

KING'S COUNTY EXHIBITION.

A GOOD SHOW—LARGE NUMBERS PRESENT.

THE glorious weather, the growing interest in agricultural and industrial competitions, the presence of the Lieutenant Governor and a large number of the representative men of the country, the efficient management of the Commissioners and the Secretary, all combined to make King's County Exhibition a success—and it was a success.

True, the classes of articles were not large; but they were choice. In live stock the most marked improvement was seen in cattle. Messrs. A. C. McDonald, M. P., John Cowan, James Clow and Thomas Keays exhibited animals which would have done credit to any exhibition, while other exhibitors, whose names will be seen on reference to the prize list, showed that they are giving commendable attention to the breeding of stock. The horses were few in number, and though there were some fine animals on the grounds, they were, on the whole, hardly up to the standard of the other counties. In the pens of sheep and pigs there were some very choice animals. The wheat of Mr. D. Robertson was a marvel to many. It weighed 68 lbs. Imperial measure, and 64½ lbs. Winchester measure; and we have no doubt it will be heard of in St. John, whither it has been sent by the Commissioners. The oats shown by Mr. Jos. D. Campbell, too, were better than any yet exhibited this season, and were judged worthy of being sent to St. John; and I here was a splendid show of potatoes and other vegetables. Further comments are unavoidably crowded out.

Shortly after 12 o'clock, His Honor the Lieutenant Governor entered the Exhibition Building and, accompanied by Dr. Nuttall, M. P., A. C. McDonald, M. P., F. Brecken, M. P., Hon. D. Gordon, Mr. Hooper, M. P., L. Kickham, M. L. C., J. E. McDonald, M. P., Hon. A. A. McDonald, W. R. Watson, Esq., W. P. Lewis, Esq., Rev. Mr. McKinnon and other gentlemen was conducted to a raised platform and presented with the following ADDRESS:

To the Honorable Thomas Heath Haviland, Q. C., Lieutenant Governor.

MAY I PLEASE YOUR HONOR.—We, the Commissioners appointed to manage the present Exhibition of Agriculture and Industry, have much satisfaction in tendering a hearty welcome to your Honor on the occasion of your visit to Georgetown for the purpose of opening the Exhibition.

We can assure your Honor that, personally, we have endeavored to make it successful; and we trust that it may prove, in every way, as interesting as we believe it to be important to the prosperity of the country.

Held at a period some days earlier in the season than in past years—when the products of the fields are not fully stored—yet it is evident that the labors of the farmers have met with a fair average return; and we look for a fine display of agricultural and horticultural products; and a marked improvement in the show of stock.

In the other branches of industry, as well as in the works of art shown, we believe that your Honor will find proofs of steady progress and improvement.

The public interest in these exhibitions, which has been awakened during the past few years, seems to be maintained with increasing activity in every part of the civilized world—affording evidence of the benefits resulting therefrom.

Fully recognizing this fact, and declaring our conviction that these exhibitions tend materially to the advancement and prosperity of the people, and that no expenditure of public funds is followed by more lasting results, nor more beneficial to the true interests of the Province, we entertain the hope that in each succeeding year a more liberal grant may be made for this purpose.

The result of our limited effort at the exhibition just held in Montreal must prove very gratifying to the people of this Province; and we have no doubt will tend to stimulate our farmers to renewed efforts in preparing to enter into competition with the people of the other Provinces.

Amid the many causes for thankfulness, during the past year, there is one which has caused sadness and sorrow, to the people of this Province. By the death of your Honor's predecessor, the late Sir Robert Hodgson, the Province has lost one who ever took a lively interest in all that concerned the welfare of the inhabitants; and his name will be cherished and revered, as one of the best of Governors and the most amiable of men.

As Commissioners, we have welcomed Your Honor to Georgetown, to open this Exhibition; but we may go further and do so not only on behalf of the inhabitants of this town, but of the whole people of this County, who are happy to see you amongst them, reviving memories of the past, when the County, with pride, claimed you as her representative.

