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HALIFAX, March 14, 1871.

The Egerton Agricultural Society, in the County of Pictou, have imported a Ditching Machine, Carter's Patent, from Eyer & Bro., Ontario. Mr. Falconer, the Secretary, writes to us that the machine is fully up to their expectations, and a "splendid thing" on land that is not too stony. He does not say how many rods he can dig in a day, but we hope soon to hear more fully of the results.

We had a visit lately from the Rev. Mr. Brodie, who has taken so active an interest in the formation of the New Gairloch Society, which is also in Pictou County. It appears that some of the Members are not satisfied with paying merely a dollar a year into the Society's funds. They think that they could do more good by contributing larger sums, if this were allowed by the Act. Now the Act does not in any way limit the contributions of Members, and we hope that the Members of this and of all other Societies in the Province will freely

contribute as much as they can afford. They will find this course the most profitable one in the end, and if they all contribute double the minimum amount required by law they will be able to do as much good in one year as they would otherwise in two. Subscriptions are like seed sown on a good soil; the result need not be feared.

The scheme of a County Exhibition in Pictou, originally proposed by the Pictou Society, is being co-operated in by the Egerton Society, and the latter Society has resolved to devote its funds this year principally to the purchase of improved Stock. During the past season, this Society held an independent Exhibition, which is reported as "very fair for the extent of the Society." Robert McNaughton, Esq., was elected President at the annual meeting.

We have received from the Hon. Martin Welker, of Ohio, a copy of his speech delivered a few weeks ago in the House of Representatives. His remarks apply very well to our own Province in

several respects, and therefore we make no apology for presenting our readers with a few extracts from the address:—

"Agriculture is a national interest. The importance of this branch of industry, the great interests to develop, the wide field for improvement, demand the fostering care of the General Government. Our people are an agricultural people. With the most productive lands, every variety of soil and climate, growing the products of almost every land, we have the capacity to develop the greatest agricultural resources of any country of the globe.

"This Department is organized in the interest of labour. This interest, as well as capital, must be taken care of by the Government. There is no need of any conflict in this country between labor and capital. They are coworkers; the one cannot dispense with the other, and both must be fostered. Capital is, however, more able to take care of itself than labor. In the old countries of Europe capital is supreme and labor subordinate. Not so in this country. Here it is reversed, and labor is the great foundation of our national prosperity and advancement.

"It is said that he who makes two blades of grass grow where one did before is a public benefactor. This Department has done this, and more, in many varieties of agricultural products. It has established relations with organized associations for agricultural improvements, whether governmental or otherwise, making exchanges of seeds, plants, and