

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

Unpropitious Weather.

SMALL GATHERING

Fine Exhibit of Roots, Vegetables, Butter, Cheese, Fruits, Flowers, etc.

Lieut.-Governor Macdonald's Address at the Opening.

LIST OF PRIZE-TAKERS.

As a rule, our Exhibition Commissioners have been very fortunate in the selection of days on which to hold our Annual Provincial Exhibition. But this year there is an exception to the rule. The heavy rain to-day has, no doubt, kept thousands of intending spectators at home.

Yet, the Exhibition of this year is well worthy of a visit, and we are glad that an opportunity will be afforded of seeing it on Friday as well as to-morrow.

At noon His Honor the Lieutenant Governor accompanied by Mrs. McDonald and suite entered the exhibition building and were received by the Commissioners, on behalf of whom Judge Hensley presented and read the following:

ADDRESS: To His Honor, the Hon. A. A. Macdonald, Lieut.-Governor of the Province of P. E. Island, &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOR,—The Commissioners entrusted with the management of the General Exhibition (1885) of this Province beg leave to express our gratification at having Your Honor's presence on this occasion, and have much pleasure in offering you a cordial welcome.

We think it a matter of congratulation that it takes place under very favorable circumstances.

We gratefully acknowledge the goodness of Divine Providence in granting an abundant return during the past year to the labors of the agriculturist in every branch of production. At the close of a season unexampled for beauty and freedom from storms, and favorable not only for rapid growth and development of the plant, but the safe and easy gathering in of the harvest.

We venture to hope that Your Honor will, on inspection of the contents of this building and Exhibition grounds, find that the articles entered for competition as products both of the field and of the garden, and the results of the industry of our people, indicate a careful culture, progress and improvement.

Our Province has already attained a high position as a stock raising country, and so we are pleased to be able to state that the stock lists are very fully filled, and include many fine specimens, evidencing continued efforts to maintain the advanced position of Prince Edward Island in that department.

In preparing for this Exhibition the Commissioners have encountered some difficulty for want of certainty until a late date as to the possession of a suitable building and grounds in which to hold it.

Our predecessors, too, have frequently experienced a like difficulty. It is true that by the courtesy and consideration of Your Honor, and your predecessors, we have been allowed to use a part of the grounds attached to Government House, and by the permission of the military department of the Dominion we to-day occupy this, the Queen's County Drill Shed, but experience has shown us that the exigencies of the public militia service may at times render it difficult, if not impossible, to obtain it.

We trust, in order to remove this inconvenience in the future, that it may be deemed desirable, and by some means or other found practicable, to obtain a suitable building and grounds, exclusively set apart for the Agricultural and Industrial Department, available at all times for Provincial Exhibitions, and other objects of a similar nature. We feel called upon thus to refer to this matter on account of its importance, and publicly to place on record our views respecting it, but we by no means expect or desire to draw from Your Honor any expression of opinion on the subject thus referred to in this paragraph of our address.

The fact that the Colonial and Indian Exhibition is to be held in London next year, and that the people of this Dominion and Province have been invited to take a part in it, affords us much satisfaction. The present Exhibition presents a good opportunity for obtaining articles to transmit to London as specimens of our industries and products, which, we hope, will be taken advantage of by the two resident Agents appointed by the Dominion Government. We are glad that one of those Agents is the experienced Secretary of this Board, as from his long experience and zeal in the cause, we believe him to be well fitted to discharge the additional duties which he will now be called upon to perform.

At the conclusion of the speech Mr. Keim came forward and delivered a brief address, complimenting the people on the success of the Exhibition.

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LIEUT.-GOVERNOR MACDONALD'S REPLY.

To the Honorable the Commissioners entrusted with the Management of the Prince Edward Island Exhibition of 1885.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,—I thank you for your cordial welcome, and assure you it is a pleasure to me to be present to take part in your proceedings and open this Exhibition.

It is gratifying that the number of entries has been unusually large, but the rainstorm to-day will materially lessen the attendance and affect the receipts.

A genial spring, a delightful summer and a beautiful autumn, have been crowned with a bountiful harvest, and we have many other reasons to thank a beneficent and all-wise Providence for the blessings bestowed upon us.

