

after what I have said already upon the value and importance of our other industries, it hardly becomes me to seek a special religious sanction for any one kind of labor. But it is not necessary to do so in order to give to the industry, with which this exhibition is connected, a weight and importance largely preponderating over any other industry of the country. Upon you, the farmers of the Province, it devolves to maintain this status of the Provincial agriculture, and to support the character of your class in the community. That you will do this—and do it well—we need no assurance other than that which is furnished by the display placed before us this day.

But, however excellent this may be, it will not do to rest here. For all who aim at excellence the motto must be “onward and upward.” Much has been done. More than many of us thought possible. But the next Exhibition ought to show that what is excellence now will be but mediocrity then. We should move on in an ascending grade—till we reach the highest degree of perfection attainable within the limits which soil and climate permit.

I have no fear that the agricultural reputation of Nova Scotia will wane so long as the spirit is abroad which has brought into existence the splendid display of this day, an Exhibition to which I have had the pleasure of drawing your attention, and which it is my privilege now to declare open.

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR TILLEY'S CLOSING ADDRESS.

Lieutenant Governor Tilley, of New Brunswick, having been briefly introduced by Chief Justice Sir William Young, said he had come to the Exhibition as a visitor, not expecting to take any important part in the proceedings, but Sir Wm. Young, who had been selected to deliver the closing address, was prevented from doing so by a press of professional duties, and the managers of the Exhibition had extended to him an invitation to take his place. He felt himself unworthy to discharge the duties of the position, but could not decline so kind a courtesy. He knew there were many who regretted that the revered Chief Justice was not able to perform the function, but none did so more than he. (the speaker), and that for several reasons. He would have been delighted to have heard him on this occasion, for it might be the last, though he hoped he may live yet many years, but more because he was one of the few survivors of a generation of statesmen of whom not only Nova Scotia, but the whole Dominion, and even the British Empire, might well be proud. He was considerably embarrassed, because unfamiliar with the character of past exhibitions in the Province, and unable, therefore, to institute any comparison between those and the splendid one just being closed. Of those which had been held in bygone years he could only learn by