We all unite in wishing for Your Honor, for Mrs. Haviland and your family, all health and happiness.

On behalf of the Commissioners, D. GORDON, Chairman.

In reply, His Honor spoke to the following effect:— Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I am sorry that I cannot find words to express my gratitude for the kind and complimentary address I have just received. Till I arrived in Georgetown, I had no idea in the world that such an honor awaited me—more especially as I received an address from you last year on the occasion of my first visit to Georgetown after my appointment to the office

of Lieutenant Governor. I must confess that when I stand in this Drill Shed, I am forcibly reminded of the time when I first represented this district in the Legislature, and when this Island did not occupy the independent position it does to-day; and it is brought home to me here, that, humanly speaking, it is to you I am most indebted for the office and position I now hold. It may be said that this is the age of exhibitions. Not only in the old world, but in America, exhibitions are general; and in this Dominion, this year, I dare say there will be no less than a hundred exhibitions. When here last year I expressed some regret that the Island was not represented at the Dominion Exhibition then held at Ottawa. But now I am happy to say that in the great struggle for superiority which has recently taken place for Montreal, and which was open to the competition of the whole of Canada, little Prince Edward Island took no insignificant part. I feel proud of the high position taken by our horses and cattle when placed in competition with those of the older Provinces. The cattle had to compete with cattle bred by the greatest stock raiser in Canada—perhaps in America—Senator Cochrane. But I believe that the judges had much difficulty in deciding whether a heifer of his herd or one sent up from the Island was entitled to the first place; and I am informed, by a letter from a gentleman who was present—a good judge of stock—that had it not been for one circumstance, P. E. Island would, for cattle as well as for horses, have had the first and not the second place. Of horses there were no less than two hundred entries; and an Island horse was, in his class, given the first prize. With regard to food's horse, which took third prize, I am informed that had he been a black or a dark bay, instead of a grey—the Canadians having a prejudice against grey horses—he would have carried off a first prize, and his owner could have sold him for a thousand dollars! We must feel proud, also, at the success of our farmers who send grain to the Dominion exhibition. The Governor General had a personal interview with our Commissioner, and congratulated him again and again on the courage and enterprise which induced the Island to send, from so great a distance, such a fine representation of her productions. I am sure that having achieved one triumph—having once placed their hands to the plough—the farmers of this Province will not turn away, but will endeavor to take a higher position next year in the Dominion Exhibition to be held at Toronto. Some of the specimens exhibited here to-day are better than those we sent to Montreal. I see by a slip of paper just placed in my hand, that white oats shown here, weigh 47 lbs per bushel—which, by the way, is nearly the same weight as the white oats sent by the Island to the St. John Exhibition; and black oats shown here, weigh 45 lbs per bushel, which is two pounds heavier than the specimen sent by the Advisory Board to St. John; while wheat on exhibition here weighs no less than 68 lbs per bushel. With respect to the horses on the ground, I will not express an opinion, for I do not pretend to be a judge. But I do feel that I am a good judge of cattle; and I must congratulate King's County, on the very superior stock now on the grounds. The more we improve our breeds of stock, the more wealthy we shall become. The trade in sending live stock to the markets of the mother country will, if developed, prove, in the long run to be far more lucrative to our farmers than the export of oats, potatoes, turnips and other raw materials. If our farmers will but turn their attention more than they have done, to the production of good sound beef and mutton, I feel sure that they will succeed; for not only are we advantageously situated in being much nearer the British Market, than the Upper Provinces, but we have a generous soil—a soil which I am informed produces better grass than are to be found in the other parts of Canada. A successful experiment has, through the energy and enterprise of one of our merchants, already been made; and there seems to be no good reason why it should not be followed up, and this branch of commerce—this source of wealth—established in Prince Edward Island. For remember that this is not a mere transitory trade. The British Islands cannot possibly produce food enough for the millions who inhabit them; and therefore there must be a constant demand on the British market for cattle and sheep of the right kinds. It is just as easy to keep a well-bred animal as it is to keep an ill-bred one; and there is this great advantage in raising animals of the best breeds, that they mature and are fit for the butcher several years earlier than those of the poorer breeds—and are therefore much less expensive and trouble to the producer. If our farmers and their sons will but stay at home instead of going out to the wilds of the Northwest, out of the reach of civilization—work with the same energy and ability that they are compelled to exert in other parts of the world, and make the most of their advantages, the Island would soon become literally and in reality the garden of North America. There is no reason why we should not succeed. We are a perfectly independent people. We have free lands and a free government. We are as free a people as there is in the world. We have only to exert ourselves; and, so far as I am concerned, I shall endeavor to do my part by using all the legitimate influence I possess, at the Council Board and elsewhere, in the promotion of the best interests of the Island.

