

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

From the Fredericton Reporter.

Last week we alluded briefly, and in general terms, to the effect which the Provincial Exhibition was calculated to leave not only the minds of those who had the good fortune to see it, but also upon the future destinies of the Province, by arousing the dormant energies of the people to a consciousness of their own ability and resources.

The crowning feature in the Exhibition will however be found in the fact which it fully establishes in relation to the Soil, the Climate, and the Manufactures of the country. Take the following for instance:—Three barrels of Flour were exhibited for competition. That which took the first prize was from Wheat raised by Dr. Peters, and manufactured in a country mill. The next, or second prize barrel was from Wheat raised by Robert Jardine, Esq., and also manufactured at a country mill. The third was from fine *White Genesee Wheat*, and manufactured with special preparation for the Exhibition at the City Mills; but not only were the domestic growth and manufacture superior to it, but it was also surpassed by no less than five specimens of bag flour, all of which had been ground from Wheat produced in the country. This, when it is known that it is the deliberate award of three of the best Judges in the Province, who examined the samples with special reference to their different applications both for bread and pastry, must be acknowledged a most satisfactory result to lay before the Farmers of New Brunswick. It also strangely yet truly corroborates the comparative statements published by Professor Johnston, so often ridiculed by the Farmers themselves, in total ignorance of their own resources. In addition to this, we will only add, that the first prize Wheat, grown by Mr. Dow Brooks, of York County, weighed 68 1-2 lbs.—the best Oats, 51 lbs., was also produced in York.

The display of Agricultural produce, including samples of Grain and esculents, might, as observed by Judge Wilmot, in his lecture, safely compete with the world. Enormous Squashes weighing upwards of 130 lbs., Cabbages weighing 25 lbs., with Potatoes, Turnips, Beets, Carrots, and Mangold Wurtzel, of immense sizes, lay there in good keeping with the specimens of Grain, in Wheat, Barley, Rye, Oats and Buckwheat, and Peas and Beans of the finest quality.

On the other side of the Vestibule—to the right on entering—the produce of the Dairy was exhibited; but not in such large quantities as might be expected in a country where some of the farmers make from a ton to a ton and a half of cheese and the same weight of butter. The samples, although not numerous, were however of the very finest qualities, and were generally sold on the spot at high prices. The smaller and more complicated articles of manufacture for the domestic purposes of the farm and dairy were very numerous. These consisted in Churns of various patterns and sizes—Cheese Presses, Spinning Wheels, Potato Diggers, Fanning Mills, Threshing Machines, Horse Rakes, Cultivators, Scythe Cradles, Sowing Machines, &c.

In Cloths, Shawls, Counterpanes, Blankets, Bed Quilts, Carpets, Rugs, Socks and Mittens, there was a fine assortment—generally superior to imported articles of the same description.

Specimens of useful and ingenious workmanship were scattered in general profusion all over the rooms. The Shoemakers, Harness Makers and Tanners exhibited excellent samples of their respective vocations; and Carriages and Sleighs, fit for the Queen to ride in, were not wanting. The Edge Tools were equal to any thing we ever saw in their way, and the castings, for which Messrs. Harris & Allen took the first prize, were both beautiful and substantial. There were Soaps and Candles by our friend Mr. Scott of Portland, which were admired by all who saw them, and for which prizes were awarded; and a Mammoth pile of the former article made by a Mr. Brown, excited curiosity. In the same vicinity there were whole piles of Native Honey in the Comb—one of them displaying a whole commonwealth

of Bees, in active operation, preparatory to the approach of Winter.

The display of Fruit by Mr. Watts of Fredericton, Harris of St. John, Mr. Murray of Springhill, and Mr. Sharpe, of Woodstock, was a tempting one. The latter, we are informed, took the first prize, for the general excellence of his collection. Three small specimens deserve special notice in this department. These were a plate of beautiful Peaches, produced in St. Andrews, a small lot of mammoth Apples off a tree owned by S. W. Babbit of this city, and several bunches of fine Grapes, raised by Mr. Harris.

On one of the middle ranges, not far from the door, there were large piles of Confectionary by Messrs. Martin & Lormer of St. John; and near the same place stood a solitary keg of home manufactured Tobacco, by a Mr. McLauchlan of Miramichi. By the way, the inhabitants of the North have proved themselves no laggards in the race of industry and intelligence which has just closed; and setting aside the handsome as well as durable Agricultural Implements which they produced, their woolen manufactures—especially those from Restigouche—were beyond all praise.

