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The Provincial Agricultural Exhibition was opened on the 6th October, and closed on the 9th. During the four days, nearly eight or ten thousand persons visited the Drill Shed and Grounds. We publish below the Opening and Closing Addresses, delivered respectively by their Honors Lieut. Governor Archibald and Lieut. Governor Tilley. Both Addresses, as well as that of Sir William Young, will be found to contain much material for sound thought by the farmers of Nova Scotia. We add a selection of extracts from the newspapers; their criticisms of the whole Exhibition embrace some salutary lessons, which we hope will not be passed over.

SIR WILLIAM YOUNG'S ADDRESS.

My hon. friend, Mr. McHessey, with a modesty that belongs to his profession rather than to mine, perhaps more to the "manner born," having requested that I would act as his representative, I have to say a few words in paving the way for the address announced in the programme. The exhibition, as might be expected on the opening day, is not, as yet, fully developed, but enough can be seen on these splendid tables to show its infinite variety, and profusion of natural and cultivated beauty. I am delighted, too, for my part, by this brilliant assemblage, graced as it is by their Excellencies the Commanders in Chief of Her Majesty's Military and Naval Forces, by the Governors of our own and the sister Province, by so many of the fair sex (whom I must not forget as the choicest ornaments of our hearts and homes), of the Presidents of societies with which the whole Province is studded, and by so large an influx of the bone and sinew of the coun-

try. This opportune visit of the Lieutenant Governor, and the recent kindly utterances of the press of New Brunswick, indicate the accession of a generous and cordial spirit in that Province, which the elder sister, I am satisfied, will not be slow to reciprocate. It may be the forerunner of a closer and more intimate union; of a triple, or it may be a quadruple cord, which will remove many anomalies, and give dignity and strength to these Maritime Provinces. And now I have to announce a change in the programme which to most of you will be an agreeable surprise. Having delivered either the opening or closing addresses of 1852, 1854 and 1868, I was still anxious and willing to do my part on the present occasion. But, in view of a recent indisposition, and of my judicial duties, I had some misgivings of the prudence of straining my voice in a lengthened address, and my medical adviser having dissuaded me from attempting it, Lieut.-Governor Tilley, at the unanimous request of the committee, has finally consented to deliver the closing address on Friday—a substitution which will be highly acceptable, I am sure, to the public, and which is most agreeable to myself.

In closing I have only to congratulate you and the committee on having applied for and obtained the assent of an accomplished speaker, well known to us all in the person of our esteemed Lieut.-Governor, whom I now have the honor of introducing to you to deliver the opening address.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ARCHIBALD'S-OPENING ADDRESS.

The magnificent assemblage gathered within this building is a pleasing proof of the interest felt by all classes in the Exhibition now about to be opened. It forms, too, a graceful acknowledgment, on the part of the community, of the eminent services rendered by the gentlemen who have labored to make this Exhibition a success. It is an acknowledgment to which these gentlemen are well entitled. They have had several months of assiduous toil in preparing for the event of today. They have had to provide for an infinite

number of details, indispensable to the success of the Exhibition, but wholly unknown to the general public; and now that their work is approaching its completion; now that the curtain is about to be drawn, and the public admitted to see the result of their labors, it must be gratifying to these gentlemen to witness the interest which your presence on this occasion, in great numbers, and in many cases from a great distance, evinces in the object which has occupied so much of their time and thought. That object has been to place before you a representation of the products of certain industries in which our people are largely engaged—in an especial and particular manner to show the products of that great industry, which in this, as in every other country, underlies all other industries,—I mean the cultivation of the soil, and the subsidiary employments growing out of Agricultural operations.

In this respect the present Exhibition differs from some that have preceded it. Its range is less extensive. Manufactures generally, and the productions of art do not come within its scope. It deals principally with the productions of the farm and the garden. It is intended to show what amount of excellence is within the reach of the agriculturist, the stock raiser, and the gardener, under the circumstances, in the climate and with the soil with which these classes have to deal in Nova Scotia.

We ought all to form accurate conceptions of our country, of its character and capabilities. An Exhibition like this will do much to help us in that respect. There are two errors into which we may fall, we may overrate our country, or we may underrate it. It is better to do neither, but if there is to be a mistake at all, I confess I have some sympathy with the man who allows his judgment to be a little biased by his love of country—who feels for the land of his birth or adoption some warmer attachment than may perhaps accord with sober reason. He may judge of it as he judges of the home of his boyish days, as he judges of the purling streams and flowery meads, by which his early life was spent, where every hill, every