

On 21 December our Agricultural societies met to deliberate on the circular issued by the Central Board respecting the Provincial Exhibition of 1874,—the sum of one thousand one hundred and eighty-nine dollars is already subscribed to the Agricultural Prize Fund, and every mail brings some new subscriptions. But this is only a beginning. Many of the largest and most active societies, and especially the distant ones, have not yet had time to complete their returns. In fact, one half of the Agricultural Societies of the Province remain to be heard from, many of them are certain to give heavy subscriptions. The Cape Breton societies have made a start at forty dollars a-piece; others nearer hand, not contented with what they can afford from their Society funds, are canvassing their more wealthy members for special subscriptions to eke out the contributions they have already made to the Exhibition Fund. It is evident that our farmers throughout the counties have fairly aroused themselves, and are determined to do their part to make the Exhibition a great success. We hear of preparations in all directions. The competition will be such as has never been seen before in this Province, and will show that we are only beginning to understand the agricultural capabilities of our country.

In former times, when Provincial Exhibitions were held at Halifax, the competition was chiefly limited to the farmers of the neighboring counties, and especially to what were regarded as "Agricultural Counties." The so-called "Agricultural Counties" will have to work well now to retain their prestige, for the most distant Counties of the Province are fairly astir. They mean not only to contribute their funds to the Exhibition, but also to put forth their best efforts to carry off what they can of the Prizes. Here is a fair sample of the letters that are being received. Mr. Moseley, the President of the Sydney, C. B., Society, writes. "At the December meeting considerable interest was evinced, and the Society is in good position; the membership is considerably in advance of the number required by law. The members are anxious to hold a District Exhibition sufficiently early next fall to take part in the subsequent Exhibition at Halifax." On the 2nd of December a new Society was organized at Brookfield, which will consist of about sixty-five members. At Amherst the adjourned meeting (15th December) was "quite well attended, and considerable enthusiasm was awakened." A large vote was given to the Prize fund of the Provincial Exhibition, and "we are strongly in hopes that our subscription list will be heavier than ever before." The Onslow Society votes eighty dollars to the Prize Fund. The Secretary of another Society writes that they wish to vote \$30 to the Prize Fund; but that if more money is wanted put us down for what you think a reasonable sum, and we shall take means to raise it. The Windsor Society votes \$150 for a Local Exhibition at Windsor in September, and \$50 towards the Provincial Exhibition at Halifax in October. Liberality is no longer confined to the city of Halifax. The new generation of farmers are opening their wallets, whereby we see that there is something in them, that they know how to use it, and that farming is rising to the dignity, in more senses than one, of a "liberal profession."

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Halifax Agricultural Society - - Joseph J. Northup, Esq.
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DISTRICT No. 2—Kings Co.

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Kings County Ag. Society - - - Dr. C. C. Hamilton.
Aylesford Ag. Society - - - Leonard Fitch, Esq.
Cornwallis Central Ag. Society - - No return.
West Cornwallis Ag. Society - - Geo. W. Fisher, Esq.

Annapolis Co.

Annapolis Ag. Society - - - C. B. Whitman, Esq.
Eastern Annapolis Ag. Society - - D. C. Landers, M. P. P.
Bridgetown Ag. Society - - - C. B. Whitman, Esq.
Paradise Ag. Society - - - No return.
Clements Township Ag. Society - - C. B. Whitman, Esq.

Digby Co.

Digby Central Ag. Society - - - John Dakin, Esq.
Weymouth Ag. Society - - - No return.
Clare Ag. Society - - - No return.
Union Ag. Society, St. Mary's Bay - - No return.

DISTRICT No. 3—Lunenburg Co.

Mahone Bay Ag. Society - - - B. Zwicker, Esq.
Queen's Co.
Mutual Benefit Ag. Society, Brookfield - J. M. Freeman, Esq.
North Queens Ag. Society - - - No return.
Kempt Ag. Society - - - No return.

Shelburne Co.

Shelburne Ag. Society - - - N. W. White, Esq.
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Barrington Ag. Society - - - No return.
Barrington West Passage Ag. Society - No return.

Yarmouth Co.

Yarmouth Co. Ag. Society - - - Geo. S. Brown, Esq.
Yarmouth Township Ag. Society - - Jas. Crosby, Esq.

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Windsor Ag. Society - - - Hon. R. A. McHaffey.
Fenwick Ag. Society of Noel - - - I. Longworth, Esq.
Nine Mile River and Hardwoodland Ag. Society - - - No return.
Newport Ag. Society - - - W. H. Allison, M. P. P.
Union Ag. Society of Maitland - - A. M. Cochran, Esq.
Upper Nine Mile River Ag. Society - Samuel Blois, Esq.

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Stirling Ag. Society - - - I. Longworth, Esq.
Brookfield Ag. Society - - - I. Longworth, Esq.

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Malagash Ag. Society - - - Gilbert Purdy, Esq.
Minudie and Barronsfield Ag. Society - Hon. R. A. McHaffey.
Amherst Ag. Society - - - Hiram Black, Esq.
Wallace Ag. Society - - - Hon. A. McFarlane.
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Oxford Ag. Society - - - No return.

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River John Ag. Society - - - No return.
Egerton Ag. Society - - - D. Matheson, Esq.
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Antigonish Co.

Morristown Ag. Society - - - Robt. Trotter, Esq.
St. Andrew's Ag. Society - - - No return.
Arisaig Ag. Society - - - Jos. McDonald, M. P. P.

Guysboro' Co.

Guysboro' Ag. Society - - - W. Hartshorne, Esq.
Milford Haven Ag. Society - - - Geo. Cameron, Esq.
Glenelg Ag. Society - - - No return.

DISTRICT No. 6—Cape Breton Co.

Sydney Ag. Society - - - No return.
Boularderie Ag. Society - - - John Ross, Esq., M. P. P.
Sydney Mines & Little Bras d'Or Ag. Sy. - John Ross, M. P. P.
North Sydney Ag. Society - - - No return.

Richmond Co.

Richmond Co. Ag. Society - - - No return.

Inverness Co.

Mabou and Port Hood Ag. Society - No return.
North East Margaree Ag. Society - D. Campbell, M. P. P.

Victoria Co.

St. Ann's Ag. Society - - - D. McCurdy, M. P. P.
Middle River Ag. Society - - - John Ross, M. P. P.