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THE Prize List of the great Provincial Agricultural Exhibition, which is to be held early in October, is now ready for distribution in pamphlet form. Copies may be obtained in Halifax at the Nova Scotia Printing Company's Office, corner of Sackville and Granville Streets, and in the country from the secretary of each county or district society.

All communications on business relating to the exhibition should be addressed to the Secretary, Professor Lawson, Dalhousie College, Halifax,

THE present number of the *Journal* contains some important matter. In the first place we have a list of the new Board of Agriculture, which is considerably reduced in accordance with the provisions of the Amendment of last Session. All the Societies in the Province, except a new one, sixty-three in number, nominated on this occasion, and in every district they selected a member from the old Board. The Government have appointed as Government member, the Hon. Mr. McHaffey, who had long experience on the Board in former years, and the vacancy caused by the lamented death of Mr. Northup, has been filled by the appoint-

ment of Colonel Laurie, in accordance with suggestions made by several of the leading promoters of agricultural improvement in the County.

The abstract of annual returns of societies for 1873 will afford material for thoughtful comparison on the part of the officers and members of societies throughout the Province. Our report of Mr. Beattie's recent sale of Short Horns, horses and sheep is worthy of consideration. It is the best sale that has ever taken place in Canada. Although the animals were not so numerous as the lot usually offered at an importation sale in Halifax by our own Board of Agriculture, yet Mr. Beattie's sale realized thirty thousand dollars. Lady Gunter brought two thousand, Maid of Honour six hundred more than Lady Gunter, whilst Malmsley and Rose of Racine both went above three thousand dollars each. The Clydesdale horse, Donald Dinnie, brought five thousand dollars, and some Cotswolds one hundred and fifty dollars a-piece.

L. L.'s paper on ploughs should be carefully read and acted upon by members of Agricultural Societies. Dr. Reid's Lecture on Agricultural Chemistry is thoroughly practical, and highly suggestive. In Mr. Thomas's letter a subject is brought

up of grave importance, whether we view it in its agricultural, social, or political aspect. But we doubt whether there is much difference of opinion between Mr. Thomas and Colonel Laurie. The Colonel, as a gallant General of Militia, would like to see the Province peopled less sparsely with an industrious class of peasant farmers and their wives and families; Mr. Thomas, as an earnest champion of High Farming, desires improved cultivation and management such as exist in highly civilized countries, where farming is worked with capital and reduced to a scientific system, so as to become a profitable occupation. There is the element of progress in both schemes; one may be better than the other, but perhaps both are best. The subject is deserving of more attention than can be given in this number.

May we hope that the precise details we are publishing respecting the Swedish Dairy System may lead to an increased development of our Nova Scotian cheese factories, improved modes of management and an extension into the butter manufacture? If a steam engine of four horse power will churn five thousand pounds of butter in a day, how many farmers' wives will bless their husbands' hearts for taking a share in a butter factory?