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*Omnium rerum, ex quibus aliquid acquiritur, nihil est agricultur melius, nihil uberius, nihil homine libero dignius.—Cicero: de Officiis, lib. I, cap. 42.*

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KENTVILLE, Oct. 3rd, 1877.

We are now in the midst of the most successful and abundant Exhibition of the products of the soil and of native herds and flocks that has ever been presented in Nova Scotia. We have been accustomed, in King's County, to admire the magnificent stretches of marshland, unequalled in richness, recovered from the sea by a people who left them all an unwilling legacy to English colonists; we have, many a time and oft, dwelt with lingering delight upon shadowy glimpses of the pastoral life of the Acadians, with the gentle Evangeline as the central figure, and her poet-patron at once our instructor in history and the guide of our fancy. To-day, the farmer of King's can turn his back upon the past, and say, with honest pride: See what we have ourselves done; this Exhibition, these fruits of the soil, these herds of cattle, are no mere inheritance of richness, no mere borrowed plume from a poet's wing. They are all, in every sense, our own. We have cultivated the rich inheritance with a vigour that became fortunate inheritors sensible of the duty that their good fortune laid upon them, and now we present the result of our labour.

The Exhibition was formally opened on 2nd October. An Address was delivered by His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, which was listened to with attention throughout the whole building, and struck many a chord of sympathy in the heart of every Nova Scotian. His Honor was followed by Colonel Laurie, who presented the Agricultural problem of the

Province in so clear and logical a manner as to render it plain to every one. His Honor Sir William Young concluded by an eloquent appeal to the farmers, in the chaste style and glowing language which are so peculiarly his own,—after which William Eaton, Esq., the Chairman of the Committee, conducted the distinguished visitors over the Exhibition.

In the evening, a discussion took place in the Court House, on Grain Growing, in which the leading farmers of the district, as well as strangers from a distance, took part. Both on Tuesday and Wednesday the attendance at the Exhibition grounds was very large. The influx of visitors has been beyond the capacity of Kentville to accommodate with comfort. It is obvious that the place is too small to have both the Exhibition and the Trotting Park running at the same time. It is hoped, that on future occasions, a mutual arrangement may be made, whereby the interests of the public and of Kentville may be subserved by running the two on separate tracks.

THE Colchester County Agricultural Exhibition, open to the whole Province was held at Wimburn Hill, Truro, in the last week of September, and proved a great success. Tuesday, 25th, was the day of preparation, the Exhibition was formally opened on Wednesday, 26th, at 2 P. M., by an eloquent address from His Honor the Lieut.-Governor. Two thousand persons visited the Cattle Sheds and the Palace of Industry on that occasion, and on the following day the grounds

and buildings were likewise crowded by an orderly assemblage of as intelligent, healthy, and comfortable-looking farmers, and their wives, sons, and daughters as may be found in any country in the world. On Thursday, 27th, the proceedings were brought to a close by an able address by Israel Longworth, Esq., the Representative of the District [No. 4] at the Central Board of Agriculture. In connection with the Exhibition, the Committee invited the farmers to a free meeting in Association Hall for the discussion of agricultural subjects. The attendance was not very large, but the Committee should not be discouraged, as it was about three times as numerous as that of a similar meeting which we attended some years ago in connection with the Annual Exhibition of the New York State Agricultural Society.

The Exhibits were highly creditable to Colchester and other competing Counties in every department except one. The horses were said by some horse men to be very good, but horses are so much on the move that it is difficult to find them, and the horned cattle were certainly of a very high character indeed. Mr. Fraser's excellent Short-Horn Herd, in the highest possible condition, the Royal-blooded and red-coated Devons from Oakfield, the big mountains of beef from Fort Lawrence, and the Ayrshire beauties, so gentle in their milky ways, from Hillside farm, were of themselves sufficient to form a substantial cattle exhibition. But there were many other fine animals, Jerseys and Grades