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Omnium rerum, ex quibus aliquid acquiritur, nihil est agriculturâ melius, nihil uberius, nihil homine libero dignius.—Cicero: de Officiis, lib. I, cap. 42.

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THE HERD BOOK NUMBER of the *Journal of Agriculture* is now in course of preparation. It will contain a list of all the thoroughbred Short Horn Durham, Ayrshire, Devon, and Jersey Cattle in the Province, with references to their sires and dams, dates of calving, colour, owners' names, &c. The number for September, 1876, was our last year's Herd Book Number, and although it cost a great deal of labour, and was made as correct as possible, yet it no doubt contained errors, for we do not pretend to know by instinct all the changes of ownership, and births and deaths in farmers' barns, that have taken place during the last twelve years. Owners of thoroughbred stock will oblige us much by looking over the list published last September, and making any necessary corrections. We shall be glad to send a spare copy of the number for this purpose to any one who may not have it already.

All corrections should be sent in before the end of June. By publishing our List every year, and thus subjecting it to public criticism, and purging it of errors, we hope to attain greater accuracy in pedigrees, and thus, while increasing the confidence of the public, to enhance the real as well as the market value of recorded stock.

PROFESSOR HOW sends us a few castor oil beans, plump, hard, and well ripened, with the following note. They are the first we have seen ripened in the open air in this Province, and we have

handed them to the Superintendent of the Public Gardens:—

"I send you from Mr. C. W. Knowles some castor oil plant seeds, ripened in his garden here last season. He got about 100. He feels the more interested, because he was told by some one at the Public Gardens in Halifax that they never ripen there and certainly would not here. He has proved their vitality, he tells me.

Yours truly,
HENRY HOW"

WE have received the following, dated Philadelphia, March 21st, 1877:—

I have the pleasure to-day of forwarding you an advance copy of pamphlet No. 1 of the International Exhibition Co., Main Building Centennial Grounds, intended for our foreign exhibitors.

You will find on perusal that the north-west portion of the Building, embracing about one sixth of the entire area has been devoted to Agriculture, the displays in which will be very interesting and beautiful, comprising most of the finest exhibits lately displayed in the Agricultural Hall of the U. S. Centennial Exhibition.

A number of States and Territories are making very handsome agricultural exhibits which promise to be very attractive.

Power will be transmitted by wire-ropes from the south side of the Building to drive such agricultural machinery as may require it, free of charge.

We are desirous of increasing our foreign displays, and shall esteem it a favor if assisted through the columns of your largely circulated and valuable Journal,

and trust that the courtesies and advice so kindly given to the Agricultural Department of the Centennial Exhibition will be tendered to its successor, the same department of the International Exhibition Co.

I have the honor to be,
Yours respectfully,

C. HENRY RONEY,
Supt Agr'l Department, and late Sec'y of Advisory Committee, Bureau of Agriculture, U. S. C. C.

WE have heard it stated that a project is on foot in Truro to start a mill, for the purpose of producing flour and meal from grain to be brought, we suppose from the Upper provinces of the Dominion, here by train. We have not as yet learned particulars but are decidedly of the opinion that the project is a feasible one. Such an establishment in Truro would give employment to quite a number of persons and we think the process of separating the food for man and beast in our own town, rather than as at present, importing the two separately, would certainly pay. If the site has not been already secured, we would suggest that those interested turn their attention to the new Peg Factory.—*Sun.*

GROWING FAST.—The Short Horn Bull Calf, "2nd Gwynne of the Forest" 10 months old owned by J. B. Fraser, Esq., of Shubenacadie, weighed on Monday last, the 5th instant, 750 pounds, girted 5 feet 3 inches. Who can beat this?—*Sun.*