

quantity. With a free admission for Provincial beef in the United States' markets, our County of Westmorland would send them more beef before many years than would equal in value all our present exports.

"Now, if New Brunswick is not an agricultural country, where is one to be found? Some samples of our Gloucester wheat were sent, a few years since, to Britain, and so surprised the corn-brokers, that a sheaf had to be forwarded to satisfy them that the grains had not been picked. True it is our farmers have their difficulties—and other farmers in other countries have theirs—they are common to every employment and to every country—flies and rust injure wheat elsewhere as often as in New Brunswick, and the blight has destroyed other people's potatoes as well as ours. The immense importance of agricultural success to national prosperity is shewn in England by the anxiety with which every indication of fair or unfavorable weather is watched, not only by the agriculturist, but by the merchant and the statesman. One week of bad or good weather, at a critical season for the crops, will affect the markets of the world.

"There is no ground for discouragement or dissatisfaction with our country—there is no necessity for emigration from it. New Brunswick possesses a wealth in her potato fields superior to the gold fields of Australia, and our winters are infinitely better than their droughts. Much has been said about and against our winters—much that is exaggerated and untrue. Why, cold as they are, they are healthy—fertilize our soil—make us good and easy roads and bridges, and do us much good service. Who that knows New Brunswick would have a New Brunswick with no snow?

"Our farmers are improving, and they will improve. They will cultivate a smaller surface of land, and work it better and more advantageously: they are progressing with the intelligence and improved facilities of the age. We hail their improvement and prosperity with satisfaction, because it is identical with the improvement and prosperity of our country. Agriculture feeds us, and in part clothes us—it is the central pillar, which is the chief support of all Provincial enterprise and success.

"When we turn from Agriculture to Manufactures, we find that but one-fifth of the value is expended in Manufacturing labor that is given to Agriculture; or, in figures, a scale of £391,351. The gross value of Provincial labour in Agriculture, Manufactures, and Fisheries, in the year 1851, amounted to £2,692,920, equivalent, at six per cent., to a capital of £44,000,000.

"The New Brunswick Society, whose representative and organ I have the honor to be to-night, has made the improvement of our domestic manufactures an object only secondary to the paramount