

REPLY.

Mr. President and Gentlemen, members of the Central York County Agricultural Society.

GENTLEMEN,

It has afforded me sincere satisfaction to Witness, and to participate, although I fear but to a small extent, in your exertions to promote agricultural improvements in this county and throughout the Province.

You may be sure that my interest in your society will not cease, when I leave New Brunswick. I shall always feel pleasure in receiving an account of your proceedings, and still greater pleasure in hearing of your success.

The kindly feelings which you have expressed towards Mrs. Manners-Sutton and my family, as well as myself, are most gratifying to us, and on their behalf, as well as on my own, I heartily thank you for this address.

Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 25th, 1861.

The President then invited His Excellency to examine the Exhibition, offering his attendance, which was accepted. His Excellency, before retiring, expressed himself much pleased with the arrangements, and agreed with the President that the show of Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Swine, and Manufactures, was a decided improvement in quality and numbers, over our former shows, more particularly the Mares and Foals. His Excellency also agreed that there was a falling off in quantity in the Horticultural department, which was accounted for by the lateness of the spring and early period of the show.

The judges having got through at 5 o'clock, p. m., they retired with the committee to partake of a lunch, furnished on the ground (in the building already referred to) by Mr. John Livingston; some forty persons did ample justice to the good things prepared. This closed the first day.

The farmers already feel the many advantages gained by enclosed grounds, with proper buildings, feed, water and trusty hands to look after their stock by night. In place of having to take charge of their stock, &c., at close of first day, they were allowed by this arrangement, the evening of the first day and morning of the second, to look after their other affairs. [See report of awards in appendix to this report.]

The second day, Thursday, at an early hour, there was a large attendance on the ground selling and exchanging stock and produce.

Pursuant to notice, they proceeded to make the selections for the Provincial Exhibition, amongst which selections were, Horses; Short Horns, Devons, Ayrshire, and grade Cattle; Cotswold, Leicester, Southdown, and grade Sheep; Berkshire, Essex, Suffolk, and Small Yorkshire Pigs; Tea, Canada and White Bald Wheat; Chevalier Barley; early Suffolk and Angus Oats, white; Black Oats; Smooth Buckwheat; Rough Buckwheat; Timothy Seed; Peas; a collection of Vegetables; collection of Ploughs; collection of Forks, Hoes,

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