

so luxuriantly that heat and drought are now required to ward off the much-dreaded "disease." No more suitable season could have been had for turnips. Whenever they were sown in time, and the land well prepared, they are doing well. The turnip is very apt to fail in this country, for some reason that is not very obvious, unless, indeed, it be poor cultivation or want of manure. Were our farmers to adopt the custom, now universal in Scotland, of invariably sowing their turnips with either bone-dust or guano, we should hear of fewer failures in the turnip fields, and see more turnip-fed cattle.

FRUIT.

Early in the season the APPLE ORCHARDS seemed to be setting very well with fruit, but the changeable weather had an injurious effect in causing much of it to wither away, and afterwards some to drop. The trees, however, are growing vigorously; we have never seen old apple trees make such luxuriant growths of young wood as they have this season. CHERRIES are reported everywhere as scarce; but the trees, like apple trees, are shooting out in long growths of young wood. The unfavourable weather immediately after blossoming time spoilt our crops of currants and raspberries, in some places; but in favourable localities there has been a fair, and indeed abundant, yield. Strawberries in heavy soils did remarkably well.

THE GARDENS.

Garden vegetables have grown with great luxuriance this summer, and although rather later than usual, are giving abundant crops. Slugs thrive too well, and gave much trouble by eating off small plants newly set out, such as cabbages, lettuces, &c. In the flower garden, plants require at this season to be well tied up, as otherwise the rains and winds make sad havoc among them.

THE GOVERNMENT STOCK FARM.

Our readers are aware that during last session, the Legislature made provision for the establishment, by the Board of Agriculture, of a Farm for the rearing of pure stock. Some time ago advertisements were inserted in the newspapers requesting offers of suitable farms. The number of farms offered was considerable. A deputation from the Board visited such of them as were likely to suit, and after full enquiry and consideration it was decided to purchase Mr. Snide's farm, which is conveniently situated at Shubenacadie, and is thus readily

accessible by Rail. The matter is thus referred to in the *Express*:—

"We understand that the Hon. Mr. McFarlane, chairman of the Provincial Board of Agriculture, has purchased for the Province a farm at Shubenacadie, consisting of 350 acres, a hundred of which are under cultivation. This property, we learn, has been selected for a stock farm, and the Government intends taking possession of it at once. The necessary buildings for the housing of stock, &c., will be erected at once, and the farm stocked with the best description of cattle that can be obtained. This we consider a move in the right direction, and we have no doubt that a further improvement will be made by adding to it, as there is sufficient land, a model farm, an institution that is very much required in this Province, and a project recommended in this paper a few months ago. The price paid for the farm is, we understand, \$7,000."

PROPOSED IMPORTATION OF HORSES, CATTLE AND SHEEP.

Much disappointment was caused this season by the non-arrival of a number of bulls from Canada, for the purchase of which arrangements had been made by the Board of Agriculture. It was found that in spring time the prices of such animals were so high, and the opportunities of speedy transit so uncertain that the Board had to forego the purchase for the season.

In order to meet the great demand for full-bred stock throughout the Province, the Board has determined to import a number of bulls of Devon, Durham, and Ayrshire and other improved breeds this fall. These animals will probably be kept on the Provincial Stock Farm over winter and sold in Halifax in the spring before rising of the Legislature, in order that societies throughout the country may, through their representatives or otherwise, have opportunities of purchasing at the proper season when the animals are required.

It is intended likewise to obtain a number of rams of those large Leicester and Cotswold breeds that have already given so much satisfaction in the Province.—The rams will probably be sold in Halifax in October.

The Board has further made arrangements for obtaining from England, if it can be advantageously done, a few heavy draught horses. These will form a valuable addition to the blood horses and mares which now form the provincial stud, and will enable the Board to meet the wants of the various counties more fully than it has been possible to do during the present season.

BONE DUST, SUPERPHOSPHATE AND CHEMICAL MANURE COMPANY.

Agriculturists throughout the Province will be happy to hear that a Joint Stock Company (limited), is being formed for the manufacture of Bone Dust and other Artificial Fertilizers, required for the successful cultivation of the soil. The capital stock of the company, amounting to \$8000, consists of 80 shares of \$100 each,—50 per cent. paid up. A reasonable annual return may be expected from the capital invested, and by careful management the stock may in time improve greatly in value as the demand for the manufactured articles increases and the works are extended.—The following are among the gentlemen who have already taken stock, viz:—Hon. Alex. Macfarlane, Hon. R. A. McIllesley, William Cunard, Esq., Joseph J. Northup, Esq., H. Yeomans, Esq., Hon. W. A. Henry, Hon. J. W. Ritchie.

The company is being organized under the sanction of the Central Board of Agriculture, and, so soon as 50 per cent. of the capital has been paid up, will be entitled to receive the Bonus of \$600 offered by the Board to encourage the creation of a Bone Mill in the Province.

When the requisite amount of capital has been subscribed, a meeting of the stockholders will be called for the purpose of organizing the company and appointing directors. A person of much experience in the management of such works is prepared to offer his services as manager.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

NOTICE TO THE SECRETARIES, OFFICERS, AND MEMBERS OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

All Societies desiring to participate in the government grant for 1866 are required to send in to the Secretary of the Board, not later than 1st SEPTEMBER, 1866, a certificate of payment of the annual subscriptions for the year, *duly certified by the oath of the Secretary of the Society*, with relative list of paying members, all in terms of the Act.

Societies neglecting to comply, must necessarily be excluded from participation in the grant for the year.

By order of the Board of Agriculture.

GEORGE LAWSON,
Secretary.

[The above notice was printed in the January number of the *Journal*, and again in the April number. Lest it has escaped the notice of the officers of some society ignorant of the regulations of the Board, we reprint it again. Much delay in the distribution of monies to societies was caused last year by the necessary returns