

We regret to learn that the Canadian Centennial Commissioners have seen fit to change the terms offered to Exhibitors of Cattle at Philadelphia. It was at first announced that the Commissioners would bear all expenses of attendance, freight to and from Philadelphia, and feed, as well as loss of, or injury to, animals while under their care. On these terms we understand that a creditable exhibit was entered from this Province. Our Ayrshire Herds were to be represented by Belle of Avondale and Charlie, a good show of Short Horns was also to be made, and Colonel Laurie had entered a Herd of Devons selected from his numerous Cattle. At the last moment, however, and after the animals had been entered, Mr. Perrault, the Secretary of the Canadian Commissioners, notified our Advisory Board that the Commissioners declined to furnish attendance or to bear any risk. The Exhibitors, who were not prepared for such a change of arrangement, have declined to show on these terms. We much regret that the stock of our Province will not be represented, for whilst we frankly acknowledge our inability to cope with Quebec and Ontario in Duchesses, yet a representation might have been made of Ayrshires, and especially of Devons, equal if not superior to that of any other Province of the Dominion.

We observe that numerous sales of Short Horns have taken place in Illinois and Iowa. The prices realized have been very satisfactory. The Fourth Duke of Hillhurst, bred by Mr. Cochrane, was sold by Col. Sims to Mr. Jacobs of West Liberty, Iowa, for twenty thousand dollars. He is by the 14th Duke of Thorndale, out of the old 16th Duchess. In England, we notice that Mr. Brogden has got a calf from Cherry Duchess, purchased four years ago for 800 guineas,—she has now contributed two males and one female to the Lightburne Herd. The demand on the services of Duke of Connaught has made the Manager of the Berkeley Castle Herd determine that after June 1st the fee will be raised to 100 guineas.

THE Sun says that the silver-pencilled-Hamburg eggs, sold by Mr. John Jamieson, Tinsmith, Queen street, Truro, are very fine. The S. P. H.'s are very profitable hens to keep. The Sun's Editor follows up this S. P. H. paragraph by a statement that he was shown by Mr. Eben. Archibald, of Clifton, an egg laid by a Black Spanish Hen, which measured eight inches in circumference the long way. It was a monster egg.

We may add a poultry item: At Lucyfield Farm, 13th June, a Buff Cochin Hen laid an egg measuring 8½

inches in circumference the long way, and 6½ inches round the middle. The egg weighed within the eighth of an ounce of a quarter of a pound. There was a slight bulging near the middle, indicating that it was probably double yolked or what is known as a monster egg. On the following day a Black Spanish Hen laid an egg measuring 7½ by 6½ inches. It weighed 3½ ounces. This egg was of perfect form and single yolked. The Cochin Hen is one of a trio imported last year by Mr. Andrew Mackinlay, jr., from Massachusetts, and the Black Spanish is one of a trio imported from England by Messrs. Miller and Beattie, per the *Nova Scotian*, in the Spring of 1875.

Truro, Friday.

MY DEAR SIR,—Would you kindly state in the JOURNAL that His Honor Governor Archibald has offered the following "special prizes" for Exhibition:

Best collection of Hats and Caps.....\$10
 " " Boots and Shoes... 10
 " " Furniture..... 20
 and oblige, yours very truly,

W. D. DIMOCK.

SOME letters of enquiry recently received in reference to Bulls required by Societies induce us to remind officers of the determination arrived at by a joint Meeting of the Board and the Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly on the 23rd of March last, viz., that no male animal should be used by any Society unless it had some crosses of pure blood, and had at least one of its parents recorded in the Register as thorough bred.

LAST month we noticed the death of Mr. Anderson's splendid Jersey Cow, Dairy Pride. We are glad to be able to add that, although we may never see her like again, yet she has left behind much of her blood and beauty in her daughter, a Heifer belonging to William Esson, Esq. The Heifer has recently calved and proves an excellent milker. Her progeny is a Bull Calf to Lord Seafield, the Halifax Society's imported Jersey. We would remind members of the Society that this bull is at Mr. Parker's stables, Kempt Road, and, as he is not growing younger, the season should be taken advantage of.

THERE are fine specimens of *Abies Menziesii* in Mr. Gray's grounds at Boston. They were raised originally from Colorado seed.

AN American Forestry Association has been organized at Chicago; J. A. Warbler, Ohio, President; H. H. McAfee, of Iowa, Secretary.

C. F. EATON, Esq., Cornwallis, has recently purchased the Short Horn Bull Duke of Elinburgh, imported by the Beard from Canada as a calf. He is said to be now a finely made animal. He is sired by Prince Arthur [2592]. Dam, Lady Renick by London Duke [1719]. Grand Dam Lorena by General B. McLellan [5666]. G. g. d. Cora by Star Davis [2258]. G. g. d. Victor (or Victrix?) by Rover [5015.]

Records of several other additions to Mr. Eaton's Short Horn Herd are necessarily deferred till next month's number.

MR. THORNTON, the London Short Horn Auctioneer, has been attending sales in Toronto, and is at present in the Western States. He will attend to the request of the Executive Committee of the Nova Scotia Board on his return to London. The Autumn Sales in England will commence at the beginning of September.

THE following "seasonable hints" are from the *Gardener's Monthly*:—A lady says, "The first thing I always read is the 'seasonable hints.' Now, please tell us in your next how we babies in floriculture, as it were, can propagate roses. Some easy and cheap rule; for most of us have no hot-beds nor hot-tanks as the florists have." One of the most successful rose raisers that we ever knew, was the late Charles J. Wistar, of Germantown. He took half ripe wood of roses, and rose wood is half ripe just about the time the flowers are fading,—and he would put them in pots of sand,—the sand full to the brim, and even rounded. These pots were set on his garden walk—a gravel walk—in the open boiling sun—and well watered every day,—we are not sure but they had water several times a day—for the good old man spent most of his old days in his garden,—and, if we are not mistaken, they had saucers of water under them besides. At any rate every cutting always grew; and we can imagine nothing more simple, or suited to the wants of "floral babies."

And, speaking of roses, we may add that towards the end of June propagation by budding commences. This is very commonly employed with the rose; but ornamental trees and shrubs may be increased in the same way. Closely allied species must be chosen to work together.

The Prairie Roses have been found excellent stocks. Other roses take well on them, and they do not sucker much. It is old, very hardy, and it promises to be a very popular stock for rare roses.

The Rose bugs are apt to be very annoying at some seasons. The best remedy is to shake them off into a pail of water. The Rose slug is often very injurious to the leaves—completely skeletonizing them. All kinds of rapid