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*Omniun 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 first Prize List of a District Exhibition to reach us in a printed form is that for the Counties of Digby, Yarmouth and Shelburne. The exhibition is to be held at Yarmouth on Thursday and Friday, 12th and 13th October. The prize list is neatly printed by Powers & Carey, Yarmouth, and presents several features worthy of imitation. We do not refer to its most conspicuous one, viz.: that, in accordance with modern custom, it carries a deck load, fore and aft, of advertisements of the principal business concerns of the district, books furniture, woollen mills, groceries, watches, metal-ware, boots and shoes, knitting factory, woodenware, seeds, fertilizers, dry goods, flour, fish, hotels, iron works, sawing machines, clothing, plumbing, undertaking, tanning, auctioneers, insurance, photographs, seeds, trees, culinary comforts, luxuries, printing, and drugs. Thus strangers get an insight beforehand into the industries in which many of the enterprising people of Yarmouth are engaged, and the nature of their domestic wants. The exhibition is held under the immediate direction of the Yarmouth County Agricultural Society. The cash prizes amount to \$2,000. The Managing Committee consists of Charles E. Brown, *President*, Hon. L. E. Baker, *Vice-President*, Bowman Corning, Hugh Cann, Jno. Cann, J. W. Moody, Joseph R. Wyman. The Secretary is Thomas B. Crosby. The prizes for horses amount to \$37. Those for cattle are much heavier, amounting to \$68 in each of the five thoroughbred classes alone. Male and female cattle

are classified into "Thoroughbred and Registered" and "Half-bred and over" in each of the principal breeds—Short Horns, Ayrshires, Jerseys and Akerneys, Devons, Guernseys. Fat cattle are required to be weighed on the morning of the exhibition. The only thoroughbred sheep recognized are Shropshire and Cotswold, but the prizes for grades and crosses are extensive. The Poland China and Yorkshire are the principal swine. In poultry we find turkeys, geese, Rouen, Aylesbury, Pekin and Cayuga ducks; of fowls: Buff and Partridge Cochin, Light and Dark Brahmas, Black Spanish, White and Brown Leghorn, Plymouth Rock, Houdan and Langshan, Hamburgs, Bantams, and Barn Doors; also pigeons. The dairy prizes give evidence of much care and consideration. The fruit list is large for a shore district, embracing a collection of 26 dozens of apples, 2 of pears, and 5 of plums, with 3 sections for grapes, 2 for peaches, 1 for quinces, 1 for crab apples and one for cultivated cranberries. The Fruit Growers' Association offers special prizes of \$7 and \$5 for collections of apples. For flowers there are 16 sections, 48 prizes. Under Fine Arts we have painting, drawing, wax, shell and moss work, minerals, insects, photographs, written visiting cards, maps, penmanship, taxidermy, and prizes for 2 lbs. of Irish Moss accompanied by statement where and when found. Class 12 consists of bread in great variety, preserves, pickles, honey and wax. Class 13, domestic manufactures, 1st section, for best exhibit of woollen cloths, flannels, yarns, &c., \$10, \$6, \$4, with 28 other sections, 3

prizes for most of them. Class 14, fancy work, 15 sections, 45 prizes. Class 15, agricultural implements, &c., 38 sections, 2 prizes in each. Class 16, castings and machine work, 19 sections. Class 17, miscellaneous, embraces organs, sewing machines, harness, boots, bolting, tailoring, &c. Class 18, fisheries, 20 prizes. There are two special prizes for fertilizers. Written entries of all exhibits must be made on or before Wednesday preceding day of exhibition.

WE regret to hear of the rather sudden death of Robert Longworth, Esq., an old and much respected christian gentleman, and member of a family long known in connection with agriculture and other important interests in Prince Edward Island. Mr. Longworth died at Truro, whither he had removed a year ago to reside with his son, Israel Longworth, Esq., Vice-President of the Central Board of Agriculture.

LOWER ONSLOW, June 30th, 1882.

PROF. LAWSON:

*Dear Sir,*—I understand that there is a talk of the Government importing some thorough-bred stock this season. I would like to get three Hampshire Downs—two ewes and one ram. I would like to make the same offer as Mr. Stairs made for the cattle. If this offer is thought favorably of, please let me know by postal card, and oblige

Yours truly,

ROBERT PUTNAM.