

palate, of a judge may perchance detect something that nobody else could. Wool is being washed, and dressed, and dyed, and spun, and worked into all manners of useful and ornamental fabrics for men's and for women's wear. Fruit growers are picking off caterpillars, and noticing the swelling and colouring of choice samples to make up collections and dozens of apples, and everything is being done for the large grape clusters, that a Virgil or a Thomson could suggest, except perhaps the hanging up of little Bacchus heads on the branches, which the Roman husbandmen thought brought felicity, but which are now replaced by the sulphur bellows. What our Implement Makers are about we have not heard, but trust there will be a fair representation of their handiwork, now that the demand for Agricultural Implements and Machinery is so very much greater than it ever was before.

Every intending competitor is required to transmit to the Secretary, W. D. DIMOCK, Truro, an entry paper containing a correct list of the animals or articles which he intends to exhibit, together with Certificate of Pedigree in the case of thorough-bred stock, or else a reference to the registry numbers of the Nova Scotia Stock Register. Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Swine and Poultry must be entered before 9th Sept. Plants and Flowers, Grains, Roots, Vegetables and other field and garden products, Agricultural Implements, and Manufactures of all kinds, may be entered up to 30th September.

The Exhibition commences on 9th October for arrangement of articles, and will be opened to the Public on the 10th at 2 p. m. The judges will meet at 9 a. m., on the 10th. Exhibits may be removed on 13th at 3 p. m. The Treasurer will commence to pay premiums on 13th at 9 a. m.

Arrangements have been made for the sale of stock by auction at the Fair; any persons having stock to offer should communicate as soon as possible with the Secretary, so that they may be entered in the Catalogue.

In reply to enquiry from Kings County we publish the pedigree of Somersault, a well-known Horse imported by the Government in 1865. He was owned last year by the Hon. Judge Henry, and is now owned in Kings County:—

**SOMERSAULT**: a brown Horse, bred by Mr. Milne in 1858. Dam—Golconda. Sire—Voltigeur. General Stud Book (English) vol. x, page 136. Nova Scotia Stud Register, No. 3.

Golconda, the dam of Somersault, was bred by Lord Zetland, in 1849; got by Irish Birdcatcher, her dam Cohereiss by Inheritor, out of Hygeia by Physician.

*Entry papers may be obtained by intending exhibitors on application, personally or by letter, to W. D. Dimock, Secretary, Provincial Exhibition, Truro.*

*The pedigrees of Herd Book Registers, although all in type some weeks ago, are unavoidably crowded out this month, but will appear in next No, to be issued before the close of August.*

THE importing of Stock and holding of Exhibitions are bearing their legitimate fruit. We are called upon this month to record the pedigrees of no fewer than twenty-four thorough-bred Cattle, all either raised in the country or imported by private persons. In May we gave a statement of 31 animals recorded during the four previous months; when we add the 24 now recorded, we have a total of 55 animals for the seven months. We know that the record is by no means complete, and we are taking no account at present of private importations of Horses, Sheep and Pigs, but it will be obvious from the facts mentioned in regard to Horned Cattle alone, that the wealth of the country in Live Stock is increasing rapidly. These 55 animals, added to our Herds by private enterprise within seven months, cannot be of less value in money than ten thousand dollars, an amount larger than the whole sum originally voted by the Province for a Stock Farm, and by means of which the various Importations of the Board have been and still continue to be made. Let it not be supposed that our farmers are doing nothing for themselves.

The Central Board of Agriculture have made arrangements for the importation from England of 8 Short Horn Bulls and Cows; 2 Devon Heifers; 7 Ayrshire Bulls and Cows, and lots of Large Yorkshire (Ellesmere) and Berkshire Hogs and Cotswold and Southdown Sheep. These will be sold at Truro, at the Fair, under the usual restrictions.

M. E. MARSHALL, Esq., Paradise, has purchased a thorough-bred Devon Bull Calf from Colonel Laurie, Oakfield. Another raid has been made upon the Oakfield Herd by James A. Dickey, Esq., Hillside Farm, Amherst, who has acquired the Devon Heifer Calves, Geranium 2nd and Daisy 2nd. We are glad to see the taste for thorough-bred stock of all kinds permeating the country.

THIS month Colonel Starratt of Paradise records two additions to his Ayrshire Herds, both home-raised calves,—one a Bull from the Heifer Miss Strang, CXXVI, imported last Fall by the Board, and another—a Heifer—from Crocus 2nd, and sired by Lord Lisgar.

In March No. we published the extended pedigree of the thorough-bred Ayrshire Bull Thrift, purchased by Col. Starratt of Paradise from Messrs. Sturtevant, the well-known Ayrshire Breeders of South Framingham, Massachusetts. Messrs. S. remarked in their letter to the Colonel: "You may say to your friends that we are willing your neighbours should think the animal a sample of our herd." Thrift reached Paradise in safety, and his new owner is much pleased with the purchase. In the ensuing number several other additions to the Paradise Herd are recorded, viz: *Scott*, the Bull-calf of Miss Strang (the Heifer sold at the Bpard's sale last year). This calf is sired by a splendid Ayrshire Bull *General*, sent to South Africa last Fall; also *Daisy*, the Heifer calf of Crocus 2nd by Lord Lisgar. From Messrs. Sturtevant Bro's, Col. S. has purchased Heifer *Dorcas*, No. 29. She is said to be of great excellence. The Heifers *Alice Oair*, 73 N.B., and *Spot*, 72 N. B., both raised by Mr. McMonagle and imported by Mr. D. W. Landers of Margaretsville, Ann., are now the property of Col. Starratt.

WE have had some correspondence with Mr. Thos. A. Wilson, Dalhousie East, in reference to the formation of an Agricultural Society in that settlement. Now, the Dalhousie settlement includes portions of three Counties—Lunenburg, Kings and Annapolis—and is itself shut off by wilderness land from all the Agricultural Societies in those Counties. It presents a case, in fact, not contemplated by the Agricultural Act. Fortunately for the Dalhousie settlers, one of their Counties—Lunenburg—has not formed Societies numerous enough to draw the full amount allotted to the County, and it was only at the last meeting of the Board that Colonel Laurie was requested to make enquiries as to the reason why. It appears as if the solution of the question were to be found, not in debarring Dalhousie from the privileges of the Act, but by authorizing it to organize an additional Society for Lunenburg County.

MR. SAMUEL SNOW, of Port Latour, writes to the effect that the Cape Negro Agricultural Society, in Shelburne Co., was formed in January, 1871, and received the Provincial grant for that year. Shortly afterwards the President, Secretary and Treasurer died, and the Society became inactive. After a lapse of five years, viz: on 17th February, 1876, the Society was re-organized by 48 members signing a schedule and paying in their subscriptions, which are duly attested as paid. The Society now applies to the Board to be re-instated as a re-organized Society under the Act. The application will be considered at next meeting.