

hearsay, but of the present one he could judge from observation as well, as he had carefully examined every part of it. He had attended Exhibitions in Ontario, and believed that ours compared favorably with them. Those who were thoroughly posted about Exhibitions held in this Province pronounced it a grand success, and believed it to be such. The fruit show was magnificent. The display of flowers was most creditable, both to the taste of the people and the skill of our horticulturists. The vegetables were also creditable, although he believed that in New Brunswick they were ahead of us in that branch. In most respects our Exhibition was finer than those of New Brunswick, but in the department of roots they would excel. The show of horned cattle was far ahead of what he had expected to see. In like manner he might go over the several classes and pay deserved compliments in each, but that would not be necessary. The Exhibition was a success in every way, and the question which now arose was how to make future ones a greater success. Now that we were about bringing this to a close it might be well to adopt some resolution which would be of benefit in the future. It was important to determine upon an arrangement of matters so that future affairs of like character should be very much better and more successful. There were various ways of doing this. And most important of all, it would be necessary to adopt some means to increase our agricultural population. He noticed by the census that in proportion to other branches of industry the agriculturists were ahead. We should now strive to increase that proportion. Our farmers did not sufficiently consider the importance of taking the place in society which they should occupy, and consequently, by many of the rising generation, other, and what are thought to be more honorable and lucrative pursuits, are engaged in. If the social status of the farmer were elevated those young men who now leave the country would be satisfied to remain on their farms, which would then be better worked and more prolific. The best way to attain this would be to establish a Commercial College in the Province, with a model farm attached, for the education of young men from all parts of the Province. It would be very wise for your public men to encourage such an undertaking, which must be of incalculable advantage and benefit to the Province and its people.

In conclusion His Honor observed that he had only consented to make a short, off-hand speech, and would close by thanking the Board for their kind invitation. (Applause).