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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 whole nation feels genuine sorrow for the death of the PRINCESS ALICE—we can but echo those words of this morning's *Times*. It is, indeed, in country places rather than in towns that the ideal English home exists; and the sad intelligence which has already reached our readers has been received with especial sympathy at many a country fireside, where sad experience had already taught how sad a blow is dealt when a united family circle, a warm-hearted household, is broken up—a daughter, sister, wife, or mother has been removed—by death. All this has happened here. It is one of the greatest blessings of this generation that the influence of a model English home has been exerted by the Palace. And the whole nation, as the *Times* declares—town and country alike—mourns with the Queen and the Royal Family the death of the loving daughter, sister, wife, and mother who has been now removed.—*London Agricultural Gazette.*

THE presentation of a dutiful Address to His Excellency the Governor-General, by His Worship the Mayor of Truro, on behalf of the inhabitants of that loyal town and district, was duly recorded in the public prints, but a pleasing incident connected with it was not noticed, so far as we observed. We refer to the presentation by the ladies of Truro to H. R. H. the Princess Louise of a Bouquet of Hot-house Flowers. The bouquet was graciously received by Her Royal Highness from the hand of Mrs. Longworth, the

estimable lady of the Mayor. It is said to have been the most exquisite Bouquet ever seen in Nova Scotia, & only for a Princess. It consisted of the following flowers:—

Epigæa repens (Mayflower), picked 25th November.
 Lapageria rosea splendens.
 Erica melanthera.
 Polianthes tuberosa.
 Dianthus Caryophyllus (Carnations, five sorts).
 Camellia alba plena.
 Browallia alata.
 Rondeletia speciosa major.
 R. anomala.
 Reseda odorata (Mignonette, Miles's new sort).
 Bouvardia Davidsoni.
 B. elegans.
 Double Zonale Geraniums Bishop Wood,
 Lucie Lemoine, Wonderful and Depute Voise.
 Roses Amabilis, Buret, Bon Celene, Isabella Sprunt, Marechal Niel, Niphotos and Sazane.

The Bouquet was decorated with sprays of *Medeola asparagoides* (commonly called Smilax), *Adiantum gracillimum*, *L. formosum*, *A. sinuatum*, *Oxalis variabilis* (for shamrocks) and *Diosma pinnata*.

The bouquet was prepared by Mr. Herbert Harris, of the Halifax Nursery.

On 10th December, Mr. Bowser's Short-horn cow Lily dropped a bull calf, red and white, by name and title Marquis of Lorne.

CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

THE Executive Committee will meet at Halifax, on Tuesday, 7th January, and continue in session for a few days. The routine work at this season is extensive, embracing an examination of the reports, accounts, attested schedules, and returns of registered stock, of upwards of eighty Agricultural societies throughout the Province. The nominations for the formation of a new Board have also to be examined, preparatory to submission to the Government. Applications for the Provincial Exhibition of 1879 have been received from Truro, Kentville, and Halifax city. The consideration of this subject, that is, the choice of locality, has been set down on the programme for Wednesday morning, 8th January. It is also intended to clear the way for the publication of a *Nova Scotia Herd Book*, by subjecting the registers of live stock to a thorough revision. It is accordingly requested that any criticisms or information relating to registered animals, be transmitted without delay to the gentlemen who have been appointed by the Board to undertake the collection of material, viz:—

For Jerseys and Guernseys—Colonel Laurie, Oakfield.

For Devons—Mayor Longworth, Truro.

For Ayrshires—David Matheson, Esq., Pictou.

For Short Horn Durhams—W. E. Starratt, Esq., Paradise, Annapolis Co.