

that messengers have been directing copies of paper in which this list is to be found, the Agricultural Journal, but somehow or other two or three Counties have not been the recipients of the information which the hon. gentleman has just brought to the notice of the house. The hon member for Cumberland, in speaking against persons from the country being placed upon this committee, asks would they have been willing to come up here at their own expense, to put their hands into their pockets for the purpose of discharging a public duty. Let me tell him, that it would have been just as competent for the government to pay gentlemen on a mission of this kind as to put their hands into the treasury for the purpose of paying gentlemen who came up to attend the Militia Convention which has lately been held in this city, without authority and in defiance of the law.

Hon. Mr. MCFARLANE was understood to say that copies of the paper in question had been sent to every member of the Legislature, and that if the hon. member had not received one, it must have been an oversight.

Mr. ARCHIBALD.—If gentlemen from the different sections of this country had been invited to attend the expenses entailed would be much greater. Could any gentlemen be invited to come up from the country without payments. If instead of devoting the funds to the procuring of articles for the exhibition, they were expended for the expenses of gentlemen from the country, would the interests of the Province be subserved. I know from my own experience how inconvenient it is for gentlemen in the country to come up to attend such affairs. Though my name is on the committee I have not yet been able to attend any of these meetings in consequence of pressing engagements. I look upon this matter as entirely distinct from a provincial one. A number of gentlemen have combined for the purpose of giving information to the old country concerning our resources, and we should certainly encourage them as far as we are able. Perhaps, as it is, our representation will be only feeble, compared with what it might be, but still it would be very unfortunate if Nova Scotia were not represented at all. We have only to look at the results obtained from the representation of Nova Scotia in 1861 in the great International Exhibition, to think favorably of the efforts now being made for an Exhibition at Dublin. This Exhibition, it is noteworthy, will enable us to have our resources, not merely temporarily, but permanently, illustrated, as stated in the papers just read. I may say, however, that I consider the amount to be given by the Provincial Government too small. I would have been disposed in a matter of this kind in which the province is so deeply interested, to have contributed a much larger sum.

Mr. MILLER—I don't think that the hon. member for Cumberland has answered the objection I took. I don't complain so much of the organization of the board, as of the fact that that board, so organized, representing but one part of the province, should come before the house asking for the people's money. It is no answer to my objection to say that gentlemen from the country could not attend. At all events, their assistance might be solicited, and I have no doubt that there are many gentlemen in distant counties from whom much

useful aid and advice might be had. I think, too, that if there is to be a representation of Nova Scotia at the forthcoming Exhibition, it should be one worthy of the province, or we should have none at all. So it was argued when the subject of representation in the great Exhibition of London came up in the house in 1861.

Hon. PROV. SEC.—I don't think, looking over this list, that the hon. member for Richmond is quite justified in the conclusion he has arrived at. But I am very curious to know what kind of committee is wanted by the hon. gentleman. He could not wish to see a county representation in a matter of this kind. It was not done in the case of the International Exhibition. He surely does not wish to have a House of Assembly in the committee. The selection of this committee, I have already stated, was not made by the Government; but on an analysis of its composition, I do not find much ground for the charge made against it. It is quite legitimate for gentlemen representing county constituencies to object to any thing like undue influence being given to the city, but on examining this list what do I find. First, I see that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor is the Chairman. If that high functionary is ready to give his time and attention to the promotion of the country's resources, we must feel it is a compliment to the province. Then we find the name of Major-General Doyle—a gentleman who has administered the government in a manner that has been eminently satisfactory to all classes and parties of this country, and who has always done his best to advance its interests whenever it has been in his power. Then we have the Chief Justice. I think from the position that gentleman occupies, and the manner in which he has been identified with the interests of this country, that he is well entitled to be a member of the Committee—that it is very unlikely the people will find fault with his selection. The next person is a representative of the county of Cumberland. I have never had the honour of representing a city constituency. My interest lies in the county of Cumberland. The next gentleman is the representative of an Eastern county—Antigonish. He is a gentleman who has been identified not only through his public career with the country, but who is known to have always taken a deep interest in the agriculture of the province, and everything that is calculated to promote its prosperity. I refer to the hon. Atty. Genl. The next on the list are the names of Mr. McCully, and the Receiver General, who reside in Halifax, but both of whom are largely identified with the country. The next is the honorable Mr. Howe, who is not a resident of the city, but of Dartmouth. He has occupied a position which, no one will deny, enables him to fill the position with profit to the province. Then the next person is one whose life has been spent in the country until within a few weeks ago—all of whose interests are identified with the country—the hon. member for Annapolis. The next is Mr. Richey, the Mayor, and I cannot think, however disposed the hon. gentleman for Richmond may be to "run a muck" against the city, he will object to the presence of that gentleman on the board. The next person is one who has not the misfortune to live in the city of Halifax—the hon. member for Colchester.