An inspection of the exhibits in the building and on the grounds will, I am sure, present many proofs of the industry and progress of our people, for my intercourse with them for years past has shown me that they are as steadily and surely rising in the social scale as they are increasing in material prosperity. It is but seventeen years since a failure in the crops, followed by a severe winter and late spring, compelled farmers, after all their ordinary provender had been exhausted, to feed their seed grain and potatoes to the stock, and left themselves in such destitution that they were unable to replace it, nor could they obtain seed even on credit, so that thousands of acres of arable land were lying waste in the Province for want of seed. At this crisis the Government came to their relief, and the Legislature voted \$10,000 to purchase seed for the people. The public records of the following session prove "that it was the means of averting much destitution." The money was afterwards repaid to the Government by the recipients. They may now be found in the ranks of our most thriving farmers, whose comfortable homesteads, well-filled barns, expensively farming machinery, handsome equipages and large stock, afford the most positive evidence that by industry, thrift and sobriety, they have secured the comforts of life, while not infrequently the sewing machine and handsome parlor organ show their appreciation of the luxuries also.

I am pleased to learn that the entries on the stock lists comprise some fine specimens of young stock. They will be required to enable the Province to maintain the rank it has heretofore held at Interprovincial Exhibitions, although stock of an improved class is now so very generally distributed throughout the Province that farmers from remote sections claim, I believe unreasonably, that they are raising some equal to anything now produced on the Stock Farm.

I assure you I appreciate the difficulties Commissioners have to contend with for the want of proper permanent grounds and buildings for the Exhibition. The Drill Shed, even if always available, are now too small for the rapidly increasing list of exhibits, and in the other counties, at least, would not contain at one time one-tenth of the people in the vicinity on Exhibition day, so that hundreds never enter the building or pay gate money. I give you no official opinion in the case, and you have kindly disclaimed any desire to draw such from me, but I may state that I have always considered that we were too prone to look to Governments to undertake everything that we thought would be for the general benefit, and it would be better if we put our own shoulders to the wheel in many instances. The County that will have public spirit enough to organize every farmer and mechanic within its bounds into an association to purchase a suitable piece of land in a central position, close to the railway line, to enclose it with a good driving track inside, and have suitable buildings erected for exhibition purposes, might reasonably expect some assistance from Civic and Local Governments, and it would certainly secure the monopoly of Provincial Exhibitions which would soon give that county the first position in many respects. Shall it be King's, Queen's or Prince's? The latter with its agricultural paper and Farmers' Conventions already organized, bids fair to take the place if Queen's does not soon realize the position.

The Colonial Exhibition to be held next spring in London is intended to mark an epoch in the relations of all parts of the British Empire with each other, and Canadians of all parties and classes have been invited to vie in obtaining for Canada her true position as the Premier Colony of the British Empire. I have no doubt this Province will contribute its due proportion. I have already called public attention to the subject in King's and Prince Counties, and it is equally the interest of every producer and manufacturer in Queen's to furnish a good representation of its productions, and thus assist in securing that extension of trade sure to follow from such a display.

The experience of your Secretary in the organization and management of local and general exhibitions for many years past, will enable him to discharge efficiently those duties he will now be called upon to undertake in this new departure, and the united collection of two efficient resident agents should embrace everything worthy of being sent from this Province to that grand exhibition of the resources of that Colonial Empire of which we are a part.

I beg to thank you, gentlemen, for your patriotism in devoting so much of your time to your duties as Commissioners of this Exhibition, which I now have the honor to declare open. Thanking you, likewise, for the kindly sentiments contained in your address, I will join you in inspection of the numerous and interesting exhibits here displayed.

Charlottetown, Oct. 7th, 1885.

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BUTTER AND CHEESE. These important classes were fairly well filled. The samples of butter numbered about 50 in salted and 40 in fresh, and included many specimens first-class in every respect. Among those who did not show butter this year, was (notably) Mrs. Donald Ferguson, who, in past years stood first in the ranks of butter exhibitors. Owing to the fact that the Hon. Donald Ferguson, her husband, is a prominent politician—Mrs. Ferguson was made the subject of comment in the Opposition press of an annoying kind, and she has therefore withdrawn from competitions in this class. The competitors, however, include Mrs. Isaac Crosby, Mrs. David Beers, Mrs. P. M. Bourke, Mrs. Archd. McCallum, Mrs. Jas. Howard, Mrs. Isaac Seller, Mrs. H. Chown, Miss Lizzie Chown, Mrs. Elizabeth Drake, Mrs. D. L. Scott, Mrs. Alex. McKinnon, Mrs. Thomas Ayers, Mrs. Seller, (Highfield), Mrs. Chas. Dickeson, Mrs. Mrs. Jas. Dickeson, and others, who have well maintained the high standard reached last year. Very rich and very good cheese were shown by Mrs. Mutch, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Abbott, and others, and the Riverside Factory, St. Elizabeth's Factory, and Dunk River Factory were all well represented.

