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Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy Might.

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PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION AT SUSSEX.

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GETTING THERE.

Early on Tuesday morning, Oct. 2nd, the roots of St. John presented an appearance more lively than usual, from the number of citizens and strangers wending their way to the Depot, en route for Sussex Vale. The 8 A. M. train was more than well filled, and we, along with many others had to take our seats in a second class car. The road passed through a fine country, picturesque, diversified by vale, hill and gently flowing river, and for the most part capable of a high state of cultivation. The opinion was expressed by many that few if any railways on this continent, traverse a finer tract of country, one more pleasing to the eye, or more desirable for settlement. Rothsay, Hampton and other points on the line might be specified as delightful localities. The road is well built and the cars fitted up in a tasteful manner. It has not been our fortune to travel on any road in the States that is so even and smooth; there is less jolting than usual, less, several persons informed me, than on the Grand Trunk line. Some half-hour behind time we entered Sussex Valley, and drew up at the Station, a neat and commodious building.

THE BUILDING.

The Exhibition building we found to be an easy ten minutes walk from the station, situated very prettily in a meadow in which the taste of the owner had either left or planted a goodly number of our beautiful New Brunswick trees, whose shade was grateful to those who strolled through the grounds, and whose presence added much to the beauty of the scene. A temporary bridge over a very pretty stream led to the Exhibition grounds. We afterwards climbed one of the hills which bound this valley on almost every side, and found the labour well repaid by the beauty of the view. And yet we felt satisfied to return to Carleton County, assured that though we had seen much that was interesting and worthy a visit, we had seen nothing that equalled it either in the beauty of its natural scenery, or in agricultural capabilities. After witnessing the taste displayed in the selection of the site, we were not a little disappointed at the unsightliness of the building itself. We were prepared for something rough and hastily put together; but not for anything like this. Strangers will surely bear away with them no very exalted opinion of provincial taste and provincial liberality. Could not the probable receipts warrant a proper structure? A few hundreds of dollars more would have provided a building worthy of the occasion, and not discredit to the Province. The next time, it might not be unadvisable to employ a proper builder. We had plenty of time to view the Exhibition on every side, the enclosure for cattle, the ground selected for rifle shooting, &c., before the doors were thrown open preparatory to the arrival of His Excellency; and even to hear the calls of a friend within, whose request for nourishment we endeavoured to satisfy. This however was much easier thought of than accomplished; of this more anon.

THE OPENING.

Shortly before one o'clock the doors were thrown open after no little clatter by the President of the Provincial Agricultural Society; and a steady tide of gowns and coats flowed into the Exhibition, meandering through the main avenues, and gradually overflowing the galleries.

It was past one when the Lieutenant Governor made his appearance with his suite, and took his stand on a dais at the upper end of the Hall. Two or three rather plain chairs silently uttered a most feeble invitation to him to rest himself after his walk, which he did not seem inclined to do. Mr. Botsford, the President of the Provincial Board of Agriculture then read an address to His Excellency the Hon. J. H. T. Manners, Sutton, Lieut. Governor, &c.—
May it please your Excellency—

The Provincial Board of Agriculture having decided that an Exhibition should be held this year at Sussex Vale, and having delegated to us, as its Executive Committee, the authority to superintend and manage it, we beg to announce that it is now ready for the inspection of the public; and we respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to open the same.

The Act creating the Provincial Board of Agriculture having been passed with your Excellency's sanction, we hope that its proceedings thus far, have met with your Excellency's approval; and that this Exhibition will be attended by such results as will justify the encouragement given by the Legislature, and satisfy the expectations of the country.

As the Act admits the holding of Exhibitions once in every three years, we have made arrange-

ments for a large attendance of Exhibitors and spectators and have felt ourselves justified in incurring considerable expense in endeavoring to make the Building and grounds as commodious and attractive as time would permit.

