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*Omnium rerum, ex quibus aliquid acquiritur, nihil est agriculturâ melius, nihil uberius, nihil homine libero dignius.—Cicero: de Officiis, lib. I, cap. 42.*

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THE Amherst District Exhibition (for counties of Colchester, Hants, and Cumberland) was opened on Tuesday, 7th October, by His Honor Lieut.-Governor Richey, who was introduced by Mr. Geo. Förrest, Chairman of the General Committee. His Honor closed his address with the remark that it is not on the public reputation of a country or on the lustre of her public men, but the honest industry of her individual sons and their enthusiastic and generous devotion to their calling, that the security, the wealth, the peace and the happiness of a country must rest.

The reporter of the *Morning Chronicle* concludes his account of the Exhibition by the following judicious remarks:—

Now that the exhibition is over, it may not be amiss to briefly sum up its results and its lessons. As this has been the first of the kind undertaken in the County of Cumberland, it was not to be expected that its management would be entirely free from mistake, yet the affair was passed over with a very small amount of friction. Financially it has fully met the most sanguine expectations of its promoters. The products and industries of Cumberland have been very fairly represented, those of Colchester in a less degree, while those of Hants have hardly appeared at all, except in the very fine exhibit of sheep shown by Mr. McDonald of Shubenacadie. Before these district exhibitions can really meet their design, county lines within the district must be entirely ignored, all jealousy of the place supposed to be favoured with the location of the exhibition must be laid aside, and every producer must enter into a healthy and generous competition with every other producer in the district, and those who fail to do what they would like to do must determine to do better next time.

THE Annapolis District Exhibition (for Annapolis and King's Counties) opened on 30th September, and is spoken of as one of the best yet held in that part of the Province, the classes being better filled than on previous occasions, and the exhibits excellent; most of them were from within the limits of Annapolis County,—the prizes at this as at other District Exhibitions probably not being large enough to attract exhibitors from great distances, especially in the live stock classes. The exhibition was opened by Lieutenant-Governor Richey, who expressed the great pleasure and gratification he experienced in meeting representatives of the three counties on the present occasion and in the present place. Old Annapolis Royal was a town long before George III. came to the throne, before the pilgrim fathers landed on the shores of America, or the reign of Queen Anne, in whose honor the town bears its present name. Back in the reign of James I. a settlement was first made by the French. He had been shown a stone taken from one of their forts on which was cut the year 1506. There it was that the Frenchmen held high festival on the spot and instituted a new order, the order of good times, consuming the luxuries they had brought with them and enjoying the bountiful harvest of the land. A century and a half later there was a time of warfare, and many a time the country resounded with the noise of deadly conflict. For one hundred years past this old land has enjoyed prosperity. Here our forefathers

have lived and laboured and loved, and here their children meet and enjoy the fruits of their labour. At such a time and place it was a pleasure to him to meet and address them, but if any came expecting an elaborate address on agriculture they must go away disappointed, for he was not equal to the task; but he could to some extent enter into the feelings and pleasures of the farmer as he went forth in the morning to view his lands or crops as they advanced towards maturity, nourished by the early and latter rain. He also knew the farmer had his anxious days, when all seemed ready to perish under the scorching sun, or when the windows of heaven were opened, and the old fiat appeared to be revoked. This year we have much to be grateful for. Some crops have suffered; others are good. Let us be grateful for the amount of prosperity enjoyed. When he looked on the stalwart yeoman of those counties and the fine display before him, drawn from the beautiful vales and hills among which the people dwelt, he hoped they might remain as to-day, in homes of peace and plenty.

THE District Exhibition for the Cape Breton Counties was held at Baddeck. The opening took place on 7th October at 2 o'clock, when Mr. W. F. McCurdy, M.P.P., for Victoria, introduced the Hon. W. S. Fielding, Provincial Secretary, who delivered the opening address. Exhibitions he thought were slow educators, and taught the farmers better methods. The special use of District,