the favorite and fashionable centre of all Nova Scotia,—to induce the people of the country to come up here as often as possible and to cultivate a sort of Provincial *esprit du corps* having its heart in Halifax.

No pains should be spared to make such occasions as the present, when multitudes of people from the country are visiting Halifax, the means of promoting good feeling towards the Capital. A right good hospitality should be extended, and the best view of the city should be presented. It is to be regretted that some general public meeting in connection with the Exhibition had not been arranged to take place on an evening during the week. At such a gathering our general interests could have been pleasantly and profitably talked over, and a common sentiment evoked. We should not hesitate to make efforts and sacrifices at this important period of our history to secure a healthy and lasting prosperity.

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Taking all together, we confess to a feeling of disappointment. We believe the agricultural growth of the country to be far ahead of what a stranger would suppose if he took the show at the Drill Shed and adjoining properties as a criterion. From some reason or other the *Provincial* Exhibition hardly comes up to the mark of some of the *local* Exhibitions.

We think it well to say so, because we don't want our farmer friends to go away believing they have made progress, when others cannot see it. We are confident that had there been the proper amount of interest shown by the farmers themselves, a better Exhibition would have resulted. Why there has not been that interest is just the question we should like to see solved. If we are going to have these Exhibitions every year, and if they are to be confined to Agriculture, then it is plain our farmers need stirring up to heartier sympathy with the movement. We should judge, from the results of the Exhibition, that a few farmers, who could be counted on one's fingers, are scattered throughout the Province, with public-spiritedness enough to go earnestly and scientifically into the stock-raising and the other branches appertaining to agriculture; and that the rest are wrapped up in an indifference which prevents them appreciating the value of skill and science in agriculture. It would seem that, thus far, the sun of earnest endeavor has gilded the tops of the mountains, and the valleys still lie in darkness. It is only the early morning of agricultural knowledge that shows itself through the Exhibition as the actual condition of the Province in that department of industry. We, of course, cannot say whether this is or is not so—we can only record our impressions as formed from a cool survey of the Exhibition. Certainly a stranger would not be wonderfully impressed with a belief in the attainments of the Nova Scotia farmer as a scientific, careful and able agriculturist, from anything seen in the Exhibition. Possibly these attainments are not things that can be exhibited. We do not pretend to say whether they are or not. But it does not begin to strike one as an Ontario Exhibition does. There, you are, *per force*, shut up to the conclusion that the farmers are as skilled in their calling as the merchant and the banker and the mechanic are in theirs, and that they are keenly alive to anything that goes on anywhere, conducive to the improvement of agriculture. That was our impression. We confess we did not feel the same impression in the Spring Garden Exhibition, though we are not of those who think nothing good that is at home, and look at everything abroad *couleur de rose*. Our im-