As your Excellency has always taken a deep interest in the operations of the Board it affords us, as its representatives, great satisfaction to have the advantage of your presence at the inauguration of the first Provincial Exhibition held under its auspices; and it is a subject for congratulation that you should have had so favorable an opportunity before leaving the Province, of examining its various resources and productions, and we trust the evidences of the progress made by the Colony under your Excellency's administration may not be the least pleasing feature of your sojourn amongst a loyal and industrious people.

On behalf of the Board of Agriculture, we take advantage of this, in all probability the last, occasion that may offer to thank your Excellency for the valuable advice and assistance, which individually and as a Board we have invariably received from you in the performance of our duties.

(Signed) A. E. BOTSFORD,
Chairman, &c.

To which His Excellency replied thus:—
Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, Members of the Executive Committee of the Provincial Agricultural Board,—

You have been called upon by the Legislature and the Provincial Board of Agriculture, of which you are, on this occasion, the representatives, to collect and prepare, for the purpose of exhibiting to the people of New Brunswick, and to all who may come hither to examine them, samples and specimens of articles, the growth, produce, or manufacture of the Province. These are one of our most important duties, and I can assure you that I have had the greatest satisfaction in giving to you every assistance in my power.

It is my firm belief that it is of the greatest importance to New Brunswick that she be in a position next year to assume and maintain at the General Exhibition in London, the position to which her industrial progress and natural resources entitle her. And if this Provincial Exhibition be regarded as the preparatory step to entering into competition with the world next year, not only the competitors, but every inhabitant of New Brunswick, whether he be rich or poor, and in whatever part of the Province he may reside, will, I think, recognize the fact that he has a personal interest in its success.

I hope that this exhibition may be the successful predecessor of other exhibitions increasingly successful; and I can assure you with heartfelt sincerity, that although absent I shall always continue to feel the deepest and warmest interest in the prosperity and progress of the Agriculture, Commerce, and Manufactures of New Brunswick.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen—In accordance with your invitation I declare the Exhibition to be now open.

The proper rites having thus been observed we proceeded to view

THE EXHIBITION.

The first feeling of the visitor to the Sussex Exhibition is one of disappointment; for is the feeling lessened as the day passes on. It is not that the articles exhibited are paltry, for there were many of them deserving high praise, many exhibiting a degree of skill and taste that certainly would shake old-country and yankee ideas of the Provincials; but the arrangements were defective and the number and variety of articles exhibited were by no means as large as one might reasonably have expected.

Frequently did we ask ourselves:—Why does New Brunswick make no better turnout than this? But echo only answered why? The Department of agricultural and farming implements was most meagerly represented. There were one or two N. W. Brunswick-made fanning machines, and one or two American mowers. And those were about all. Is this a "wooden" country? And if it is why need we go across the borders for our farming implements. Besides wood, we have iron, and hands and brains; and why these should not be worked up into rakes, pitch-forks, and mowing machines, as well as into axes and railroads, it is difficult to see. Stores also, notwithstanding the number of foundries in the Province, made but a poor show. Small was their number, and small their variety. To be sure there was a monster stove with a six attachment, and a miniature one fastened to the pipe; but we looked in vain for any variety of hall stove, cooking office, or chamber stove. There were two or three most commendable specimens of parlour or drawing room register grates, showing that our foundrymen have both the taste to design and the skill to execute handsome castings.

The carriages and sleighs were most credit-

able, both from their design and finish. One covered buggy in particular and an open single wagon of the kind called, we think, a know-nothing were especially good.

The Show of iron manufactures, axes, saws, chisels, locks, &c., should satisfy anyone that we need not be much inconvenienced even should the Sheffield work-shops be closed by Louis Napoleon. Leather also made a good appearance. The different hides; the variety of style and make of boots and shoes spoke well for the resources and handy craft of the Province in this respect. There might surely have been more done for the credit of harness-making, in variety we mean. The pianos, the Cabinet-makers, and Plumbers work were good, but we have not time at present to specify them. We could not complain of any scantiness of samples of homespun, and such like manufactures. Some of the hearth-rugs exhibited would not disgrace the parlour of any gentleman in the land; and we for one would not object to a suit of homespun from off the pieces displayed on the right hand gallery. It was cheering to notice that the good wives and daughters of New Brunswick in their home-manufactures aimed not only at durability but at neatness of pattern. Let them go on and prosper.

