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HALIFAX COUNTY.

DARTMOUTH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

I have the honor to inclose for the information of the Central Board, a copy of the proceedings of the Dartmouth Agricultural Society at their last meeting held on the 14th April. Much discussion took place as to the possibility of improving the breed of cattle and sheep, but the limited means of the society prevented any effort being made to secure so desirable an object. A hope was expressed that the Central Board might take the matter in hand and by the importation of a few animals, materially benefit the farming interest throughout the Province.

It was determined to set aside a portion of the funds of the society in prizes for grain, vegetables, drainage, &c., a schedule of which accompanies this.

MICH. TORIN, President.

PRIZES OFFERED BY THE DARTMOUTH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the Dartmouth Agricultural Society, held at Dartmouth on the 14th April, it was resolved to offer the following premiums, for competition by members of

the above Society; and all articles exhibited must be the production of the Exhibitor:—

ROOTS, GRAIN AND CLOTH.

For the best 1-4 acre Turnips, 1st prize, 12s. 6d.—2nd do., 7s. 6d.; do. do. 20 rods Potatoes, 12s. 6d.—2nd do., 7s. 6d.; do. do., 5 rods Mangel Wurtzel, 10s.—2nd do. 6s.

The above to be examined on the ground.

For the best dozen Parsnips, 5s.—2nd do. 3s. 9d.; do. Carrots, 1st prize, 5s.—2nd do. 3s. 9d.; do. Beets, 1st prize, 5s.—2nd do. 3s. 9d.; do. Cabbages, 1st prize, 5s.—2nd do. 3s. 9d.; do. bushel Wheat, 1st prize, 12s. 6d.—2nd do. 7s. 6d.; do. Barley, 1st prize, 12s. 6d.—2nd do. 7s. 6d.; do. White Oats, 1st prize, 7s. 6d.—2nd do. 5s.; do. Black Oats, 1st prize, 7s. 6d.—2nd do. 5s. For the best specimen of Swedish Turnip Seed, 1st prize, 7s. 6d.—2nd do. 5s., not to be less than 3 lbs.; do. Mangel Wurtzel Seed, 1st prize, 7s. 6d.—2nd do. 5s., not to be less than 3 lbs.; do. 10 yards of Cloth, Cotton and Wool, 1st prize, 15s.—2nd do. 12s. 6d.; do. 10 yds. Cotton and Wool, plain, 1st prize, 15s.—2nd do. 12s. 6d. For the best Tub of Butter, not less than 10 lbs. 1st prize, 12s. 6d.—2nd do. 7s. 6d.

The above articles to be brought forward on the day of the Grain Show, at Mr. Lamont's Mills, on or about the 1st December next.

Prizes will be granted for Drainage, not to exceed 60s. in the whole.

Judges of Potatoes:—John Gaston, Gordon Klun, Peter Farquharson—To be examined on or about 1st August.

" Turnips, &c.,—Robert Settle, Alexander Falloch, Alex. Giles—To be examined on or about 1st November.

" Cloth—Charles Bisset, William Lawlor—To be examined about 1st December.

" Grain—Charles Lamont, Peter McNab, jr.—To be examined about 1st December.

" Drainage—A Farquharson, jr. R. Humphrey.

Notice of at least a week to be given to the Committee appointed to examine the articles exhibited.

THOMAS SHORT, Secretary

The Field and Farm Yard.

HINTS ABOUT HAY-MAKING.

Hay-making is an important operation with the Nova Scotia Farmer. We select the following hints from an old number of the *Canada Farmer*, as likely to be useful to our readers at the present season:—

TIME OF CUTTING.

Many good reasons may be urged in favour of cutting grass early. By so doing, hay of more nutritious quality is obtained. Ripe hay, as it is called, is far less feeding in its nature than that cut sooner. Why is it that hay will not fatten stock as grass will? Because of the loss of the nutritious elements of the plant. But if the grass is cut and cured at the stage which it contains fattening properties in the highest degree, these may, to a very large extent, be retained.

Early in its growth, grass is watery; as it approaches blossoming, the amount of sweet nourishing juice increases; after blossoming and as the seed ripens, the sugar diminishes, and the hard woody fibre increases. The best time, therefore, generally, is to cut within a few days after the principal portion of the crop has appeared in flower. For milch cows it should be cut a little earlier than for working oxen and horses. Hard stemmed