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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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As by its promptness Baddeck secured this year's Island Exhibition, so we believe by its energy much will be done to bring it to a successful finish. No single locality can be expected to do everything be that place Baddeck, Sydney or North Sydney. The town in which the Exhibition is held is of course primarily responsible for what is done and how it is done, but its hands must be supported by the people of Cape Breton generally. If this is not done with earnestness and practical concert the Exhibition of 1884 will be far from what it otherwise might be. But we cannot see why there should be any holding back. The general principle of an Exhibition is to bring into competition all classes of people having similar aims and purposes. It is therefore an advantage individually and as a whole. The main direct inducement held out is the prizes. These tend to give a certain edge to competition. By means of them, for the outlay necessary to prepare exhibits and get them to Baddeck, each and every one has a chance to be reimbursed. Then there is the greater advantage consequent upon the increased market value of the agricultural and industrial labors of successful exhibitors. We could name many Cape Bretonians who have gained a reputation for themselves at these exhibitions as butter-makers, as stock-raisers, as growers of fruit and special lines of vegetables and cereals. Those who have gained this position should endeavor to keep it, while at the same time their neighbors strive to secure a like advantage. This year the

District Exhibition will be thrown open to the competition of the whole province. Formerly only the four counties of the Island competed. The new departure was taken at the last meeting of the Central Board. So now the active people of Pictou and Antigonish will be in a position to send exhibits to Baddeck. The advanced agriculturists of these fine counties do not regard either trouble or expense to secure new markets, as they certainly will, if our Cape Breton farmers do not toe the mark in exhibits both as to quality and variety. We are sounding no note of alarm. We fear no competition for our farmers and artisans, provided our best is shown. Therefore we urge our friends to keep before them the Baddeck Exhibition, and to not fail in putting in an appearance in their best bib and tucker, in exhibits as well as person. Before very long the General Committee at Baddeck will have their Prize List in the hands of the people, when we hope there will be a universal desire and intention to take part in this year's Cape Breton Exhibition.—*N. Sydney Herald.*

Mr. A. H. SUTHERLAND who owns the celebrated Ayrshire cow, referred to in the EASTERN CHRONICLE of a recent date, sends additional particulars of her to the Rev. Mr. McDonald, which, together with information otherwise obtained, we now give.

She was purchased as a calf by Mr. P. Grant of Hastings, from C. P. Blanchard of Truro, being of the best milking strain in his fine herd.

The butter yield from her last season was 218 lbs. instead of 206 as before reported. Mr. Sutherland believes that had proper attention been paid to her feeding she would have yielded 300 lbs. She was also affected with garget (milk fever never troubles poor milkers) for a portion of the time.

Since calving this season she has continued an increased milk flow until it now reaches 28½ quarts per day. Her calf (male) was sold for \$40 a few days after it was dropped. Its owner is holding it at \$100.

Now, if this cow averages 20 quarts per day the total yield for the milking season of ten months will be 6000 quarts. When the average cow only yields 1500 quarts in the season it is readily seen that this cow will have 4500 quarts to her credit over the average, which makes her invaluable. The fact is that the whole herd in the hands of the Dairymen of Nova Scotia can be developed to produce this yield. Let us aim at it.—*Eastern Chronicle.*

IN District No. 2, which includes the Counties of Annapolis, Kings and Queens, permission has been given to hold two Exhibitions, instead of one, in order to meet the convenience of the two divisions of that district that are widely separated and without convenient means of communication. One Exhibition will be held at Annapolis, on September 30th, October 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Total amount of Prizes offered \$1337.00. Strenuous