

exhibited, which was only on particular occasions on account of want of space. It was regarded as a marvel of industry. We had a good display of home and factory made cloths. Of these, the grey cloths were the most thought of. There was no difficulty in disposing of these, while the other, or fulled cloths, had to be sold at considerable loss or remain unsold. It must be acknowledged that this department of our industry admits of very considerable improvement. It would be well if Nova Scotia could equal Canada in the quality and cheapness of production. An observation is here suggested which I make for the benefit of our manufacturers of woollen cloths. It would be well for them to make it a rule to charge no more for articles sold to Exhibition Committees than to other parties, as the cost of production is taken account of by the Juries in their decisions, as well as the quality of the articles. I would also urge upon Committees and Judges in our Provincial Exhibitions, in their decision of awards, to adopt the practice of Jurors in International Exhibitions. There were many other articles exhibited in our department, which although undistinguished by the Juries, were considered very commendable, and did good service in contributing to the completeness and illustrativeness of our Provincial collection, the contributors of which are respectively entitled to our thanks. Among these contributors are Mr. J. Thompson, who exhibited excellent corn brooms and brushes; Miss H. Jennings, who exhibited autumn leaves and cone work; and the Misses Hill, who exhibited cone cabinets and baskets, bead work and fancy straw work, which the Jury, by an unaccountable mistake, credited to Mary Thomas, along with the Indian work. The Exhibition was closed on the 9th of November, and the contributions were finally disposed of. A small sum was realized by the sale of articles, and the greater part of the articles continue to occupy the Nova Scotian Department. The applications for contributions from our department from Museums and other Institutions, British and Continental, were very numerous. It was matter of regret that we could not comply with those requests,—especially the applications from the Edinburgh Museum of Science and Art and the Museum of Irish Industry, or the Museum of H. M. Geological Survey of Ireland.

Professor Archer, of the former of these Institutions, was especially anxious to secure certain contributions. He intimated his intention of forming a Nova Scotian department in his noble insti-