



Published under direction of the Board of Agriculture of Nova Scotia.

VOL. I.

HALIFAX, N. S., APRIL, 1868.

No. 38.

CONTENTS :

	PAGE
The Halifax Fair.....	321
The Provincial Exhibition.....	321
Agriculture in New York State.....	321
The Potato Disease.....	321
Nova Scotia Herd Book.....	323
Clipper Mowing and Reaping Machine.....	323
COMMUNICATIONS:—	
Lime.....	324
The Crops at Weymouth.....	325

	PAGE
REPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES:—	
Barrington Agricultural Society.....	325
Bridgewater Agricultural Society.....	325
N. E. Margaree Agricultural Society.....	325
St. Ann's Agricultural Society.....	326
North Shore St. Ann's Society.....	326
Chester Agricultural Society.....	326
Bridgetown Agricultural Society.....	327

THE GREAT HALIFAX FAIR.

Arrangements are progressing rapidly in connection with the great Provincial Exhibition to be held in October. The Prize List has aroused the energies of our farmers and manufacturers, and we hear from various parts of the country of efforts now in progress for the effective representation of our Industries.

The Committee have secured, for exhibition purposes, the Drill Building and the Governor's Field, and arrangements are in progress for securing other necessary premises. Several gentlemen of the Committee have carefully surveyed the proposed fields and buildings, and at next meeting plans will be submitted of the proposed erections, and a general scheme of arrangements for carrying out the Exhibition.

THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

Office of A. G. M.  
HALIFAX, 1st April, 1868.

SIR.—I have the honor to state for the information of the Commissioners of the Provincial Exhibition, that the Hon. the Minister of Militia sees no objection to the use of the Halifax Drill Shed, and

the adjoining premises, as applied for by your letter of the 14th March, 1868. provided arrangements can be made that the shed will not be wanted during the period mentioned.

As September and October are the months when the Drill Building is least required, there will be no difficulty on this point.

I have the honor to be, &c.,  
R. B. SINCLAR,  
Adjutant General, N.S.M.

To Prof. G. LAWSON, LL.D.,  
Sec'y Com. Industrial Exhibition,  
Halifax.

AGRICULTURE IN N. YORK STATE.

The Legislature of New York State annually votes \$10,000 to the Agricultural Societies in the State. Besides doing this the State pays an annual salary of \$1,250 to Dr. Asa Fitch, the State Entomologist, in order that the insect enemies of the farmer may be well looked to. These sums are quite independent of special appropriations. A sum of \$2,000 was also voted a few years ago to encourage the improvement of flax machinery. A sum of \$1,000 was given to encourage citizens of the State to send products to

the Hamburg International Exhibition. In 1865, a sum of \$5,000 was voted to enable the State Society to hold a trial of Agricultural implements. In 1866 \$1,000, and in 1867 \$5,000, were voted to meet the expense of a thorough investigation into the scourge of the dairy counties, abortion in cows.

THE POTATO DISEASE.

BY W. BUSTIN.

[Concluded.]

That something of this sort does actually take place, is certain, from the fact of this process having been employed, but not on scientific principles, on a varied and large scale, by potato-growers at Scotby, in the neighbourhood of Carlisle, in Cumberland. The people there were, many years ago, and perhaps still are, in the habit of rearing early potatoes on a red sandy soil, for the supply of the neighbouring markets; and the successful issue of this crop was one of their main-stays. In some seasons, they have had all their hopes of success cut down, as it were, in a single night, by what they popularly