

T. Doyle, Halifax, N. S., Tongues and Sounds, Herring, Mackerel.

James Barber, Halifax, N. S., Canned Lobster and Canned Mackerel.

A. H. Crow, Halifax, N. S., Salted and Dried Haddock, and Smoked Herring, &c.

VI. Timber, Worked Lumber, Parts of Buildings. None.

VII. Furniture, Upholstery, Wooden Ware. None.

VIII. Cotton, Linen, and other Fabrics. None.

IX. Wool and Silk Fabrics,—Machinery. Oxford Woollen Mills, Oxford, N. S.,—Woollens.

X. Clothing, Furs, India Rubber Goods, &c. C. Kaiser & Son, Halifax, N. S.,—Natural Raccoon and Black Bear Robes, &c.

Miss Isabella Fairbanks, Halifax, N. S., Lace Handkerchief.

Mrs. Sutcliffe, Halifax, N. S., Needle-Work, "Last Supper."

Mrs. Constant, Halifax, N. S., Leather Work for Mirror Frame.

Misses Farrell, Halifax, N. S.,—Fancy Wool Work.

XI. Jewelry, Watches, Silverware, Bronzes, &c. None to Canadian Exhibitors.

XII. Leather and Manufactures of Leather, &c. None.

XIII. Paper, Stationery, Printing and Bookmaking, Saint Croix River Mills, Saint Croix, N. S.,—Binders' Pasteboard.

XIV. Apparatus of Heating, Lighting, None.

XV. Builders' Hardware, Tools, Cutlery, &c. Starr Manufacturing Co., Halifax, N. S.,—Skates.

XVI. Military and Sporting Arms, Weapons, &c. No awards to Canadian Exhibitors.

XVII. Carriages, Vehicles, and Accessories. John M. DeWolf, Halifax, N. S.,—Light Carriages.

XVIII. Railway Plant, Rolling Stock, Engines, &c. None.

XIX. Vessels and Apparatus of Transportation. None.

XX. Motors, Hydraulic and Pneumatic Apparatus. Wilson, Clarke & Co., Yarmouth, N. S.,—Ship Pump.

XXVII. A. Walker, Halifax, N. S.,—Gilding on Glass.

The following communication may interest some Ayrshire breeders:—

Milton, Yarmouth, N. S.,
Dec'r 12th, 1876.

I have two Ayrshire Heifers,—one 3 years old in July, 1877, one 2 years old in June, 1877, both in calf from imported Bull "Wallace," also 2 Bull Calves,—one calved 7th May, 1875, one calved June 7th, 1876. I will sell any of the above. They are very handsome.

Yours truly,
HENRY BURRELL Sen'r.

THE recent annual meeting of the North Sydney Agricultural Society shewed signs of life that give promise of still more effective efforts than we have as yet seen to promote agricultural improvement in the Counties of Cape Breton. The Officers reported six hundred dollars of available funds, and that the Live Stock of the Township would compare favourably with that of any part of the Province; and they suggest that, with the aid of the Central Board, and the appropriations that each Society on the Island could make from their funds, an Exhibition for the Island of Cape Breton might be established, and a very good prize list offered. The Editor of the "North Sydney Herald" takes up the subject and sets before the Agricultural Societies of the Island (as he had done before) the advantages of such Exhibitions, in the following terms:—

"These exhibitions are practically useful. (1.) By bringing together the productions of the farm, both animal and vegetable, from various localities and widely separated districts, and thus, by means of comparison, the excellence and the defects of each are alike demonstrated; the direct sequence to which is a stimulating of such as are defective in production or system. (2.) The interchange of ideas between farmers and stock raisers, at these fairs is of inestimable value. We by no means depreciate reading and study, on the contrary, such is an absolute necessity to a rational progressive mind, but it is none the less true, that the farmer and stock breeder may gain more practical knowledge of any given department in his calling, by one day's association and converse with intelligent men engaged in like pursuits and with the objects of interest before them as examples, than can be gained by months of solitary reading. In fact it is the valuable practical knowledge—the cream so to speak—acquired by reading and experience that men carry around with them as currency, and which, by means of association and objective demonstrations, becomes the common treasury of all. (3.) Such agricultural exhibitions exercise a strong influence in increasing the market value of farm lands. There are always purchasers seeking lands, and that district or settlement whose farm productions are superior, never fails of commanding the higher prices for its disposable lands. One enterprising and successful farmer, may, alone, create a favorable impression abroad on behalf of the district in which he is located. The increased market value of lands, is itself, an argument of no mean weight on behalf of Agricultural fairs. (4.) Whenever these have been organized, on either side of the Atlantic, the universal testimony is in favor of their immensely beneficial results."

JOHN STARR, Esq., has kindly handed us for publication, from the *Litchfield Enquirer*, November 2, 1876, the following account of the "Echo Farm at the Caledonia."

"Ever since the departure of Mr. F. Rathford Starr's herd of Jerseys for Philadelphia, we have watched with increasing interest the results of the Centennial Cattle Exhibition, reports of which were from time to time brought us by some of our townspeople on their return home, who dwelt upon the large and magnificent display, especially of Jerseys, and upon the sharp competition it naturally produced. Information has at last been received that two of Mr. Starr's superb animals, the bull "Litchfield" and cow "Filbert," have obtained Centennial Awards; also that "Litchfield," in addition to the Centennial Diploma and Medal, has gained the special first prize of \$250, which was given by the American Jersey Cattle Club for the best Jersey bull at the Centennial exhibit and awarded by the Centennial judges.

Mr. Starr has spared no pains nor expense in improving his herd, and we congratulate him upon the complete success which has attended his efforts. Three years ago we referred to a shipment made by Mr. Starr of five of his yearlings to a gentleman in Wisconsin, who has since wished to purchase more of the same stock; but Mr. Starr has refused all offers since that date, believing that he could raise better stock than he could purchase, and wishing to increase his herd to its present limit of nearly one hundred.

"Litchfield" has been exhibited a number of times in past years, and three times in the present year, and in every instance has carried off the first prize. Seven prizes were taken by Mr. Starr's Centennial herd when exhibited at the Connecticut State Fair at Hartford, September 12th, en route for Philadelphia; and, within a few days after their return from there, on the 11th ult., sixteen prizes were won by the thirty-four of his herd exhibited at Watertown, among which was one that deserves special reference; "Filbert," not content with her remarkable success at Hartford and Philadelphia, secured at Watertown the first prize as the best cow of her age; also, the special prize as "the best cow for milk." This is the more remarkable because the latter prize was open to cows of all breeds. It has been generally supposed that the Alderney, or as they are more correctly called the Jersey breed, does not exceed in quantity of milk, though producing a richer quality than other breeds. The milk records of Echo farm are excellent in both these respects.