

exhibits was neat and tasteful. The western end of the building was occupied with Messrs. Cumming Brothers' furniture, which was one of the most attractive exhibits in the building. Passing to the left we next come to Mr. Donald Grant's show of doors and shutters which is very fine.

Large tables were placed up and down the whole length of the Hall, and were well filled with fruit, flowers and fancy work of all kinds. The show of fruit attracted the attention of everybody, and proved conclusively that, with care and cultivation, Pictou County can take a front rank in this department. Among the largest exhibits we may mention Mr. Thomas A. McDonald of Durham, Edward Harris, Town Gut, and William Lawrence, Meadows. Among the other exhibits in this department, of which we can only mention some, were the display of the Nova Scotia Glass Works, the Kerr Woollen fabrics, admired by all, Mr. McLaughlin's flower table, A. C. Thompson & Co.'s tinware, A. & J. W. Fraser's harness, and an endless variety of fancy work of all kinds. The department of minerals was well represented by the collection of D. M. Fraser. About ten o'clock the Judges began their work and spectators were kept outside until one, when the opening ceremonies began.

The first speaker was D. C. Fraser, Esq., President of the New Glasgow Agricultural Society, who began by giving a sketch of the origin and rapid progress of the New Glasgow Agricultural Society. It started two years ago with a membership of about 40 and now it numbers over 200. It had done a good work in advancing agriculture in this section of the county. The change is already manifest to everybody. A few years ago it was thought that Pictou County could not afford a county fair oftener than once every second year. The success of the Pictou Exhibition last year and the still greater success of the present one has however dispelled that idea.

He then referred to the fine display, not only of stock and agricultural products, but of manufactured goods, giving undoubted evidence of the material prosperity of Pictou County.

He complimented the Town of New Glasgow on the enterprise shown by its citizens, each man vying with his neighbor in doing all in his power to make the show a success.

After recounting a few of the particulars in which the farmers of this county excel and some in which they are deficient, and administering some wholesome criticism, the President closed a very neat and interesting speech.

The second speaker was J. Macdonnell, Esq., M. P. He referred to the importance of such displays as an educating

medium. He said that the agricultural exhibits, although the exhibition was not strictly an agricultural one, did great credit to Pictou County, and trusted that such displays of our products might be of more frequent occurrence in New Glasgow in future. He said that as a supporter of the Dominion Government he would do all in his power to advance our interests in this way.

A. C. Bell, Esq. M. P. P., said that the large gathering was unmistakable evidence of interest both on the part of promoters and contributors. It is necessary that great interest should be developed by the visitors to derive the utmost advantage from the exhibition. No better proof could be given of the importance of our agricultural interests than the efforts constantly being put forth to improve the method and success of farming. He did not desire to intrude upon the audience. No time or excuse is given here for a lecture on matters agricultural, but it is of importance to consider the proper use that may be made of such an Exhibition. It is not merely as a place where prize money may be secured. It is rather an educational agency by which the farmer not only improves himself but also his neighbors. Profound discontent is what some men require most. Men must be convinced that their system is wrong, and so thoroughly satisfied of this fact that they will set about to change it. No jealousy should be awakened by such displays but rather a mutually helpful spirit. Mr. Bell was listened to with strict attention and closed amid applause.

Several other gentlemen were called upon who did not respond, and, after a few remarks by Mr. Donald Fraser, the President closed the speaking by declaring the Exhibition open.

#### EXHIBITION NOTES.

The number of entries, when the books closed, was over 1300.

There has perhaps never been a finer show of stock in this County. The draft and farm horses were not second to those shown at Halifax.

The show of Ayrshires is also very fine. Among the chief exhibitors are Mr. John McDonald, M. River, Mr. T. J. Cooke, of Mount Pleasant, and H. Townsend, of Brookside Farm.

Fine Jerseys were shown by Messrs. H. Townsend, J. Jones, and T. Cantley.

Messrs. J. W. Carmichael & Co made an attractive display of ships' models.

Messrs. T. Cantley & Co's show of crockery and fancy ware was also very fine, and in its arrangement was a model of neatness.

The samples shown by the Messrs. Kerr & Sons, of Middle River, were universally admired.

A centre of interest on the second floor is the stand of the Nova Scotia Glass Co., which is well covered with glittering rows of lamps, lanterns, chimneys, goblets, tumblers, &c.

The display of butter, we think, is not second to that shown at the Dominion Exhibition. Mrs. Townsend's Jersey butter, yellow as gold, struck us as being particularly fine. The names of those showing the other extra samples we were unable to obtain.

**SHEEP.**—A good show by Mr. John McDonald, of Middle River. There is also a fair show of Cotswolds.

Messrs. Townsend, N. G., and McKenzie, of Roy's Island, show some fine pigs.

The display of Nova Scotia minerals by Mr. D. M. Fraser occupied a prominent place on the second flat. His collection of ores is not easily surpassed. Those of the late J. W. Jackson formed the nucleus to which Mr. F. has made valuable additions. Among them the Guysboro' ore was prominent.

A. & J. W. Fraser show a fine set of harness, and the saddle which took first at the Dominion Exhibition at Halifax.

Mr. Joseph Vaux made a good show of Shropshire Downes. Townsend's prize winners were also on exhibition. The sheep of Mr. J. Scott Fraser and Mr. R. Patterson, of Rogers' Hill, deserve special mention.

Everybody who had anything to do with the Exhibition is loud in praise of the secretary, Mr. Evan Cameron. Very few have any idea of the difficulty of the task he had to perform, and few men could have done it so patiently and faithfully.

#### KIRKTON CREAMERY.

In the latter part of June, Mr. J. S. Pearce of this city, invited us to join him in a trip to the above-named factory. Twenty two miles per G. T. R. to St. Mary's, and a ten-mile drive into Perth, took us to the factory, a neat frame building painted white, having green Venetian blinds on the windows. Instead of looking like a factory, it appeared like a neat little two-story house. We entered. The churn was in motion—a Blanchard. The sweeps, only two in number, were turned in the churn by a small steam engine. At each revolution the sweeps or dash might be distinctly heard giving a sound very similar to the sound of the old dash churn in slow motion, giving apparently a short rest between each stroke, but the motion is steady.

Mr. Geo. Browning, the manager of the factory, informed us that he never liked to produce the butter in less than one hour, and oftener he preferred to churn for one hour and a half, depending on the state of the atmosphere. He could