

The President, Mr. S. J. LYMAN then said,—Before closing the Twentieth Annual Exhibition of this Society, I beg to return thanks to all those who have contributed to its success. Those whose skilful hands have fashioned the tasteful combinations of Floral beauty and color presented in the bouquets and designs before me, those who have carefully cultivated and preserved to us from the frost the large collection of flowers that have delighted us I thank in the name of this Society. I must also express our obligations to those tried friends of Horticulture, Messrs. John Torrance, Henry Thomas, and W. Lunn, for the display of greenhouse plants which adorn the central avenues of the Rink. To Mr. James Dougall, of Windsor, and Mr. Springle, of Montreal, who have filled the tables with the large collection of pears; to Capt. Raynes, Mr. Seymour, Mr. Andrew Allan, and others, who have shown our friends from abroad the rich products of our orchards; to Mr. Law, Mr. Lunn, Mr. Beaudry, Mr. Cooper, and others, who have presented the unequalled display of grapes, we are much indebted. Nor must we be unmindful of the ladies who, vying with nature, have shown such triumphs of skill in the ceramic art presented on the table on my right. It will gratify all who have aided us to know that this is the most successful exhibition we have had for several years. As representing our Sister Provinces, I may say to you, Sir, (turning to Dr. Hamilton) that, although you may not bear upon your shoulders the rich clusters of the vine as a token of the fruitfulness of the land, I trust you will carry with you an impression of the evidence this scene presents of the progress of Horticulture. At least, Sir, I trust you will carry with you the recollection of the warm hearts and kindly regards of those who recognize you not as strangers or foreigners, but as friends and fellow subjects of the British Empire united in the indissoluble bonds of common interests and loyalty to our Queen and Government. (Cheers.) Confederation or no Confederation, I speak the sentiments of all when I say we desire closer commercial and social relations with the people of your Provinces, whom the more we know by the pleasant interchange of courtesies the more we esteem and honor. (Hear, hear.) To you, Sir, as the Minister of Agriculture, I have to express the honor you have done us to-night. The important interests of Agriculture and Emigration in your charge are the main springs, the life and soul, of our prosperity, and it is a matter of congratulation that your eloquence and talents are devoted to such honorable and worthy objects. I now declare the Twentieth Annual Exhibition of this Society closed. (Cheers.)

Mr. Lyman then called for three cheers for the Queen, which was heartily responded to, and were followed by cheers for the Minister of Agriculture and the Maritime Provinces.