

The Prizes that I have had the pleasure of distributing, have been given after due consideration; and delicate, as well as difficult as the duty has been, I believe the Judges have discharged that task rightly and judiciously.

You must all recollect this has been the first attempt in Nova Scotia to produce an Agricultural Exhibition; we all therefore have much to learn; more organization is probably wanting to enable the Committee to perform their work with efficiency; but where anything has been wanting the good and kind feeling exhibited to-day, by all classes and interests, assures me all allowance will be made.

In distributing these awards to our Farmers it is a gratifying duty to remark on the many admirable specimens of Agriculture exhibited to-day. Our Butter and Cheese may challenge comparison with that of the Old Country; our Fruit and Vegetables, if less numerous, are not to be excelled in size, beauty or flavour. In our Cattle the show has been excellent, though it is evident to me that the Farmers have not seconded nature in their feeding. Adopt the plan in the Old Country. Feed partially your Cattle on Oil Cake, and, in one half the time now expended, and with one half the expense now bestowed you will put more flesh on your animals and give a superior flavour to your Meat, far exceeding that produced by Potatoes and other Vegetables; next year Oil Cake must be tried and must form a leading feature in the Prizes for fat Cattle.

From conviction my feelings and predilections have always been on the Farmers' side, and never was that feeling stronger or more powerful within my breast than at the present moment. It was said, when this Exhibition was first proposed, that it would be a signal failure. The best answer to day that can be given—is the excellence of the show, and the no less animated appearance of those Gardens, when within the last 48 hours I should say that 7000 persons have lent animation to the scene. Next year I propose to hold a similar Exhibition. In the meantime I advise the Farmers to be up and doing—let them improve their Farms and exhibit their superior products. Let your Horses, Cattle, and Poultry be displayed to the best advantage, and above all, remember, "That Union is Strength." Let the Farmer recollect this truth, and at your Agricultural Meetings when its interests are discussed, ponder well what is wanting to uphold, strengthen and invigorate your interests.

In this Country nature has showered on you many of her richest products. Your Fisheries unequalled, your Mines beyond price; and in the interior Tracts of Marsh Land, which, under proper management would most nobly reward the industrious Farmer, and where nature has pointed out to you the spot where Horses and Cattle may be raised without trouble or expense.

Energy is alone wanting to develop those riches and render you independent. Bear in mind what you have seen to-day, and what yet remains to be accomplished.

To your Legislature, to their judicious liberality, do you owe the first foundation stone of this Meeting. When you return to your respective Counties, you will do well to consider which way I can now best serve you, and through your members make known your wishes, and I promise you to use my best exertions with your Houses of Parliament to obtain for you an increased grant this Session for the further importation of Cattle, Horses, Brood Mares, and Sheep.

If your Parliament has been hitherto liberal, I am certain it will now be generous.

*Ladies and Gentlemen.*—I will detain you but a few moments—on my arrival in this country I found Agriculture languishing and the Farmer depressed. Born in a country where Agriculture is regarded as a Science, and where the Princes of the Royal Family, and the most distinguished families of the kingdom vie with each other in the protection of its best interests; where Annual Cattle Fairs and Exhibitions mark the deep and engrossing feeling which pervades English Society in elevating the Agricultural Body; And in a country where the pride in her model Farms, her appreciation of her Cattle are now held in little less estimation and value, than in former days distinguished the votaries of the Turf and marked our Racing Stables and the Pedigrees of our Horses.

To me it is inexplicable why the Agricultural Body of this country seek not to