

THE COLONIAL EXHIBITION.

THE Colonial Exhibition will be held during the present year at London, and it is probable that it will be one of the most significant affairs of this kind that have ever been witnessed by the nations, and with this year's Centennial Exhibition.

In speaking of this exhibition it is with particular reference to our own country that we wish to draw attention.

It is to the advantage of Canada to impress upon the world the efficiency of their native land with regard to its natural and industrial resources, and what province in the Dominion is better adapted to accomplish this project than our own? The natural resources of Nova Scotia cannot be surpassed by those of any other country of equal extent on the face of the earth; thus we are able to contribute to the Colonial Exhibition, the finest Agricultural and Mineralogical as well as the most Zoological and Ornithological specimens that can be produced in the Colonies.

Besides these we can make a grand display of the productions of our waters. Possibly Newfoundland may approach us in this competition, but if our fishermen are animated with determination to excel, they will, in all probability succeed in bringing forward the finest Ichthyological collection in the British Colonies. If so, it will then hold the first position in the world.

On the other hand, our farmers are able to transmit handsome contributions from the products of the farm and animals from the yard.

Concerning a Mineralogical collection, little need be said. Our Province

contains minerals of nearly every description, and of excellent quality. We may say in the words of the judges of the Great International Exhibition, that the *catfields* of Nova Scotia have no equal; and her gypsum, iron and gold, no superior. Surely, then, our miners should insist in making the name of the land of these names to even a higher rank than it now holds in the collection of the Mother country, when the opportunity is at hand for making a great step to this end.

Nova Scotia is again to the front when specimens of a Zoological and Ornithological character are required. We will not enumerate the numerous and valuable species of animals and birds which inhabit our Province, but will mention the chief fur-bearing animals such as the bear, fox, mink, otter and beaver. A writer on the natural history of our Province says the fur of these animals is not surpassed by any other in the world.

We would also request, and almost urge, our artisans and manufacturers, having been already successful in a work or less degree in obtaining first and second class prizes at exhibitions on this continent, to do all in their power in contributing their most skillful productions to the Colonial Exhibition.

Here then in our own Province we have superior specimens of nature and industry. Why not make it known to a greater extent? The effects of doing so would soon follow, and would especially be observed in a greater commercial activity, also increase of emigration and other results of minor importance.

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