That paragraph relating to Sir Robert Hodgson I cordially endorse. I knew him from my youth—when he practised at the Bar, when he adorned the Bench; and I was one of his constitutional advisers while he held the offices of Administrator of the Government and Lieutenant Governor. I honestly believe that throughout his career he had the true interests of the Island ever at heart.

I feel thankful to you for the expression of your kind regards for my wife and family.

The following prize list is open to correction,—

PRIZE LIST: HORSES. Best Draft Stallion, Jas. Campbell, Grand River North.

Best Draft Horse, Jas. Clow, Murray Harbor, North.

Best Carriage Horse or Mare, Allan McDonald, Lower Montague.

Best Breeding Mare with her Foal, James McIsaac, Souris Line Road.

Best Draft Stallion, Jas. Campbell, Grand River North.

Best Carriage Horse or Mare, Allan McDonald, Lower Montague.

Best Mare of any age or Breed, Wm. Sinnott, Morell.

Best Entire Carriage Colt under 3 years, Wm. Sinnott, Morell.

Best Ayrshire Bull of any age, L. Poole, Lower Montague.

Best Yorkshire do, James Phillips, Lower Montague.

Best pair of Turkeys, George F. Owen, Cardigan Bridge.

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ROOTS AND VEGETABLES. Best 1 doz Swede Turnips (by weight), Wm Poole, Lower Montague.

Best 1 doz Table Carrots, Jas Easton, Georgetown.

Best 1 doz Onions, Mrs Norton, Brudenell.

Best 1 doz Early Rose Potatoes, James McLean, Montague.

Best tub or crock of Salt Butter (not less than 20 lbs.), Mrs. Alex. Hamilton, New Perth.

Best basket Apples (3 kinds assorted), Mrs. J. Robertson, Brudenell.

Best assortment of Plants in Flower, A. E. Bourke, Georgetown.

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ZION CHURCH BAZAAR!

THE Ladies in connection with Zion Church will hold a Bazaar for the Sale of Useful and Fancy Articles,

Tea and Refreshment Table,

MIDDLE OF DECEMBER NEXT, IN THE MARKET HALL.

The proceeds to be applied to the liquidation of the debt on the Church building.

Apples, Tea, Onions, SOAP, &c.

I WILL sell at AUCTION, TO-MORROW SATURDAY, the 2nd inst., at 11 o'clock, 50 bbls. Montreal Apples,

Apples! Apples!

EX STEAMER "MIRAMICHI," 100 Bbls. Choice Ontario Apples,

To-Morrow (Saturday), 2nd of October, AT 3 O'CLOCK.

GRAIN SACKS, 5000 STRONG, HEAVY, GRAIN SACKS, very cheap to the trade,

AUCTION.

ON the way from Montreal per S. S. Miramichi, 50 BBLs. APPLES AND ONIONS,

Which will be sold by AUCTION, on SATURDAY, 2nd of OCTOBER, at 2 o'clock, in front of my Auction Room, North Side Market House.