

money, and what is far more valuable, their time and efforts to encourage and promote agricultural pursuits.

Several of such gentlemen I have now the honor of addressing, and I gladly give them my humble tribute of praise for their efforts, and my sincere wishes for their success. Gentlemen whom the people honor, and who possess the esteem and respect of the whole community. Their efforts are directed to place agriculture in that rank—the first rank—to which it belongs, and whose services are, I am happy to say, fully appreciated and valued. Every member of this House will easily recollect over—this one and the other one in their respective localities—whose efforts to improve agriculture are worthy of all praise.

One gentleman well known throughout our entire country, showed me an invoice of imported stock, imported at *one time*, exceeding \$65,000. I need hardly say that I refer to Mr. Cochrane, of Compton. That gentleman has faith in the future of our Province, and all will join with me in wishing him every success.

Notwithstanding the efforts of such gentlemen, scattered throughout the Province, we require something more to be done. We must have institutions where our young men, farmer's sons and others, can receive an education specially fitted for agricultural pursuits. We have already our institutions for acquiring instruction in Theology, in Law and Medicine, in classical literature, in the arts and sciences, to fit men for these professions; we have our commercial colleges; institutions for teaching men and women, so that they may be able to teach others in our academies and common schools. These are all good—all worthy of an earnest support, by time, influence, and money. Our institutions alluded to are highly creditable to a new country like ours, but these are by no means enough.

We have, it is true, several agricultural colleges—schools where the theory and practice of agriculture are taught—others where agricultural instruction is merely tacked on, as if it was of no great moment. These have accomplished, doubtless, much good, but I would like to see such institutions multiplied in our land, and if properly organized and managed, they would soon become almost self-sustaining.