

people, something of which to be proud. Such exhibitions speak of the capabilities of our soil. They tell us at once that faithful labor and manly industry will not fail of noble results. Our annual exhibits are the products of industry; of genuine persevering work; of practical knowledge added to the laudable desire of showing that this rockbound coast of ours can successfully compete with more favored shores and sunnier climes. They speak the praises of the busy man in the visible eloquence of God's own gifts, and tell others to reap the like benefits.

In the midst of all this we must not forget the noble part which the Ladies of our County fill. Their handiwork graced the Hall in various forms. Even the "lords of creation" could not help admiring the beautiful mats, furnished for their lordship's feet—when occasion should require them. Perhaps some loving swain gazed with admiring eyes on the pretty bouquet, graceful Fuchsia, or gentle Rose, as he thought of the gentler hands which trained them in their native beauty, and taught them to breathe more perfectly the language of flowers. Here, too, we find that the dainty fingers which trace the chords of music, can weave the warp and woof of domestic life, adding to tones of harmony, the melody of contented, happy houses. Cheese, butter, and a variety of other things, all tell about the home-work of the mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of our county, forcing us to the welcome conclusion, that our Annual Exhibitions tell us no more of man's energy, than woman's worth.

The weather for this occasion was all that could be desired, and no doubt added largely to the number of visitors. Nor must we forget the strains of music, which helped to add pleasure to a good time. Mr. Hammett and his band deserve every praise for the generous public spirit which prompted their good services, and we always think, that they little know how much the public of Liverpool appreciate their efforts to please.

His Lordship Judge McDonald, having, at the request of the Committee of Management, kindly consented to deliver the address on the occasion of the closing of the Agricultural Exhibition at Liverpool, a more than usually large number were in attendance, on last (Thursday) evening. The large Hall of the Exhibition was, indeed, crowded to its fullest capacity, quite a large number of persons having come in from all parts of the County. The learned Judge's address, while practical in its character, abounded in passages of extreme beauty, and was listened to throughout with the most earnest attention by all within sound of his voice. Again and again, as some sentence appealed more strongly to their sympa-

thies, or stirred their pride or patriotism, hearty applause on the part of his auditors would interrupt the speaker, while at the close, on the vote of thanks being put, the whole vast multitude responded, 'aye' with a thunderous unanimity of assent that spoke volumes for their interest in the subject, and their warm appreciation, as well of the flattering remarks of the speaker, as of the honor that had been conferred. Some remarks made by Mr. McCoy, on the call of the audience, were also well received, and elicited hearty applause.

QUEEN'S CENTRAL EXHIBITION OF HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP, &c.

The Ninth Annual Exhibition of the Queen's Central Society was held on the 14th of October. The day was beautifully fine, with a good bracing air, and was all that could be desired by exhibitors as well as visitors, who thronged the grounds in large numbers during the day.

The history of the Society since its organization, which bears the date of Oct. 26th, 1867, is one worthy of its membership, which is composed of men of sterling integrity and indomitable pluck, who seem ever ready to grapple with any ordinary undertaking, so long as they believe good can be effected thereby; during the twelve years of its existence nine exhibitions have been held.

Their commodious Hall, which is so beautifully situated on the bank of the St. John, near what is called and generally known as the *half way* clump of trees, on our river, has been nicely coated with color, and to-day looked its best, with its decorations and bunting. Inside the building the ladies had woven wreaths and festoons of evergreens, while on the tables could be seen the beautiful articles which their skilled fingers alone can produce; neither had they forgotten the more useful articles required for home and family use. Kersey, little if any inferior to the celebrated Oxford, while quilts and rugs were exhibited in such great variety of patterns, as to suit the taste of the most fastidious. Here also could be seen samples of the bountiful harvest vouchsafed to the husbandmen of "Central Queens." Wheat, Rye, Oats and Buckwheat of the best quality, on the right of the building as we enter, while on the left, and directly opposite, is the show of Potatoes, and such Potatoes? We claim some knowledge of the show made in this class elsewhere, and we feel safe in saying that the Potato exhibit made by this Society is equal to anything previously exhibited in the Province, if not superior. Californias, Silver Dollars, Breeze's Prolifics, Bradleys, Coppers, Compton Surprise, Early Blues,

Owons, Black Kidneys, Early Rose, Markies and Carter's were to be seen in mammoth size.

In the Horticultural class the samples were not so fine, on account of the unfavourableness of the season. We were scarcely prepared to see so fine a display of fruit made by a district which, up to the present, has been little known as a fruit growing section.

The show of Horses, Cattle and Sheep indicated considerable advances. There were eight Brood Mares on the ground. The Short Horn prizes were gained principally by Mr John Slipp, who had fifteen prizes for animals of this breed. One of the "Driving" Horses arrived just in time, having started from Woodstock at noon the day before, and driven 105 miles to take the prize.

NOVA SCOTIA POULTRY AND FLORICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held on Monday evening, 20th October, Andrew Downs, the veteran naturalist, presiding. The report of the Executive Committee was adopted. It gave a full account of the proceedings of the committee for the past year, dealing principally with the exhibition of poultry in February last, which, though successful as an exhibition of fine birds, did not prove self-sustaining.

The receipts were.....\$294 97
Expenses 202 39

Leaving.....\$ 92 67
Toward paying the prizes awarded
amounting to..... 216 50

Or a deficit of\$123 83

This was reduced by donations of \$56, and some available funds to about \$50, which the committee would have had to raise in some way if the prizes were to be paid in full. A clause in the regulations authorized the committee, in case the receipts fell short of the requirements, to pay the prizes *pro rata*, but they were unwilling to take advantage of this provision, if they could possibly avoid it, and adopted a course which was honorable to themselves, and showed their interest in the honor and welfare of the Association—they paid all the prizes in full, *except their own*, of which they were satisfied to receive only 33½ per cent., leaving the balance to be paid when the Association is in a position to make it up.

The Association had made arrangements for an exhibit of flowers in August, but in view of the Provincial Exhibition in September and October, they abandoned the project, and offered \$50 to extend the prize list in the floral department of that Exhibition.