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*Omniun 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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The great event of the year is the Dominion Exhibition, which will be held at Halifax in September next. Committees are actively at work making all the necessary preparations, and the applications for information and entries already received show that competitors are taking time by the forelock.

We publish the Regulations for the Exhibition *in extenso*, on another page. If any one of our readers has not already received a Prize List and Entry Paper, he should send his address on a post card to Mr. W. McKerron, Sec'y., Dominion Exhibition, Halifax.

We publish, in the present number, several public documents that will be read with interest by our farmers, as they involve important changes in our Agricultural organization.

One Amendment of the Agricultural Act provides that in future the Annual Grant of \$4000 for Exhibitions shall be appropriated in alternate years for (1) Provincial and (2) District Exhibitions. Thus a Provincial Exhibition will be held only once in two years. In the alternate year when there is no such Provincial Exhibition there will be district Exhibitions, one in each District into which the Province is, or may in future, be divided. The present division is as follows:

*District No. 1—Halifax and Lunenburg Counties.*

*Dist. No. 2—Kings, Annapolis, Queens.*

*Dist. No. 3—Digby, Shelburne, Yarmouth.*

*Dist. No. 4—Hants, Colchester, Cumberland.*

*Dist. No. 5—Pictou, Antigonish, Guysborough.*

*Dist. No. 6—Cape Breton, Richmond, Inverness, Victoria.*

The Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly have recommended that the grant to Societies, instead of being diminished, be increased to \$3500, and that the working expenses of the Board be lessened by \$300; that information be obtained during recess with a view to re-adjustment of Agricultural Districts for the purpose of holding District Exhibitions; that the Prize Lists of Provincial Exhibitions be, in future, published not later than the month of February; that a fee of fifty cents be charged for each entry in the Herd Registry and twenty-five cents for each transfer; that a special grant of \$100 be given to Queens County; and that a bonus of 10 per cent on first cost be paid, under certain conditions, for the importation and keep of a Horse or Horses for breeding purposes in the Province.

We invite, in an especial manner, the attention of our readers to CLOVERDALE'S article on the *Great Agricultural Prospect*. A shrewd observer, of long experience in the Province, well acquainted in a thoroughly practical manner with its agricultural resources, he points out to our farmers exactly what is within their means, what they may reasonably expect to accomplish, and what results will naturally

follow the development of our grazing industry. Farming will become a good paying business, land will increase in value, money will become less exorbitant to farmers by reason of the greater security which the increased values of their farms will enable them to furnish, extensive improvements can be carried out, and the agricultural population will gradually grow into an independent, comfortable, well equipped yeomanry of comparatively rich land owners.

The increase in the consumption of Artificial Fertilizers is, to a certain extent, a measure of the progress that a country is making in agricultural improvement. The Quebec Government, not satisfied with the personal exertions of their farmers in this direction, have bought 500 tons of "Göëmon Biphosphate," a phosphated kelp, containing (dry):

Organic matter .....	36.00
Nitrogen .....	1.93
Soluble Phosphoric acid .....	5.60
Insoluble do. ....	2.50
Alkaline Salts .....	1.90

This is to be divided among the Agricultural Societies, at \$26 per ton, and the price is to be retained from their annual government grants. The Council of Agriculture of Quebec have given effect to this arrangement, and have expressed to the Societies their wish that the fertilizer should be distributed to *all* members of societies, or as many as possible. Circulars explaining the best mode of using have been issued.