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Omnium rerum, ex quibus aliquid adquiritur, nihil est agriculturâ melius, nihil uberius, nihil homine libero dignius.—Cicero: de Officiis, lib. I, cap. 42.

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We have received from the Rev. W. E. Wilson specimens of the Yellow Violet, *(Viola rotundifolia)*, gathered May 12th, in the woods in Delaware County, New York State. This species is quite different from our Nova Scotian Yellow Violet, which, although rare, has been found at Windsor and one or two other localities. Ours is the *Viola pubescens*, and belongs to the group of stem-violets. *V. rotundifolia*, on the other hand, is a stemless Violet, its leaves and flowers arising directly from the rhizome. This is no doubt the Yellow Violet of Bryant:

"When beechen buds begin to swell
And woods the blue bird's warble know,
The Yellow Violet's modest bell
Peeps from the last year's leaves below."

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

Your Committee on Agriculture beg to make the following report:

Applications, first made to the Central Board of Agriculture, for bonuses on the importation of horses, cattle and sheep, were submitted to the Committee for consideration. These applications are as follows:

A. C. Bell, Esq., Clydesdale Horse	$600.00
George Ruffee " Percheron "	900.00
" " " Mare	600.00
E. & O. Chase, Sheep	110.00
J. N. Cameron 5 Holstein Cattle	1506.08
J. E. Page & Sons 6 " "	2600.00
	$6316.08

The Committee recommend ten per cent to be paid on the first cost of importation (the same not including expenses of importation) of horses, sheep, and Holstein and Hereford cattle, including the above applications, to be continued for a period of two years. All applications are to be approved by the Central Board of Agriculture, and persons obtaining bonuses shall comply with the conditions of a circular issued by said Board in May, 1882.

A Dairyman's Association, recently formed, made application for a grant to assist them in their work; and, in view of the importance of this branch of husbandry, the committee would recommend they receive aid to the amount of two hundred dollars.

With regard to quarantine stations for cattle, the committee reaffirm their report of 1884, and would ask that immediate attention be given to this subject.

The importance of the registration of stock has been under the consideration of the committee, and they feel there is very great necessity of having a Nova Scotia herd book in an approved form, properly prepared. The committee would recommend that this matter receive early and prompt attention.

In reference to the question of Agricultural Education, the Committee are not unmindful of its importance to the farmers of the Country, and they would refer the government and the Legislature to the recommendations on this subject in their report of 1883.

It is thought by the committee the services of a competent person can be secured to give lectures on agricultural subjects throughout the province, during several months of the present year. This beginning would no doubt promote a healthful interest in this branch of industry, among the people generally.

The committee have been made aware of the necessity of frost proof warehouses at the terminus of the railway at Halifax for the shipment of farm produce. It would be of great advantage if such were provided.

In view of proposed changes in the management of our agricultural matters, as indicated in the speech at the opening of the present session of the Legislature, the committee do not think it necessary at the present time to extend their investigations or labours beyond the subjects above referred to.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Halifax, April 7th, 1885.

THE Prize-list of the approaching Provincial Exhibition was accompanied by the following letters:—

Kentville, April, 4th 1885.

PROF. LAWSON:

Dear Sir,—As intimated in my card of yesterday, I send by present Mail the draft of Prize-list of Provincial Exhibition of 1885, together with rules and