GRAINS. The show of grain was smaller than it ought to have been, but the samples shown are excellent, and we are glad to hear that they are reserved for the Colonial and Indian Exhibition. Messrs. A. Kennedy, Lot 48, Thos. Bullman, Robert Bullman, and Robert McCallum comes well to the front in this class.

FLOWERS. This class is highly creditable, and deserves a careful notice for which we have not space to-day. They indicate a pleasing advance in culture and refinement. Among the exhibitors are Miss. Katie McLean, Miss Scantlebury, Miss Youngusband, Miss Alice Turner, Miss Fannie Wright, Miss Cundall, Mr. F. H. Hazard, Mr. Ridgeway, Mr. J. G. Eckstadt, Miss A. J. Longworth, Mrs. W. H. Stewart, Mrs. Beatrice, Mrs. A. McRae, Mrs. A. Lord, Mrs. D. C. McKinnon, Miss Rankin, Mrs. George Davies, Mrs. E. Bayfield.

THE FINE ARTS. The Art Department is only fairly well supplied, but the exhibits are up to the usual standard. The prizes seem to have been judiciously awarded, though we must express some wonder that the beautiful landscape, in water colors, by Miss M. Pope, was not awarded a prize. Miss K. McLean's prize oil landscape is *facile princeps*, and Miss Wright's *Squaw's Head*, in water colors, is beautifully painted. Two oil paintings, by Miss Wright, are well executed, but are sombre in coloring. The first prize for crayon drawing was deservedly awarded to Miss Turner. Other exhibits demanding mention particularly, are a landscape by Mrs. Chisholm, and a well-executed bust of an Italian girl; also the pair of jars, neatly painted, a screen and panel which is a small oval group of dogs, the execution of which is good if the drawing is slightly distorted. The exhibit also includes some fretwork and some architectural designs.

CHARLOTTETOWN WOOLLEN COMPANY. In the centre of the building, immediately in front of the main entrance, is the exhibit of the Charlottetown Woollen Company, which was carefully arranged by the enterprising manager, Mr. McKay. It consists of a wall forty feet long and ten feet high, on each side of which are displayed the various patterns of tweeds manufactured by the Company. The number of distinct patterns shown is one hundred and fifty. Some are of Australian merino, but the greatest number is made of all Island wool. The shades in every case are different, and it would require a connoisseur to distinguish the difference between the high grade tweeds manufactured by the Company and the best imported into the city. The exhibit is very creditable to the Charlottetown Woollen Company, and shows clearly what can be done by its enterprising managers.

P. E. ISLAND SOAP WORKS. Messrs. Beer & Sons, proprietors of the P. E. Island Soap Works, make a creditable display of the various brands of soap manufactured at their establishment. The exhibit, which is in charge of the energetic manager of the works, Mr. John Laphorn, is situated in front of the main entrance. It is quite attractive, owing to the flash description of the labels on the various brands exhibited. Fourteen brands of soap are shown, viz. Maple Leaf, Bon Ton, Aome, Moss Rose, Gem, Astral, Banner, Comet, Red, Mottled Blue, Star, Silver Bar, Comet, Lightning and Toilet. Besides the manufacture of soaps, a superior brand of potash is turned out at the works. Some on

exhibition looks equal to Babbitt's. We are informed that the works, which have been running for three years, are continually increasing their business, and that the soap finds a ready market in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, as well as on the Island.