There was a very good display of grain and grass seed. Judging from the samples there displayed one would conclude that the New Brunswick soil and climate is admirably adapted to the growth of common cereals. The oats, rye, barley and wheat were very full and large. Surely New Brunswick ought not to pay so much as she does every year for bread stuffs. What are our farmers about? Half a crop of such wheat as we saw at the Exhibition would not be unprofitable, and we ought surely to export rather than import ours. It would take big adjectives to characterize the bigness of the potatoes, of which there were many fine samples. We were especially taken with the appearance of the black kidneys; and we thought that when they had their jackets off they would not make a bad accompaniment to a dinner of roast beef or boiled mutton. It is not needful to give the dimensions of the monster pumpkins, squashes, beets, turnips, &c., sufficient is it, to say that they were monsters.

We were pleased to observe so many specimens of the building stones, ores, and minerals of the Province, and we trust that the finer specimens will be selected to send to the World's Exhibition at London. It is very evident that the Province is rich in building stones, in iron, in gypsum, in coal and asphaltum, and in many other useful products. A country possessing these things ought to be a thriving seat of population and industry. And were the richness of our resources in these respects known abroad we might reasonably anticipate a large influx of capital and population; especially were these products placed side by side with the fruits of the soil at the London Exhibition, thereby affording a tangible evidence as to the climate of the country.

New Brunswick has long been known as a well wooded land; and certainly the prepared specimens of wood on exhibition did no shame to her resources. There were several lots of assorted wood, well worked that gave one a higher estimate of our forest capability to supply materials not only for carpentering and ship-building purposes, but also for the finer work of the cabinet-maker. One house door of curled maple, and a piano of bird-eye maple might be particularly noticed as being very elegant and beautiful.

Time and space do not permit us to notice several other things worthy of mention.

As the various articles were arranged not according to geographical distribution, but according to natural affinity, it was difficult for the casual visitors to tell what the several Counties contributed to the general result. We will not therefore venture to speak of other Counties; but of our own we can say that it made a creditable appearance. Such of her people as were there must have been pleased. In home manufacture, produce &c., she maintained her position as a good farming County. Mr. Sharp's apples and plums delighted the eye. They were certainly the finest there.

Upon the whole this exhibition cannot be called a decided success, notwithstanding the great crowds who whistled along the railway to see it; it is more a promise or an indication of what might be done. There can be little doubt that had it been held in a more suitable locality it would have been much more successful both in the extent and variety of articles exhibited.

Why was it held at Sussex? So asked many a hungry stomach, so asked many a weary visitor as he watched the overcrowded train departing in which he had vainly sought for standing or sitting room. The place is one affording the most slender accommodations for visitors. It was most difficult to procure a comfortable meal; and as to accommodation for the night that was a thing

not to be thought of. The Hotel keeper and station house people did their best, but what were they in such an overflowing crowd. The great mass of visitors, all except those who choose with the Volunteers to camp out, had to return to St. John at night. This arrangement doubtless benefited the railway-purse, but certainly not the purses of the lieges; and it will give an excellent opportunity to the Morning News to bring out a brilliant article showing how well the Railway pays. Speaking of the railway, we could not help thinking that trains should have been run more frequently or else that truck cars should have been fitted up with seats—if there were not enough of passenger cars—to prevent overcrowding. The straining and pushing were not at all conducive to comfort and must have been very damaging to the attire of the fair sex, not to speak of the great danger attending such mob-like crowding.

There was a want of foresight in not providing more ticket-offices; much time and breath and patience were needlessly wasted in securing the "open-sesame" for the building and grounds. Why not have had half a dozen or more such offices. And we could not but admire the wisdom displayed in the matter of refreshment. There was but one refreshment place in the building. It was ridiculous to suppose that it could cater to the wants of the many; and if any poor visitor was driven by famine from the building to get some modicum of meat or drink at either the hotel or the outside shanties, he found on his return that he had to go through the formality of paying 25 cents for a new ticket of admission. Now we hold that either passes should have been provided for those who desired to procure refreshment or else that more extensive arrangements for refreshments should have been made within the building. Shows are all very well, but men and women cannot feed upon them, and still less can children.