The large room which is occupied by the Legislative Assembly, contained many elegant and costly articles of the finest manufacture and quality. There were two Astronomical Clocks, that made by Mr. White, which took the prize last year in St. John, and another by Mr. McCausland, which on the present occasion received the same honor. There were three pianofortes—two by Messrs. Kenney & Scribner of St. John, which obtained the first and second prizes, and a diploma; and one, an elegant looking instrument, by Mr. T. Richards of this city. This last is, in our opinion, as good as it is beautiful. There was also an organ, the sole one—by Mr. Naish, which, with the Piano, frequently tended to delight the audience under the skilful operation of Mr. Gardiner. Here, too, there were some elegant Sofas, made in St. John; and a few very superior Tables. One of the latter, made from the red oak of this country, the growth of the Grand Lake, was much and deservedly commended. In the same place was exhibited a very fine assortment of Made Clothing. There were Coats, Pantaloon and Vests which a Prince might wear. A Coat made by Mr. A. Gilmour, Merchant Tailor of Saint John, was, we think, the finest and richest specimen of the kind which we ever saw. Its price was ten pounds, but we understand its materials and the labour which it took to produce it, amounted to a much higher sum. Suspended from the front of the Gallery hung a number of rich and beautiful Furs and Skins, the property of Mr. Lockhart and others. Mr. Lockhart also exhibited several elegant and costly articles in the Fur line, which might be called purely domestic in their origin as well as manufacture, since the animals upon which they had once grown, and the trademen who had prepared them, were alike natives of the Province. The Hats and Caps displayed by the same gentleman, as well as others whose names we did not learn, were also highly creditable to the manufacturers.

Several curious specimens of Needlework, apparently the productions of
 “The herd of *Genlewomen* who sew at ease,”
 were here hung along the wall in rear of the Speaker's Chair; and a dark, and bold, but something rude bust of Wellington, in marble, occupied the Speaker's Desk.

Of the articles exhibited in the Council Chamber, which was chiefly occupied with specimens of the Fine Arts, a large proportion were furnished by female skill and industry. The first prize for a Painting was awarded to Mrs. Shore, a lady whose taste and execution in this department have yet been unrivalled in the Province. Several elegant Paintings by the Rev. Mr. Churchill were also exhibited, but we understand not for competition, as they were executed while the rev. gentleman resided in Canada. Mr. Woolford of the Barrack Department, long favorably known as an artist, also contributed a number of fine paintings; and a large and beautiful collection in massive gilt frames, made by Messrs. Potter & Co. of St. John, and some of them doubtless by native

artists, were highly conspicuous. To Messrs. Potter & Co. the Province is certainly deeply indebted for the interest which they manifested in the Exhibition, and for their own elegant and numerous contributions. In Crayons there was a respectable display, but we did not learn the name of the successful competitor. A Portrait of the late Chief Justice, by Hoyt, and faithful as life, occupied the prescribed place of the Throne when the Legislature is in session; and several others whose originals we could not recognize, but whose beauty all must own, were in the same neighborhood, and probably the works of the same artist.

There were also a great variety of Prints, one of which we particularly noticed in reference to its fine execution. It was a picture of Pius IX. in his pontifical robes, and was, we heard, furnished by Mr. Gaynor of this city. Here also there were several superb specimens of Needle work in *Berlins*. One by a Miss Welsh of St. John, was much and deservedly admired; and another, a historical sketch, by Miss Burpe of Sheffield, also received a full meed of admiration and a *diploma*. Many of the raised *Berlins* were really beautiful; but among the whole range of Needle-work essays, nothing attracted our attention more than a piece of patchwork furnished by a lady who had counted more than her ninety years at the time of its making, and who says in a label attached, that she produced this work “without tears or spectacles!” Time will not permit us to enumerate the tythe of the specimens of art and science scattered in such rich profusion throughout the whole Exhibition. We have altogether omitted the Mineral, and consequently the most curious department, displayed in the Speaker's room, because we are unlearned in such matters, and should consequently be liable to make blunders. A shark's jaws which found their way to this room were, when opened, wide enough to admit the entrance of a moderate-sized canoe; while the numerous rows of teeth on either side indicated plainly enough, that the original proprietor must in his day, and with certain opportunities, have been an unpleasant customer. We have also not alluded to the numerous and ingenious models of houses, ships and bridges which made their appearance. Of the former we saw a specimen by a Mr. Kelly, of a Cottage in Miniature brick, handsomely executed; of the latter, a portable one about seven feet long, and only a few pounds weight, upon which five heavy men stood at once, and seemed only to render it the stronger by their pressure. An elegant Wheel and Capstan of a ship, forwarded from his manufactory by Mr. Gaynor of St. John, were excellent specimens of nautical workmanship.

