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

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HALIFAX, 1st December, 1880.

The Secretaries of Agricultural Societies throughout the Province are reminded that no Society will be in a position to claim participation in the Legislative Grant for the year unless, on or before 31st December, it furnishes the Central Board of Agriculture with the following Returns:

1. Attested List of Annual Subscriptions actually paid as such by Members within the year.
2. Report of Proceedings at Annual Meeting held on first Tuesday of December.
3. Full Account of Receipts and Expenditure during the year.
4. Nomination by Officers of a person suitable for appointment to the Central Board.

HALIFAX, 1st Dec., 1880.

The steamship *Brooklyn*, landed at Halifax on 30th November, six yearling Short Horn Bulls, one young Cow and two Heifers of the same breed—all of the females being due to calve within the next three months. These animals are imported by the Central Board of Agriculture for public sale, of which due notice will be given after the March meeting of the Board.

This importation consists of very superior animals, without exception. They

were selected by Mr. Thornton, the best judge of Short Horns in England, and the highest authority on all matters of pedigree. The care taken in the selection is shown by the large number of Herds visited and the elaborate details given in his letters.

The full pedigrees will be found in the present number. The animals are all in perfect health, but are required by law to remain in quarantine for ninety days.

The Public Addresses delivered at the several Exhibitions this year were of a thoroughly practical character. We publish as many of them as we can find room for, and hope to overtake the Yarmouth Exhibition and some others next month. Sir Patrick Macdougall's address is specially worthy of careful reading.

At the Baddeck Evening Meetings subjects of great interest were discussed. On the first evening Col. Laurie gave the results of his experience in hay upland, which resulted in his going into root growing as the system best adapted for this country. It will be seen that several points of great interest and importance were made, and we hope to have the discussion continued in our columns.

We reprint an appreciative article on the Kentville Exhibition, in which one of the leading Agriculturists of New Brunswick gives an account of his journey to and from the Exhibition, and a free criticism of the country and the exhibits. His lively description of the sail down the St. John River and on the Bay of Fundy to Digby and Annapolis, his visit to the North Mountain, his revellings in

the land of Evangeline, and his description of the Exhibition Building, its contents, and the cattle in the yards, will all be read with interest. He calls attention prominently to the evils of our practice of adhering to the old custom of not allowing an exhibitor to place his name upon the article or animal he exhibits. We commend these remarks to the careful consideration of every committee man, whether in connection with Local, Provincial or Dominion Exhibition, with a view to the application of the proper remedy next season.

We desire to call special attention to Mr. Gregory's Address at the Antigonish Exhibition, which is an able statement of the trade relations of our Province in regard to agricultural products. We commend this Address, not only to the attention of farmers, but also to gentlemen who may be called upon to address local agricultural meetings, as a model, both in matter and manner which no one need hesitate to follow.

COLONEL LAURIE'S Wheat Crop this season has turned out well. We observe by advertisement in another column that he offers some for sale for seed. It is so important to get a reliable sample of clean wheat for seed free from "weevil," that we hope standing wheat growers will at once secure what they require. Year after year we receive applications for information as to where seed wheat can be got in the middle of the sowing time. The wise farmer does not wait till then.