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*Omniun rerum, ex quibus aliquid acquiritur, nihil est agriculturæ melius, nihil uberius, nihil homine libero dignius.—Cicero : de Officiis, lib. I, cap. 42.*

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EXHIBITIONS.

- September 16th--23rd, KINGSTON, ONT. :  
Fourth Dominion and 37th Ontario Exhibition.
- September 26th--27th, DARTMOUTH : Agricultural Society.
- October 2nd--5th, ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S. :  
District No. 2, Annapolis, King's, Queen's.
- October 3rd--5th, LIVERPOOL, N. S. :  
Sectional Exhibition for Queen's County, of District No. 2.
- October 3rd--5th, LUNenburg, N. S. :  
District No. 1, Halifax and Lunenburg Counties.
- October 3rd--6th, TRURO, N. S. :  
District No. 4, Colchester, Cumberland, Hants.
- October 10th--12th, ANTIGONISH, N. S. :  
District No. 4 Exhibition, Antigonish, Pictou, Guysborough.
- October 11th--12th, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I. :  
Provincial Exhibition of Prince Edward Island.
- October 12th--13th, YARMOUTH, N. S. :  
District No. 3 Exhibition, Digby, Shelburne, Yarmouth.
- October 17th--20th, NORTH SYDNEY, N. S. :  
District No. 6 Exhibition, for the four Counties of Cape Breton Island.

A. R. FULTON, Esq., Bass River, Londonderry, Co. Colchester, sent us by mail sometime ago, a full box of live Colorado Beetles. Fortunately none escaped on the way, and they are now secured as entomological specimens for the Provincial Museum. We regret to find that this pest has been found in several parts

of Nova Scotia this season,—still we have not heard that it has anywhere made serious depredation. We trust that wherever it appears every effort will be put forth to exterminate it. The potato is rapidly gaining ground as one of our most profitable crops in Nova Scotia, and the feeble way in which it has been attacked hitherto, in our comparatively cool, moist climate, justifies the hope that we may be able to prevent the beetle increasing to any disastrous extent.

PICOU, Aug. 26th, 1882.

As suggested in last issue of JOURNAL, I herewith forward specimens of Potato Bug—supposed to be Colorado Beetle—taken from a farm in Pictou County, about three miles from town, and I am informed that the same species is prevalent over the whole county. Kindly advise if this really is the dreaded Colorado Beetle.

Yours, respectfully,

ROBERT HOCRIS.

[We regret to say that the specimens sent are the genuine Colorado Beetle.]

UPPER CLYDE, Sep. 7th., 1882.

Dear Sir,—I received a circular some time ago from the Board of Agriculture, in reference to a grant of fifty per cent. on amounts subscribed for the importation of sheep. Now, the Shelburne Agricultural Society, of which I am President, have subscribed over one hundred dollars to the fund. Then I am Managing Director of the Shelburne Sheep Raising

Company. I wish to know if I can pay in one hundred dollars to the fund if it will be the same as if it was subscribed from an Agricultural Society, and if the Board of Agriculture would give the grant in that way. We want to import a lot of sheep this fall, and I am anxious to secure all the aid I can. Hoping to hear from you soon.

I remain, &c.,

LEWIS MCKAY.

COPY OF REPLY.

I am favoured with your letter of the 7th, and will bring it under notice of the Board first opportunity. Whilst the Board would no doubt be desirous of affording every encouragement in their power to so important a body of improvers as the Shelburne Sheep Raising Co., yet I fear they have not the power to do what you wish, without authority of the Legislature. The Report of the Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly

(1.) Limits the grant of 50 per cent. on Sheep purchases to Societies, that is, Agricultural Societies organized under the Act for Encouragement of Agriculture.

(2.) Requires that the payment and expenditure shall be certified by affidavit of the President or Presidents of such Societies. And

(3.) Provides that the sheep shall be sold at public auction to members of such Societies as make the importation.

In these circumstances I do not see how the Directors of the Shelburne Sheep Raising Company can qualify for the grant.