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THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, in opening the Provincial Parliament on 30th January, referred to the contemplated Exhibition in the following terms:—

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

"There is one subject to which I deem it necessary to call your attention, in order that you may make some provision from the Treasury. I refer to the contemplated Industrial Exhibition. Such Exhibitions are calculated to develop and display to advantage the Industrial Resources of a country, and merit as liberal support as the circumstances of the Province will justify."

ANSWER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

"Industrial Exhibitions have proved a great advantage to those countries where in they have been held, and we shall give our best consideration to any legislation which shall tend to make the proposed Exhibition a successful display of the resources and industry of the country."

ANSWER OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

"We are aware of the advantages of Industrial Exhibitions, and, as many persons have probably been preparing for

that which has been contemplated, we shall make such provision from the Treasury, for its encouragement, as the circumstances of the Province will warrant."

MEETING OF GENERAL COMMITTEE OF PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

A meeting of the General Committee was held in the Legislative Library on Wednesday, 12th Feby. The Hon. the Chief Justice in the Chair. There was a large attendance of the Committee, and several Members of the Legislature were present and took part in the proceedings. The special subject of discussion was the proposal to erect a suitable permanent building. Several gentlemen in the city having expressed their willingness to erect such a building, at a cost to themselves of \$20,000, on certain conditions, applications had been made to the City Council for permission to erect it on a piece of waste ground at the Common; but for some reason the negotiations of the Committee had not been successful. The Mayor, however, stated that after the explanations that had been given, he had no doubt the Council would comply with the request, as far as in their power, and otherwise co-operate with the Com-

mittee in carrying out the Exhibition to a successful result. It was stated that both the Government and the Legislature would, no doubt, facilitate in every way any arrangements that were necessary to enable the Council to give the use of the ground. A prominent Member of the Government stated that a grant of \$6000 might be expected from the Legislature.

ROTATION OF CROPS.

If Nova Scotia is to become a grain-growing country, a rational system of Rotation of Crops such as is employed in other countries, must be adopted.

Some plants require certain inorganic matters in larger quantities than others, and it is upon the knowledge of this circumstance that the rotation of crops is founded. The soil is certainly losing inorganic matters. Oats contain 4 per cent of ashes, hay 9 per cent. A ton of hay removes 180 lbs. of ashes, and these ashes are the very substance required by another ton of hay. By constantly cultivating the same crop, we deprive the soil, to the depth of which the roots extend, of certain materials, while others are left