

Mr. HOWAT approved of these exhibitions because he thought they stimulated industry; but he could not say he was altogether satisfied with the way in which the money was appropriated. He did not think it was right that Queen's County should have double the amount voted to each of the other two counties. True, the people of Prince and King's Counties were to be allowed to compete at the Queen's County exhibition; but that would be very little advantage to them.

Hon. Mr. HOWLAN said it would be remembered that, some years ago, it was proposed to have the exhibitions in each county in rotation. Instead of doing this, it was thought better to hold exhibitions in each county, and to allow the people of the out-lying counties the privilege, after their own exhibition was over, of competing in Queen's County. He was pleased to hear his hon. colleague on the left (Mr. LAIRD) refer to the importance of having good agricultural implements. When he (Mr. H.) was at Washington, lately, he spent part of a day in visiting the patent office, where there was a very large room filled with agricultural implements alone; and among the things which attracted his attention most was the great variety of cheese-presses. There was also a number of hay-presses, an article which he thought would yet be extensively required in this Colony. There were some 60 or 70 different patterns of reaping machines in that office. He, likewise, saw Mr. Duchemin's block, which would compare favorably with any other in the collection. With respect to the importance of good stock, he would remark that, when in Boston, he saw a very fine horse on the street, which, on enquiry, he found came from Prince Edward Island, being one that had been sent on there by his friend the hon. member for Charlottetown (Dr. JENKINS). We had in years past received a large amount of money for horses, and keeping up a good stock was a matter well worthy of attention.

Dr. JENKINS said the subject before the committee was one in which he took a great interest. The vote proposed was only £300; he wished it could be made £500. Last year, from some cause or other, the notice given of the prizes offered was entirely too short. Instead of six weeks, some five or six months should be allowed, for it was impossible for a person to get up a good article of

cloth or to construct a machine in six weeks. Very often, too, in the hurry of completing the arrangements, judges were appointed who were incompetent. The hon. member for Bedeque had complimented him on keeping good horses, and hoped he would afford the House some information as to their treatment. He (Dr. J.) believed that hay and oats were the basis of all good feeding; care, however, was the main thing. He felt gratified by the remarks of the hon. Leader of the Government respecting the mare which he saw in Boston, and which he believed was the finest animal of the kind in that city. He hoped that the hon. member for Tryon would give up his opposition to the vote for Queen's County, as long as the other counties were also to have exhibitions.

Mr. MCNEILL thought the object of the resolution was a good one, and he could have wished that the sum had been larger. He doubted whether the hon. member for Bedeque was right in saying that man was not destined to labor. Great improvements, no doubt, had been made, but it would evidently be a long time before labor could be dispensed with.

Hon. Mr. HAVILAND agreed with hon. members who had spoken that this was a very important subject; and though not a practical agriculturist himself he would heartily endorse the sentiment that it should be encouraged. Though a member for King's County, he could not admit that the objection raised by the hon. member for Tryon was a valid one. Queen's County had nearly as large a population as the other two put together; and then again the outlying counties were permitted to send competitors to the exhibition at the capital. He (Mr. H.) was much pleased with the speech of the hon. member for Wilmot Creek, in introducing the resolution before the committee; he had gone into the subject philosophically, and deserved credit for his remarks.

Hon. P. SINCLAIR thought that a sum voted for exhibitions was money well expended. Men from the other Provinces came here, saw the stock, and knew where to go to make purchases. With respect to the objection that Queen's County was receiving more than her share, he thought the people of this county would be those who had most reason to complain, as they could not compete in the other counties, while the exhibition at Charlottetown