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OPENING CEREMONIES.

THE Formal Opening of the Exhibition commenced on Tuesday 6th October, at 2 o'clock, P.M. It had been arranged that the opening ceremonies should take place at the Grand Stand in the centre of the Cattle Field, but the doubtful state of the weather induced a change in the arrangements, and the whole proceedings were conducted in the Drill Shed. His Excellency General Doyle, Lt.-Governor of the Province, was escorted by a Guard of Honour of H. M. 47th Regt. Besides Members of the Committee and others who took part in the proceedings, there was a large concourse of spectators.

The Hon. Chief Justice Young, on behalf of the Commissioners, presented to His Excellency the following

ADDRESS.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR-GENERAL CHARLES HASTINGS DOYLE,
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF NOVA SCOTIA, &c., &c., &c.

The Commissioners of the Provincial Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition, have much gratification in meeting your Excellency at this opening ceremony, and in announcing the completion of the useful and extensive undertaking with which they have been entrusted.

It would be needless for the Commissioners to dwell on the importance and advantages of periodical exhibitions of the progress made in the various branches of a country's agricultural and manufacturing industry. The great and universally admitted success which has attended those exhibitions in the Parent Country, in France, in the United States, and in Eastern and Western Canada, has established their value beyond the reach of controversy. While they afford an unerring means of determining the progress made by a people in the various pursuits of art and industry in the period which has elapsed since any former exhibition, they tend largely to foster that progress by the legitimate stimulus which they supply to every department of industrial pursuits.

Five years ago the Legislature provided, by Act, for Exhibitions every third or fourth year in central localities in the Province, and two years ago the time for the first Exhibition was definitely fixed by Resolution of the House of Assembly for the present year, and the Legislature pledged themselves to provide the necessary funds. Last year the sum