

OXEN.			
33.	Best pair of oxen largest and fattest,	50 00	
	2nd do do do....	40 00	
	3rd do do do....	25 00	
33½	Best pair of fit oxen, four years old and under five	30 00	
	2nd do do do....	20 00	
34.	Best single ox or steer, largest and fattest, not one of a pair....	30 00	
35.	Best pair working oxen, 4 years old and upwards....	30 00	
	2nd do do do....	15 00	
	3rd do do do....	12 00	
35½	Best pair working Oxen, under five years....	30 00	
	2nd do do do....	25 00	
36.	Best pair steers, 3 years old and under 4	20 00	
	2nd do do do....	15 00	
	3rd do do do....	10 00	
	4th do do do....	8 00	
37.	Best pair steers, 2 years and under 3	20 00	
	2nd do do do....	14 00	
	3rd do do do....	10 00	
	4th do do do....	8 00	
38.	Best pair steers, 1 year old and under 2,	15 00	
	2nd do do do....	12 00	
	3rd do do do....	10 00	
	4th do do do....	8 00	
39.	Best pair steer calves....	12 00	
	2nd do do do....	10 00	
	3rd do do do....	8 00	
	4th do do do....	6 00	

The following Prizes are offered for Grades obtained by crossing our native cattle with thorough-bred animals of particular breeds; but any mixture of Short Horn or Durham blood will disqualify from competition for these prizes:—

40.	Best Grade Devon Cow, 3 years old or upwards....	\$15 00
	2nd do do do....	10 00
41.	Best Grade Devon Heifer, under 3 years	10 00
	2nd do do do....	8 00
42.	Best Grade Ayrshire Cow, 3 years old or upwards....	15 00
	2nd do do do....	10 00
43.	Best Grade Ayrshire Heifer under 3 yrs.	10 00
	2nd do do do....	8 00
44.	Best Grade Alderney or Jersey Cow, 3 years old or upwards....	15 00
	2nd do do do....	10 00
45.	Best Grade Alderney or Jersey Heifer, under three years....	10 00
	2nd do do do....	8 00

Herts.

46.	Best herd thorough-bred cattle, (1 bull, 3 cows and 2 heifers, all of one breed) the property of the Exhibitor, and owned by him for 6 months before Exhibition, unless imported by him. (One or both of the Heifers may be replaced with Heifer Calves.)....	50 00
47.	Best 5 pairs of oxen on the ground, that shall not obtain other prizes at the Exhibition, to be divided equally among the owners....	100 00

Young animals may compete, if the Exhibitor thinks fit, in an older class than that to which they properly belong; but no animal will be allowed to compete in more than one of the foregoing Sections, except in the Herds. A calf is an animal under one year.

Special Prizes contributed by George Fraser, Esq., Halifax.

48.	For the best and fattest Ox.....	\$50 00
49.	For the best and fattest Milch Cow.....	25 00

These prizes may be competed for by animals that are likewise competing for other prizes, and are to be given only to such persons, as may, for some time previous to the exhibition, have used the "North British Company's" Nutritious Condiment, in feeding the Cattle intended for Exhibition.

FACILITIES OF TRANSIT TO AND FROM THE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION, 5TH TO 10TH OCTOBER, 1871.

On the Dominion Government Railways, return tickets will be issued at a single fare for the double journey, to persons visiting the Exhibition, and animals and articles to be exhibited will be carried at half rates, providing they remain the property of the original owners.

The Windsor and Annapolis Railway Company will, in like manner, convey to Halifax, live stock and all articles for exhibition at the ordinary rates, and take them back free of charge; will issue return tickets at one first-class fare to exhibitors travelling with their live stock, or who have invoiced articles for exhibition, from 1st to 6th October, available for return up to 12th October; and will further, issue excursion tickets to the general public, from all Stations, at one first-class fare, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th October, available for return up to 12th October.

The Eastern Steamship Company will carry for one rate, (returning free) all articles intended for the Exhibition, and passenger return tickets will be given for one fare. (The Company are not at present prepared to carry live stock.)

The Prince Edward Island Steam Navigation Company will carry any packages of articles for exhibition free of charge, and will issue throughout the month of October return tickets available for one week, at one and a half fare for each person.

F. W. Fishwick, Esq., proprietor of the S. S. M. A. Starr, will issue return tickets for one fare for passengers, and will carry freight for exhibition (excepting live stock) at a single rate, returning free.

Messrs. Small & Hatheway will carry passengers and freight for the Exhibition, by steamer from Digby to Annapolis for one fare, returning free.

SEVERAL enquiries have been made as to whether Paintings and Drawings will be admitted to the Exhibition, not for Prizes, but merely for inspection. We have consulted several members of the Board on the subject, and find but one opinion, viz: that the Board will cheerfully do what they can to provide accommodation for such, but cannot hold themselves responsible for damage or loss. If it were known that a certain number of Art productions would be forthcoming, the Committee on space might set aside a suitable wall or screen, so that Artists and owners could exhibit at their own risk and trouble in placing their works in position. No prizes can be given, but if the judges award honorable mention well and good.

We are glad to be able to state that the Prizes originally offered by George Fraser, Esq., for Cattle, Sheep and Pigs, fed with the North British Company's Condiment, are to be continued by his successors in the Agency, Messrs. Johnston & Hunt, of Halifax.

From the correspondence published in some of the papers on this subject an impression had been formed that the Prizes would be withdrawn, but when the Secretary of the Board announced to Mr. Fraser, and Messrs. Johnston and Hunt, that entries had actually been made for these prizes, they at once determined to carry out the original arrangement. We hope the liberal spirit thus shown will be rewarded by an extensive competition for their Prizes, and increased patronage for the Condiment, of which we hear excellent accounts wherever it has been used.

ADAM'S NEEDLE—YUCCA FILAMENTOSA.

Among the many interesting plants cultivated in the grounds of Peter Jack, Esq., at Bellahill, we notice the *Yucca filamentosa*, which is now in full flower. It is not known to have blossomed before in this Province, and has in fact been usually grown under glass, but, having withstood the unusually severe winter of 1873-4 without the slightest protection, we may now safely add it to our list of hardy plants.

The *Yucca filamentosa* is, in several respects, a remarkable plant. It is not exactly a herbaceous plant, because it has a permanent stem like a tree or shrub, but it is also very unlike a shrub, for this stem is so extremely short as scarcely to rise above the surface of the ground. When not in flower the plant seems to consist simply of a rosette of numerous long lance shaped pointed leaves, which have loose threads like manilla fibre hanging from their margins. From the centre of the leaves the flower-stem arises, branched like a candelabrum, to the height of three or four feet, and each branch bears six or seven campanulate flowers of a beautiful creamy white colour, which have been likened to sleigh-bells. There will be about seventy of these flowers on the Bellahill plant when all the buds have opened.

This *Yucca* was originally a native of Virginia, was described by Linnæus as *Yucca filamentosa*, on account of the threads or filaments on its leaves, and was introduced into England so long ago as 1675. It thrives well there in warm situations, but is more extensively cultivated in the United States, where it forms a noble lawn plant, stately and ornamental in its leaves as well as its flowers. It is figured in Botanical Magazine, the great repository of plant drawings, table 900.