GREAT PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the New Brunswick Society, for the encouragement of Agriculture, Home Manufactures and Commerce, held in the Supreme Court Room, on Monday, the eleventh day of October, 1852.

PRESENT:

His Honor Mr. Justice Street, *President*,
 The Hon. A. E. Botsford, *Vice President*,
 R. Jardine, Esq., ditto
 R. Chestnut, Esq., ditto
 J. Robb, M. D., *Corresponding Secretary*,
 R. Fulton, Esq., *Recording Secretary*,
 Messrs. W. Watts, Senr.,
 D. S. Kerr,
 J. A. Beckwith,
 J. Gregory,
 W. Carman,

It was on motion of the Corresponding Secretary, resolved unanimously,

1st, That this Committee desire to record an expression of their earnest and heartfelt thankfulness to the Almighty Giver of all good in that he has crowned this year with peace and plenty, and blessed so abundantly the labors of the Husbandman. They also desire to praise His Name for the fine and genial weather vouchsafed to us of late, whereby the exceeding riches of the earth, and the various products of the skill and industry of the people (employed upon materials furnished by him alone,) have been enabled to be brought together from far distant parts of the country,

without injury, and exhibited to the best advantage, before the eyes of the whole people.

2nd, That the thanks of the Committee be, and hereby are, publicly tendered to His Excellency Sir E. W. Head, Bart., Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, and to Lady Head, for the warm interest which they have taken in the Great Provincial Exhibition of 1852.

3rd, That the thanks of the Committee be, and hereby are publicly offered to Lieut. Colonel F. Murray, 72nd Highlanders, for permitting the attendance of the admirable Band and Pipers of the Regiment, whereby the attractions of the Exhibition were so much enhanced.

4th, That the thanks of the Committee be, and hereby are publicly tendered to His Honor Judge Wilmot, for the eloquent and impressive Oration which he delivered at the desire of the Committee during the Exhibition week, and that he be requested to prepare a copy of the same for publication.

5th, That the thanks of the Committee be, and hereby are publicly offered to the Exhibitors at the recent Provincial Show and Fair, for their numerous and valuable contributions thereto, and which have excited such great and general satisfaction in regard to the Resources, and the Skill, and the Industry of the country.

6th, That the thanks of the Committee be, and hereby are publicly offered to the Gentlemen and Ladies who have acted as Judges, Committee men, Stewards and Assistants, in connection with the Exhibition, and who have so faithfully performed the arduous and important duties devolving upon them.

7th, That the thanks of the Committee be, and hereby are publicly offered to the Messrs. Odell for the liberal and generous spirit evinced by them in throwing open their beautiful Grove and Grounds for the purpose of the Sports, the Cattle Show, and the Ploughing Match.

8th, That the thanks of the Committee be, and hereby are publicly tendered to the numerous Musical Amateurs who assisted at the opening of the Exhibition, and likewise to Wm. Watts, Jr., Esq., and to S. K. Foster, Esq., for the Words and Music, of the “Exhibition Song.”

9th, That the thanks of the Committee be, and hereby are publicly tendered to S. K. Foster, Esq., of St. John, for the care and labor which he bestowed on the superintendance of the Fire Works during the Exhibition week.

10th, That the thanks of the Committee be, and hereby are tendered to the Presidents and Officers of the various County Agricultural Societies—to the Chancellor and Council of King's College—and to the President and Directors of the Mechanics' Institute and gentlemen of St. John, and other places, for their valuable contributions, and for the services rendered under their direction in preparing for and assisting at the arrangements for the Provincial Exhibition.

11th, That the thanks of the Committee be, and hereby are publicly tendered to the Proprietors of Steamboats and of the public conveyances, for the conveniences which they have offered to contributors and Exhibitors.

12th, That the thanks of the Committee be, and hereby are publicly offered to the Gentlemen of the Provincial Press, for the very favorable mention which they have been pleased to make of the Exhibition, and for many gratuitous favors rendered by them.

13th, That this Committee desire to express their gratification at the good conduct and right feeling displayed by all classes of the people during the Exhibition week.

14th, That the foregoing Resolutions be printed in the *Head Quarters* of Wednesday next, and that all the other Newspapers of the Province be, and hereby are requested to copy the same.

15th, That the Lists, Entries, Awards, Reports, and Addresses, in connection with the recent Exhibition be copied, collated, and prepared for publication in pamphlet form as soon as possible.

R. FULTON,
 Rec. Secretary.

Fredericton, October 11, 1852.