and Horticultural productious-and in my travels through this great country as far West as London, to Buffalo and Niagara, having also visited the cities of Hamilton, Toronto, and Kingston, I must say, without hesitation, that, taking these portions of your country as a whole, it is one of the finest I have ever beheld as an agricultural country, capable of producing the necessaries of life. I could not say where I would draw the line of distinction in the different sections, as regards to fertility of soil, productiveness or superiority of cultivation. If any thing was wanting to prove the fact, or to convince any person, that Canada was a superior agricultural country, they had only to visit the recent exhibition of London and Montreal, where there were exhibited the finest specimens of wheat, oats, barley and other grains which any country could produce, vegetables of every variety, the handsomest and best I have ever seen. Agricultural and other implements for farm and other purposes, to facilitate and lighten labor, were in abundance, the workmanship and finish doing no discredit to an older and more experienced country in the mechanical arts. The textile fabrics exhibited were creditable to your infant manufactories, while those made from iron and leather were of a superior character. Of the fine arts, I need only say, that great taste and skill were evinced in their style and finish and the arrangement added much to the effect. The stock was of a superior description especially the Durham breed. It was almost impossible for one to imagine, who was unaccustomed to witness such fine animals, that the breeding of cattle had been brought to such perfection. Horses, sheep and swine were also superior. An American gentleman who had acted as one of the judges at the London Exhibition told me that it would be difficult, if not impossible, for the United States to produce a finer display of Durham cattle, horses, sheep and swine, than he saw there on exhibition. Time will not permit me to enter into particulars, in reference to the London or the Montreal Exhibitions, as the people of those cities have taken such good care of their maritime friends in feasting, sight-seeing and mingling with the people, that it left but little time to examine minutely the great variety and excellent quality of articles on exhibition. The Montreal Exhibition, while it did not come up to the London one in stock, it, in my opinion, exceeded it in articles of manufacture, especially those of wool, wood, leather and iron.

Although a professional man, I have paid some attention to the cultivation of fruit, and while I might have thought heretofore that Nova Scotia excelled in fruit culture, I must confess that I have had the "Starch taken out of me," for larger and finer grapes I have never seen anywhere than those that are on exhibition in this building, grown under glass, as well as many very superior specimens of out-door culture. Apples were also large, handsome, and very high colored for the time of year. A different arrangement of premiums might have brought out a much larger and finer collection of fruit, for I observed that the premiums were offered for the largest and best collections. This, in my opinion, would virtually exclude some small fruit growers from exhibiting some fine specimens of apples, who, perhaps, only had a few sorts, and presumed that the larger collection would take the prize. If premiums were offered for dozens of certain kinds of named fruit, you would bring out all the best sorts and exclude many different ones which, by your arrangement, were present. I have had some practical knowledge in this matter, as one of the officers of the Fruit Grower's Association of our Province, and since we have adopted the course suggested the character of our shows have much improved. We give one or two premiums for a collection gathered by the exhibition from as many orchards as he can procure them, and two or three premiums on the largest and best lot grown

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