We cannot offer any remarks upon the cattle show, and it is yet premature to speak of the rifle practice; but we believe that Carleton County has reason to be satisfied with her representatives at the target.

St. John, Oct. 3rd.

THE SUSSEX EXHIBITION.

From our Special Correspondent.

ST. JOHN, Oct. 1.

On Friday last was initiated a new era in travelling from Woodstock to Saint John. Our party, numbering only three, left Woodstock at 3.30 A. M., and arrived in this city at 4.30 P. M., having been just twelve hours on the road. The journey from Woodstock to St. John was certainly never before accomplished in the same time. An excursion train left Rankin's Mills, Eel River, at 7 A. M. We were agreeably surprised to find the track laid not only to the mills, but a mile or so past. Owing to the rise in the River, and the running of the boats, only three persons in Woodstock took this route to Sussex. We were informed that the work on the line from Eel River upwards to Hillman Valley was fast advancing, and that there is a fair prospect of the track being laid throughout, this season, or before the winter is far advanced. The ballast-throwing on the Road is advancing. We found it in fair condition, and made the seventy-four miles to St. Andrews in about two hours and three quarters of running time. The Queen was waiting for us at the wharf; and we had no time to cast even a look at the familiar streets of St. Andrews. Out at Eastport we found the New Brunswick, from Boston, also waiting. Nothing worth mention occurred on the trip; and we landed at St. John, as already mentioned in twelve hours after having left Woodstock, or in nine hours and a half after leaving Rankin's Mills.

This morning I took the eight o'clock train for Sussex, and made my first trip on the St. John and Shediac Railway, called in magilliquent official language the European and North American. A large train was crammed to overflowing with passengers. They filled the seats as they had never been filled before, crammed the central aisles of the carriages, and overflowed to the carriage platforms. It was with great difficulty that even standing room could be found. I literally made my first visit to Sussex on my feet. After a tedious run we arrived at the Exhibition grounds, and made our way towards the building. Of it, and the appearance,

Oct. 3rd,

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would respectfully return sincere thanks to our customers, for their very liberal patronage on his the last seven years.

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Chamber sets,

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Wash Stands, Sinks,

and looking glasses

Walnut, Gilt inlaid, Gilt, Oval and square frames.

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in annual instalments extending

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of the farm of Thomas Edgar and

on the Iron Works. Same terms

information apply to David Munro,

works, John Edgar or Journal Office

to the subscriber.

NATHANIEL SCOTT,

Settlement, York County, }
7, 1861

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Card & Co's Store,

AD NEXT BUILDING TO

NEW HOUSE.

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Dec. 13.

MEMORANDUM, of the City of Saint

John, having by deed bearing date

of October last, assigned and transferred

Real and Personal Estate in said

City for such of his Creditors as shall come

due within two years from the date

of this notice that said deed lies at the

Adams, Market Square, in this City

of all persons interested as Creditors

to attend therein in the time prescribed,

will, according to the terms of said

deed, all advantage thereon.

FRAS CLEMENSTON,

J. B. WEMP.

Dec. 14th, 1860.

No fee.

at Garney by his late Will and Testa-

ment upon the undersigned, (who is the Ex-

ecutor in said will) the duty of seeing that

a widow is decently maintained during

her life has left to her for that purpose

the use of his real Estate. I am informed

that she has been attempting to temper with

the said widow in order that they may get a

divorce from her. I notify and forbid

any such proceeding on the part of either

party on the day of April, 1861.

L. R. HARDING, Executor.

at the Canterbury Station of the St. A.

and New Railway for Sale.

9 feet square, together with the Build-

ings improvements thereon, now occupied by

as a Hotel and Store at Canterbury, in

York, and adjacent to the Railway line

particulars, apply to John C. Winsor,

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The land is hardwood and of a good

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