

## Members' Statement

Bathurst Agricultural Society – 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary

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Mr. Speaker, as the co-chair of the New Brunswick Provincial Commemorations Committee, I am pleased to recognize the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bathurst Agricultural Society.

Mr. Speaker, the Bathurst Agricultural Society dates back to the 1850s, when an unofficial society was formed by local farmers. Legislation recognizing the society was passed in 1853. It received its Letters of Patent on March 25, 1889 as the Bathurst and Beresford Agricultural Society # 3.

Mr. Speaker, agriculture has played an important role in shaping New Brunswick and we are proud to recognize that role as we work to engage New Brunswickers in our unique history.

That is what the Provincial Commemorations Committee is all about. We are proud to bring together individuals and associations who will jointly contribute to the delivery of events to celebrate our shared heritage and important elements of our history.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Bathurst Agricultural Society on having reached this historic milestone. I would encourage all New Brunswickers to take the opportunity to learn about how agriculture has shaped our province's history.