

which such appropriation shall have been discussed and passed by a majority present at such meeting.

8th. Quarterly meetings shall be held regularly according to law. Special meetings may be called by the President—by the Secretary's advertisement of time, place and object of such special meeting, posted seven days previously.

9th. All stock, all farming utensils, all models, and all seeds, shall be under the control of the Committee of Management, and any member having creatures or articles of the Society under his charge, shall be subject to the order of such Committee.

10th. At the annual meeting all business of the Society for the preceding year shall be settled, and all arrangements made according to section 22 of the new Law for the Encouragement of Agriculture.

11th. At all meetings of the Society, or of the Committee of Management, no member shall speak more than once on any subject, unless by special permission from the Chairman.

12th. No person except members shall receive any benefits of live stock or farming implements, belonging to the Society, directly or indirectly.

TRURO, MARCH 8TH, 1874.

To the Farmers of Hants, Colchester and Cumberland, District No. 4, under Chapter 37, Revised Statutes, (Fourth Series,) "Encouragement of Agriculture."

GENTLEMEN,—

Having been honored with the appointment to the Board of Agriculture as the Representative nominated by the Agricultural Societies for your District, I take the liberty of addressing you on the subject of the "Great Provincial Agricultural Exhibition of 1874," a matter of so much public importance that, it appears to me, no apology need be made for calling your attention to it. In the course of my observations, should a reference to the former Exhibition show its results to have been more satisfactory, in some respects, to certain counties, than to the rest of the Province, do not consider it made to promote a feeling of sectional rivalry at the approaching Exhibition. The spirit of agriculture now-a-days is too enlightened and diffusive for such an idea to be entertained, I hope; and besides, the Board have very wisely decided to tolerate nothing that will mar the success of the Exhibition, or detract from its Provincial character. They will have no District or County Courts; nothing but one Supreme Court, in which the contributions of the farmers of Nova Scotia are to be promiscuously arranged to the best advantage for the Province. You will therefore

readily understand that my object in making such an allusion is to stimulate you to guard against the failures of the past, as well as to urge you to do more now where you did much then; not to prove that you are no unequal competitors with your co-labourers in other Districts, and that in a fair field and no favor you can hold your own against all other parts of the Province; but to make the Exhibition a greater success than it certainly would be should you fail to exhibit the best specimens from your herds, your flocks, of the products of your agriculture and your industry.

By the official "Report of Proceedings of the Exhibition of 1868," it appears that all the money premiums awarded for Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Grain and Field Seeds, Roots and Vegetables, and Dairy Produce, went to nine Counties, viz. :—

Halifax taking 132 prizes worth \$876.00	
Kings " 88 " " 824.50	
Hants " 99 " " 777.00	
Colchester " 35 " " 302.50	
Pictou " 38 " " 279.00	
Antigonish " 14 " " 143.00	
Annapolis " 16 " " 103.50	
Queens " 2 " " 7.50	
Lunenburg " 1 " " 3.00	

Where were the farmers of half the Province on that interesting public occasion? The Report echoes, Where? I am charitable enough to believe they thought they were doing their duty, either in being well employed at home, or by attending the Exhibition as spectators; but had they come manfully forward as exhibitors, and entered the lists with the leading agriculturists of Halifax, Kings, Hants, Colchester, Pictou, Antigonish and Annapolis, does it not occur to them how much more successful the Exhibition, as a Provincial Show, might have been, than it was and, that instead of a few counties getting all the prizes, they might have taken a fair share of them? It would be a parody on the agriculture of the unreported counties to think otherwise; wherefore it is to be hoped, as no reason can be assigned why such should be the case, that no blanks of this kind will turn up in the Exhibition of 1874; and see to it, Farmers of No. 4, that every part of your District is well represented at the time when Nova Scotia expects every son of her soil to do his duty.

The Prize List has been published, and no doubt you have read it, to see in what departments you can compete with a prospect of success. I hope, not so much for the credit of this District, as for the good of the Exhibition, that numbers of you, in all directions, have already decided to strive to succeed in every Department; but there is one in particular, in which you cannot take too great pains to excel. It is "Class 9, Roots and Vegetables,"—

an exceedingly interesting, as well as useful, department, but one that has been too much neglected by our farmers in former Exhibitions. By the specimens of your exhibits in this Class the state of your agricultural prosperity will be judged to a large extent; for, in general, excellent roots mean good rich soil and proper cultivation; a good root crop signifies a good stock of cattle; and a good stock of cattle implies a heavy belt round the waist of the owner; and it is a significant fact, that outside of the city of Halifax, the lion's share of root prizes at the last Exhibition went to King's, the great cattle County of the Province. It may interest you to know how these prizes were distributed:

Halifax	took 41	worth \$76.00
Kings	" 28	" 52.50
Hants	" 18	" 28.00
Colchester	" 5	" 10.50
Pictou	" 4	" 8.00
Annapolis	" 3	" 6.50
Queens	" 1	" 2.20

The figures suggest room for decided improvement in some of the Counties, and particularly so in case of those not on the list. While, from the location of intended Exhibition, it is reasonable to suppose that Halifax will again head this list, it ought not to be taken for granted that she will maintain the same relative position to the other Counties. Should she do so, I am afraid it will go abroad that our farmers do not yet thoroughly understand the cultivation of roots and vegetables, to the growth of which our climate is wonderfully adapted, and which lie at the very foundation of our agricultural greatness. It is therefore very desirable, whatever else farmers do for the Exhibition, that in the matter of roots and vegetables they will endeavour to do the country ample justice. In your preparations to contest with the city gardeners—foemen worthy of your steel—I hope you will find with James Vick, 'almost as much pleasure in growing choice vegetables well, in bringing them to their highest possible state of perfection, as there is in producing beautiful flowers; and should your labours lead you to agree with Dr. Johnson, 'that cauliflowers are the handsomest flowers that grow,' I will not differ with you, so long as you have them at the Exhibition.

If further comments are necessary to urge you as farmers to do all in your power to complete, and make as perfect as possible, those departments of the Exhibition which more especially belong to you, I feel I cannot do better than refer to the spirited conduct of the Florists and citizens of Halifax, whose generous subscriptions added "Class 12, Ornamental Plants and Flowers" to the Prize List. I may also mention the handsome course pursued by the "Fruit Growers' Associa-