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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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### PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION.

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In addition to our remarks in last issue, anent our contemplated Exhibition in October, we have been enabled to gain some further information concerning the buildings and the operations of the Colchester Committee, to which is given by the Central Board the responsibility and the great labor of making the Exhibition of '76 even a greater success, if possible, than similar gatherings that have preceded it.

#### THE BUILDINGS.

The field, in which the Commissioners appointed by Government have located the Exhibition buildings, overlooks the town from the south and contains about six acres of land. The land has been cleared and levelled, as much as could possibly be done, considering that work had commenced therein almost before the frost had left the ground. If not as neat nor as level as it should be, the Committee hope that every allowance may be made for any imperfection on this point.

The main building—120 feet by 90 feet—stands upon the brow of a gently sloping hill, and from it, in the rear, are placed the sheds and other out-buildings. The post of the main building in the centre is 36 feet and the whole interior is to be surrounded with a gallery 12 feet wide. Ample room will be given for tables, stands, &c., while the gallery will serve as a promenade for visitors and will be furnished with seats.

The sheds are roomy and will afford ample accommodation for Stock. There are now, complete in every respect, 550 feet of double cattle sheds, 350 feet of horse stalls, 300 feet of hog and sheep pens and 100 feet of poultry yards double-shelved for coops, at least 2½ feet high, with abundance of room to increase these wherever the exigency of the case may demand. These buildings are surrounded by a substantial fence 7 feet 6 inches in height, and are distant from a railway siding off the main road, which the Dominion Government will furnish, only 25 rods, so that Stock and all exhibits will be landed within a stone's throw of the buildings. On the ground will be furnished running water, and fodder for Stock will be in abundance.

#### OPENING AND CLOSING.

The Exhibition will open on Tuesday the 10th of October, at 2 o'clock, p. m., by short introductory addresses, and will close on the 13th, at 3 o'clock, p. m., by some similar exercises. The grounds will be open for Exhibitors on Monday, at 9 o'clock, a. m., and exhibits may be removed immediately after the closing ceremonies on Friday.

#### THE FAIR.

A public Fair in connection with the Exhibition will take place on Thursday the 12th of October, commencing at 2 o'clock, p. m., where exhibitors will have an opportunity of disposing of any exhibits they may wish, in accordance with

the regulations prescribed by the Committee. We would call attention to No. 20 of the General Regulations. In addition, the Committee have made the following rules that they hope may meet with the approval of those who may wish to sell: (a) all exhibits for sale at the Fair must be entered before the opening of the Exhibition; (b) entries to be sent to the Auctioneer, Mr. William Creelman, P. O. Box 11, Truro; (c) the commission for the sale of all articles will be 2½ per cent.; (d) no auctioneer but Mr. Creelman will be allowed to sell upon the ground; (e) the auctioneer is responsible for the collection of all moneys arising from the sale and also for the safe delivery of purchases to the buyer.

#### FACILITIES FOR TRANSIT.

On the Dominion Government Railways, return tickets will be issued at a single fare for the double journey, to persons visiting the Exhibition, and animals and articles for exhibition will be carried at half rates, providing they remain the property of the original owners.

The Windsor & Annapolis Railway Company will issue tickets at the same rates as those offered by the Government. Articles for exhibition to be carried also for half rates.

The Anglo-French Steamship Company will carry persons visiting the Exhibition from Cape Breton for \$16 each for the double journey, in place of \$20, the usual rate. The rates upon all articles for exhibition will be a reduction of 20 per cent.