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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The County and District Agricultural Societies throughout the Province have been more dilatory this year than formerly in sending in the attested Returns required by law. This has caused much delay and trouble in adjusting the proportions of grants due to the various Societies. Now, however, that the Returns are complete, it is gratifying to find that the Societies have increased in number and in members. The usual list of Societies, with amounts of subscriptions and proportions of grant, will be published in next number of the *Journal*.

We would direct attention to Mr. Bustin's paper, in the present number, on the cultivation of Cabbages as a field crop. No vegetable is more necessary for maintaining the health of a country household in this Province, during the winter, than the cabbage; every farmer ought to grow a supply, and store them in pits for winter use. In this recommendation we include Savoys, Brussels Sprouts, and Scotch Kate or German Greens.

Professor How's paper on Plaster may probably induce some of our farmers to experiment, with the view of ascertaining whether plaster cannot be profitably used as a manure in this country, where it can be had at so cheap a rate.

We publish this month the Bye-Laws of several Agricultural Societies that have been recently formed. We often have enquiries for forms of Bye-Laws, and can recommend those now published as simple and judicious, and suggestive of what is required in the management of an Agricultural Society.

The Annual Reports of Agricultural Societies are beginning to come in, and will be printed as rapidly as we can find room for them. The Onslow Society's Report is a concise model of what we should like to have from every Society in the Province. We desire likewise, however, to receive at this season, a statement of the crops, to aid the Board of Agriculture in preparing the tabular return, which is annually sent in with their Report to the Legislature.

Persons desirous of obtaining copies of the List of Prizes offered for competition at the Great Exhibition to be held at Halifax in October next, may do so on applying at the office of B. G. Gray, Esq., Bedford Row.

In answer to several enquiries, we beg to state that the Spring (Fife) Wheat, imported by the Board of Agriculture from Ontario, is now offered to Agricultural Societies at \$2.50 per bushel. It is in bags, and will be put on board the cars without extra charge. No less quantity than a bag full (about 2½ bushels) can be sold.

THE BIG BUFFALO EXHIBITION.

Our friends in the States know well how to get up a good Agricultural Exhibition. When it was announced that they had set to work in earnest to make an ingathering at Buffalo of the great herds of the Western plains, it was expected that there would be more than a mouse there. And so there was. In fact the Exhibition was in several respects a very creditable