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Omnium 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 AMHERST EXHIBITION FOR DISTRICT No. FOUR.

MAY 9th, 1884.

1st. Dates for opening and closing Exhibition: Tuesday, 7th October, continuing three days.

2nd. Regulations for conducting Exhibition not perfected as yet.

3rd. Committee for carrying out Exhibition: "the Warden" and Councillors for the different districts, together with the following gentlemen:—Rev. A. B. Black, *Chairman*; Hon. Hiram Black, Wm. Holems, Seaman Lowe, C. R. Casey, D. T. Chipman, J. R. Lamy, J. T. Smith, R. P. Keillor, H. W. Baker, B. W. Balston, *Secy.*

In answer to enquiries respecting the cultivation of English Horse Beans, we may say that they can be planted in any of the various ways in which Indian corn is planted,—either as a cultivated drill crop, or sown broad cast or drilled like grain. In the latter case the soil must be well worked, or have been in roots the previous year. The quantity of seed required to the acre will be at least a third more than corn, as the seed is larger and the plants do not spread. We will give full details of the mode of harvesting before the season for that operation arrives. Those of our readers who have kept files of this *Journal* will find a very full account of the history and cultivation of Horse Beans in an early number (April 1865.)

THE DAIRY CONVENTION AT TRURO.

(From The Eastern Chronicle.)

A Dairy Convention, in which much interest was manifested, was held in Truro, on the 24th and 25th April. The meeting opened on the 24th at 2 o'clock, p.m., in a room kindly placed at the disposal of the Convention by the Y. M. C. A. Among those present were the Warden of the County of Colchester, and the Mayor of the town, Col. W. M. Blair, M. P. P., J. B. Calkin, Esq., Principal Normal School, C. P. Blanchard, E. Blanchard, Arthur F. Gurney, H. J. Townsend, New Glasgow, and others. The Convention elected Col. Blair as Chairman, and C. D. Anderton, Secretary.

The Rev. A. C. McDonald, Raysfield, was called upon and he narrated the steps taken to secure this meeting and read letters from the leading dairymen of the Province, indicating their hearty sympathy with the movement, and also read telegrams and letters expressive of regret for absence from Col. Starratt, Gen. Laurie, Prof. Lawson, C. E. Brown and others. He said that only six weeks had elapsed since the intention of holding such a meeting as this was seriously entertained, but that the subject was so evidently popular and the meeting so universally desired that nothing seemed wanting but some one to take the initiative. This, he said, he had taken at some sacrifice of time and labor, but he was pleased to find that his efforts had

resulted in this meeting, which he felt would not close its deliberations without tangible results.

During the time occupied in these preliminaries, Mr. W. H. Lynch, of Dunvill, so favorably known in the Upper Provinces and the author of a manual on "Butter Making," 10,000 copies of which have been distributed by the Government of Ontario among the dairymen of that Province, entered the room and was greeted with hearty applause.

The Rev. Mr. McDonald was next called upon to read the paper prepared by him, the subject of which was "The Cow; Her Care and Management, and Her Products." The reading of it occupied about forty-five minutes, and, after it closed, remarks were made by various members of the Convention highly eulogistic of its subject matter. It was determined to have it published at an early day in some of the Provincial papers and in the journal of the proceedings.

After some questions were put and answered, a resolution was duly moved and recorded that this Convention should merge itself into a Dairy Association, which, after an interesting discussion, was carried unanimously. A Committee was then appointed to draw up a code of rules and bye-laws for the association, and ordered to report the next day.

The Convention met the second day with much the same members as were present on the previous day. The