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HALIFAX, 12th Sept., 1872.

In March last the Board of Agriculture appointed a Committee, consisting of Jos. Northup, Esq., President, George S. Brown, Esq., of Yarmouth, and Professor Dawson, to make purchases of thoroughbred Stock this autumn. In course of a few days these gentlemen will proceed on their mission. They intend to be present at the Massachusetts State Fair at Framingham on 19th instant, and thereafter to visit some of the principal breeders of Ayrshire and Devon Stock in the New England States. They then proceed to Hamilton, Ont., where the great Annual Exhibition is to be held this year on 23rd Sept. and following days. The New York State Fair at Elmira will be visited during the next week of October. Opportunities will thus be afforded of seeing a very large number of the best animals owned in the United States and Canada, and of making advantageous purchases. The Committee are desirous, if possible, to bring this season, a selection of animals superior to any that have ever been brought

before into the Province. The importation will consist of about 8 Durham Bulls and 2 Heifers, 6 Devon Bulls and 2 Heifers, 6 Ayrshire Bulls and 2 Heifers, 10 Leicester Rams and 2 Ewes, 5 Shropshire Rams and 2 Ewes, 5 Cotswold Rams and 2 Ewes.

The animals will be sold at Halifax, by auction, between the middle and end of October. Due notice of the day fixed will be given in the newspapers; but we hope distant Societies will at once make their arrangements and commission some one in the city to make their purchases, or else send one of their members for that purpose. After the Stock arrives there will be no time to get up subscription lists, collect money and discuss resolutions.

A discount of 10 per cent. will be allowed to purchasers from Cape Breton, and of 5 per cent. to other purchasers who reside at a distance of not less than 30 miles from a Railway Station.

The Committee have also been instructed to obtain information respecting

improved Farming Implements, and the results of their enquiries will be made known at the October meeting of the Board.

THE ONTARIO EXHIBITION.

Through the kindness of Hugh C. Thomson, Esq., Secretary of the Agricultural and Arts Association of Ontario, we have received the Prize List of the forthcoming Exhibition at Hamilton, from which we extract the general Programme of Arrangements:—

1. MONDAY, September 23rd, will be devoted to the final receiving of articles for exhibition, and their proper arrangement. Officers and members of the Association, judges, exhibitors, delegates, members of the press, and necessary attendants, will be admitted on presenting the proper credentials, badge, or ticket of admission. Other persons will be admitted on payment of 25 cents each time. The rules for admission will be the same throughout the exhibition.

2. TUESDAY, 24th.—The judges in all the classes will meet in their respective Committee Rooms at 10 A. M., and will make arrangements to commence their duties. On receiving the class books,