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A FEW WORDS ABOUT OUR EXHIBITION.

WHILE endeavouring in the pages of 'The Provincial,' to foster and promote every undertaking that may be of benefit to these Provinces, and their inhabitants, we feel called upon at the present time to address ourselves more peculiarly to our own countrymen of Nova Scotia, in behalf of the project which a few individuals, zealous for the advancement and prosperity of their native land, devised some months since, and have subsequently advocated with indefatigable zeal and earnestness, viz. : an Exhibition of the Arts and Industry of Nova Scotia.

The Committee of the Halifax Mechanics' Institute, was the first to advocate and organize this measure, by the devotion of a hundred pounds to the funds necessary to carry out such an undertaking. The Legislature subsequently promised to aid the project to a limited extent. An exhibition of fireworks took place on two different occasions, the proceeds of which were devoted to its furtherance ; and a number of private subscriptions have been secured, until the friends of the undertaking are encouraged to believe that the necessary sum will be forthcoming when the occasion requires, by dint of continued exertion on the part of those more immediately concerned as collectors and managers.

So far, then, the prospects are not so discouraging, as other circumstances might induce some to believe, but still the work is far from progressing as favourably or successfully as could be desired. True, that committees have been formed, and men placed upon them possessed of energy and industry, who are willing to devote much of their time and ability, to the furtherance of the objects with which they have been entrusted—meetings have been called, and speeches delivered worthy even of the cause which they advocated ; and yet the Exhibition is an object of interest to, comparatively, a very small number of our people. Cold assent and uninterested replies have at best met its advocates ; the bulk of the people for whose benefit it is proposed, look on in apathy and unconcern.