WILLIAMS PARKS AND SON (LIMITED). The exhibit of cotton goods by William Parks & Son, which has been carefully arranged by Mr. A. Wright, Secretary and Treasurer of the Company, is the most attractive in the building. It is set up in a prominent position, and is being closely inspected by all. The exhibit consists of single warps of all shades, carpet warps of every color, shirtings in thirty-six different patterns, cotton tweeds of many patterns, and ball knitting cotton of every color, warranted fast and true to shade. The new firm of Wm Parks & Son (Limited) commenced operations in St. John a year ago. The patronage of all their old customers promptly returned; and they have since had—owing to the superiority of their goods—a constantly increasing business. At the Toronto Exhibition, notwithstanding the sharp competition of the factories of Quebec and Ontario, they were awarded a gold medal for best general exhibit of cotton goods. Their stock is in demand, not only in the Maritime Provinces, but in all the leading mills in Quebec and Ontario. Their exhibit here is highly creditable to the company. We wish the enterprising company success.

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Sample Damsons—1st, Miss Ethel Mason, City; 2nd, Miss Gertrude Mason, City. Bunch White Grapes (grown out doors)—A. Hermans, city. Bunch White Grapes (grown inside)—William Heard, city; 2nd, C. A. Hyndman, Brighton. Bunch Black Grapes (grown out doors)—1st, A. Gill, Little York; 2nd, A. Hermans, city. Bunch Black Grapes (grown inside)—William Heard, city. Half bushel Cranberries—1st, Robert Mallett, South East; 2nd, Union Road. FRUIT CULTURE. Collection of Asters (not less than 4 colors)—1st, Miss Cundall, city; 2nd, E. Bayfield, city. Collection of Phlox Drummondii (not less than 4 colors)—1st, Mrs Wm Howard, Royalty; 2nd, Miss Tilley Hyndman, Brighton. Collection of Stock (not less than 4 colors)—1st, Edward Bayfield, city; 2nd, Miss Rankin, city. Collection of Pinks (not less than 4 colors)—1st, Miss A. McRae, Pownal; 2nd, Miss A. J. Longworth, Glenwood. Collection of Roses (not less than 4 colors)—1st, A. McRae, Pownal; 2nd, E. Bayfield, city. Collection of Roses (not less than 3 colors)—1st, Thos Ridgeway, city; 2nd, Mrs Wm Dodd, Royalty. Collection Carnations, not less than 3 colors—1st, Mrs Wm Dodd, Royalty; 2nd, G. H. Hazard, city. Collection Verbenas, not less than 3 colors—1st, E. Bayfield, Royalty; 2nd, Miss Rankin, city. Three Dahlias, small, double—1st, E. Bayfield, city; 2nd, Miss Beatrice, do. Large Dahlias—1st, E. Bayfield, city; 2nd, W. W. Palmer, do. (single)—1st, E. Bayfield, city; 2nd, Mrs W. H. Stewart, do. Gladioli—1st, Judge Hensley, city; 2nd, Miss Beatrice, do. Three Lilies—1st, G. H. Hazard, city; 2nd, Thos Ridgeway, do. Three varieties (single Petunias)—1st, Mrs W. H. Stewart, city; 2nd, Miss Rankin, city. Three varieties (double Petunias)—1st, E. Bayfield, city; 2nd, Thos Ridgeway, do. Three double Zinnias—1st, Hon D Davies, city; 2nd, Mrs A. Lord, do. Twelve Pansies—1st, Mrs Wm Dodd, Royalty; 2nd, E. Bayfield, city. Hand Bouquet Flowers—1st, Thos Ridgeway, city; 2nd, J. G. Eckstadt, do. Bouquet Everlasting Flowers—1st, R. Bourke, Royalty; 2nd, Thos Ridgeway, city. Three varieties (single flowers)—1st, G. H. Hazard, city; 2nd, Thos Ridgeway, do. Three varieties (double Geraniums)—1st, Mrs George Davies, city; 2nd, G. McKinnon, North River. Three varieties Double Geraniums—1st, Mrs D. C. McKinnon, North River; 2nd, Miss Katie McLean, St. Peter's Road. Three varieties Coleus—1st, G. H. Hazard, city; 2nd, Thos Ridgeway, city. Collection of Foliage Plants, not less than six varieties, not to include Geraniums—G. H. Hazard, city. Collection of Geraniums