

the uplands what has been carried down stream by the rush of waters, in exchange for timber and other resources of the upland, instead of teaming the hay to the city to pass, as is now the case, from the stables down the sewers into the sea. As we believe in the indisputable principle that not a particle of our earth can be annihilated, consequently the whole secret of inexhaustion rests on the principle of preservation, and as this subject needs such a wide scope of thought we hope to hear more upon it from your correspondents. With reference to a majority of the farmers in the County of Hants, the question of landlord and tenant is but little needed. Many of our farmers own hundreds, and some thousands, of acres of land immensely covered with timber, with inexhaustible mountains of slate for roofing, and an abundance of freestone for building purposes, clay and sand in many places for brick-yards, likewise fire-clay and pottery-clay in variety, also lime and gypsum in various places, and a large area of an undeveloped coal field, plenty of streams for mills and machinery with a shipbuilding shore nicely skirting our county. And why prosperity does not more fully flow from these resources without the aid of a landlord may be answered by referring to a point that Mr. Thomas touched upon, although perhaps rather lightly, viz., what the Government had done for us in giving us a railway, and concerning its location. Now I believe that it is in man to apply or misapply what Providence has placed within our reach. If our county were intersected with a branch railway, it would do more for us in our farming interest in bringing in capital to develop our resources, giving us a Home market, sending timber to our shores, build up our shipping interest, and induce our young men to stay home, which would be better spent money than the same amount given by Government as Agricultural and Emigration grants. Now, as regards draining, I believe it to be one of the most fundamental principles of farming, and as our article has already grown perhaps too long, and as it is a worthy subject, I may take it up again after hearing others.

Yours, respectfully,
SAMUEL BLOIS.

We find the following in the *Truro "Sun"* :—

On the fourth page of this paper will be found the proceedings of the Central Board of Agriculture, a perusal of which will convince our readers that extensive preparations are being made for the coming Provincial Agricultural Exhibition at Halifax. We are glad to hear that a number of our Colchester farmers are already making preparations to have articles there, and sincerely trust that

they will give a good account of themselves. While we are of the opinion that it is of the highest importance to have our agricultural productions form the leading feature of the exhibition, still we think that our industrial productions should not have been entirely ignored. However, let all who can "go in and win." We see nothing in the arrangements, thus far, which we seriously object to, save in one item, viz.: where exhibitors are allowed to put their names on the articles entered for competition. This we conceive to be a very grave error, and will surely lead to trouble, grumbling and dissatisfaction. It is time enough for the names of exhibitors to be put on after the judges have awarded the prizes, and should in all instances be done. If the system of ticketing articles with names of exhibitors prevails, what security is there, we ask, that justice will be properly meted out? The judges at this exhibition will naturally be imbued with the prejudices common to all mankind; and if such is the case, may we be allowed to ask how far a man's judgment will control his prejudices? Let us apply a "butter argument"—we have heard butter arguments before—suppose a butter dealer happens to be on as a judge of Butter. He knows, or honestly thinks he knows, the best butter maker in the Province. Every pound of butter this butter maker can produce finds a ready sale at said butter dealer's store, and is retailed to his customers as the best butter in the Province. Will any one pretend to say that if this judge of butter, should come across the name of his favorite customer on a tub, that he will pass it by and give the first prize to another, and thus belie all his former assertions. This argument will apply in other cases. But what of the judges? Will men be found willing to place themselves in such awkward positions, liable to be faulted by every crotchety old judge or general, who has gone to the trouble of importing a fancy animal, and who thinks that the sun does not shine on a better. We are sorry that this step has been taken, as future exhibitions in the different counties should have something worth copying from in the carrying out of this exhibition.

[There may be another side to this question, and we shall be glad if intending Exhibitors will discuss fairly this or any other matter relating to the Rules before the Board meeting in June takes place. It is to be kept in view that the regulation complained of is not a Prize List Rule to be enforced upon competitors, but merely a permissive resolution of the Board, which may or may not be acted upon at the discretion of the competitor. The Board have but one object in view, the successful carrying out of the Exhibition, and will gladly adopt any prudent

and practicable suggestions. We may further remark that the Editor of the *Sun* has made a pardonable mistake in giving butter judging as an example to illustrate the kind of evil likely to arise. The resolution applies only to animals, and we repeat it from the Report :—

Moved by Colonel Laurie, seconded by Mr. Matheson, and

Resolved, That exhibitors may label their animals with the owner's name, etc., on cards to be furnished by the Secretary, in addition to the entry card of the animal.

It is no doubt the duty of the Secretary of the Board to see that everything is clearly expressed to prevent the possibility of mistakes. In this instance it would have been well to have explained that competitor's names would not be permitted upon anything *except animals*. We hope this notice will be sufficient.—
Ed. J. A.]

THE Secretary of the Mabou and Port Hood Agricultural Society has written to John Ross, Esq., M. P. P., to say that the Society will contribute \$25 to the prize fund of the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition.

SAMPLES of Mr. Blanchard's Seed Oats (offered at \$1 per bushel) may be seen at the Provincial Library.

THE Pictou Agricultural Society has contributed forty dollars to the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition.

Reports of Agri. Societies.

REPORT OF ANNAPOLIS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FOR 1873.

At the annual meeting of the Annapolis Agricultural Society, held in the Court House, agreeable to notice, on Dec. 3rd. The President in the chair. The President called upon the officers for their report, when the Secretary read the report as follows :

Mr. President,—The officers and directors of the Annapolis Agricultural Society beg leave to report that during the last year the number of members has increased ten, making 83 paid up members, as shown per list annexed. Since the last annual meeting there have been held three general meetings of the Society, and one of the General Committee. At the meeting held in June it was not deemed expedient to hold an exhibition in the autumn, in consequence of the funds of the Society having been mainly spent in the purchase and keep of Stock, which was considered would best promote the interests of the Society. The Committee appointed to take charge of the two short horn Durham Bulls, report that their ser-