for foliage and for floor, not less than 12 varieties—Thos Ridgeway, city. Judges—Mrs Frame, Miss Cannon, Mrs Malcolm McLeod. WOOL AND FLAX GOODS. Group of woollen and mixed fabrics, factory made, to be exhibited by manufacturers or their agents—1st, Charlottetown Woollen Factory; 2nd, Tryon Woollen Factory. Ten yards Flax Cloth, all wool, full-dressed, hand-made—1st, Miss Mary Ferguson, Argyle Shore; 2nd, John Prishie, Mt Stewart; 3rd, Jos Sullivan, Mill View, Lot 48. Ten yards Grey Cloth, all wool, full-dressed, hand-made—1st, Joseph Sullivan, Mill View, Lot 48; 2nd, Mrs J. McNeill, New Peter; 3rd, Alex Durrach, Clyde River. Ten yards (home-made)—1st, Mrs Geo Burnett, St Peter's Road; 2nd, Mrs Wm Webster, St Peter's Road. Woman's Shawl (home-made)—1st, Mrs Thomas Lane, Dunstons; 2nd, Miss Christine Nicholson, Canoe Cove. Pair Horse Rugs—1st, Carrie Burnett, St Peter's Road; 2nd, Mrs Geo Burnett, city. Piece Fancy Druggat (striped)—Janie Wright, Middleton. Piece Fancy Druggat (checked or plaid)—1st, May Ferguson, Argyle Shore; 2nd, Mrs Jno Morrison, Flat River. Railway Rug (home-made)—Mrs Geo Burnett, St Peter's Road. Pair Door Mats—Sarah A McMillan, Brackley Point Road. Ten yards Twilled Flannel (all wool, home-made)—1st, H. McLean, West River. Ten yards Plain Flannel—1st, Janie Wright, Middleton; 2nd, Mrs Jas Norton, Annapolis. Gentlemen's Suits (home-made)—1st, Mrs John McDougall, Argyle Shore; 2nd, Mrs Thos Lane, Dunstons. Twenty yards Carpet Cotton Warp (woollen fling)—1st, Mrs J. McNeill, West River. Pair Blankets (all wool)—1st, Janie Wright, Middleton; 2nd, Mrs H. McLean, West River. Darning Board—1st, Mrs J. McNeill, West River. Hearth Rug (all rag)—1st, Mrs G B McNutt, Darnley; 2nd, Mrs Janie McMillan, Brackley Point Road. Three pair Men's Woollen Socks—1st, J. McKenney, West River; 2nd, Mrs J. McNeill, West River. Two pair Women's Woollen Stockings—Ella Norton, Annapolis. Three pair Men's Woollen Mitts—1st, Mrs N. McDonald, West River; 2nd, Mrs Donald Scott, North River. Pair Men's Woollen Overall—1st, Mrs D. Kennedy, Lot 48. Collection Knit Work—1st, Janie Wright, Middleton; 2nd, Mrs Geo Scantlebury, city. Six Linen Towels (home-made)—1st, Isabel Robertson, St Peter's Road; 2nd, Mrs M. McNeill, Bonshaw. New Linen Table Cloth—1st, Isabel Robertson, St Peter's Road; 2nd, Mrs H. McLean, West River.

MANEELS. Six specimens Carter's Mammoth, Prize Long Red—1st, Richard Burke, Royalty; 2nd, A. E. Dewar, Lot 48. POTATOES. One doz specimens four tubers, each of Dakota Red, White, Star, and Pearl of St. George—1st, Geo Tweedy, Royalty; 2nd, Walter Bourke, Royalty; 3rd, Isaac Knight, Government House. FLOWER COIN. Three stalks of the Mammoth Southern—1st, Captain Murchison, North River; 2nd, George H. King, city. Notes. The horses and cattle will be judged at nine o'clock to-morrow. Mr. C. R. Dickey, of Muddy Creek, had on exhibition to-day a bucket of cultivated cranberries, the finest we have seen. Had they been entered in time they would undoubtedly have received first prize. Great dissatisfaction is expressed by farmers from the country who came into town to-day to see the Exhibition, particularly the horses and cattle, paid their entrance money and went in, but owing to the rain and the horses being locked up, were unable to see what was most interesting to them, because on leaving the exhibition building they were refused tickets to admit them again, and told that if they didn't hold their tongues and go out quietly they would be arrested. One of the complainants hopes that the rule will not for the future be so strictly enforced, and that exhibition officials will at least be courteous to their masters.

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