

had hitherto to look for in other countries. It will not do to stand still now. Year by year Capital and Labour will be applied more and more to the cultivation of our soil, and to the purchase and raising of Cattle, Horses, Sheep and Pigs, of races that have been long under the hand of the improver, veritable works of art such as have hitherto been almost strangers to our land. Agriculturists who are prepared for the new role will go in and win, those who keep to the old way will be left out in the cold.

It is already time for intending competitors to try to forecast the leading arrangements of next year's Exhibition. From what we have already learnt, we think we can promise much better preparation on their part than was visible even at the Truro show. The locality will no doubt affect the exhibits to some extent, but not to the extent that was anticipated prior to the Truro Exhibition. If a breeder has good cattle to show, a hundred miles of rail will make no hindrance, and if the cattle are not good they had better remain at home.

The Agriculturists of King's County, unwilling to let the Exhibition month go by without showing some sign, held a meeting on 31st of October, as we learn from a copy of the *Berwick Star* kindly sent by C. F. Eaton, Esq. Samuel Chipman, Esq., Custos Rm., was called to the chair, and D. B. Newcomb, Esq., acted as Secretary. A Committee appointed at last April Sessions, and consisting of Messrs. Roscoe, Lyons, Patterson, Dodge and G. Hamilton, reported that they had found a most eligible site for the Exhibition, of 25½ acres, near Kentville Bridge, and for which they had agreed to pay \$40 per acre. The Committee further recommended the sale of some unproductive public lands to pay for the new purchase. Dr. Hamilton moved appropriate resolutions for carrying the scheme into effect, which were seconded by A. McN. Patterson, Esq. The Committee's Report was adopted, likewise Resolutions favoring the holding of the '77 Exhibition in King's County, and calling upon the Court of Sessions to prepare an Act for the purpose of raising money, not to exceed \$4,000, by assessing rateable property, for the purchase of land and erection of suitable buildings.

Next comes a spirited communication from the Colchester Committee in charge of the late Provincial Exhibition, soliciting the Board of Agriculture to again concede to that County the task of carrying out the Exhibition of '77. Buildings are ready, which can be enlarged if necessary. The Committee feel that their success this year should be a strong argument in their favor for obtaining their request, and their experience has

taught them wherein they can readily improve upon their past work. The central position of Colchester, they say, was invariably conceded by farmers from the east and north as giving them (the Com.) great claims to the Provincial Exhibition. They offer a Prize List, including the Government grant, of \$6,500.

It is with much satisfaction that we can thus assure our readers that the system of Annual Provincial Exhibitions has become an accomplished fact. The favored County for the '77 Exhibition remains as yet to be fixed; but we think that the Agriculturists of the Province have learnt, from past experience, to place a fair amount of reliance upon the wisdom and judgment of the Central Board of Agriculture.

WE learn by a communication from HENRY W. ALBRO, Esq., of Liverpool, N. S., that an Exhibition of Fruits and Vegetables was held in the Music Hall, Liverpool, N. S., on the 5th and 6th October, and that a very creditable show was made. The *Liverpool Times* gives as full a report of the prizes as could be done, considering that there were not "any properly appointed judges." This last is a novel feature in the management of Exhibitions, and will no doubt disappear on next occasion. It is probable, however, that the first or preliminary Exhibition rather profited than otherwise by the simplicity of the arrangement, which, if it had been adopted at Truro, would certainly have obviated many difficulties, as each exhibitor would have been free to enjoy his own undisturbed opinion as to the merits of his exhibits.

The practical result of the Liverpool Exhibition has been most satisfactory, for the Editor of the paper concludes his review in the following terms:—

"The success of this Exhibition has drawn the attention of our citizens to the fact, that we want an Agricultural Society in South Queen's, and we are glad to hear that a list has been opened for subscribers, and trust that the requisite number will be forthcoming to enable them to draw the Government allowance, and next year, by offering prizes for competition, be able to get up an exhibition which will be a credit to South Queen's."

The application from Liverpool will be laid before the Executive Committee of the Central Board at their first meeting.

WE have received from E. C. Fairbanks, Esq., 20 South Park Street, a sample of Potatoes of a character new to this country, similar, in fact, to the small sized and solid but delicately flavoured Potatoes usually served in

hotels on the European Continent, and there invariably preferred for table use. Mr. Fairbanks's crop was raised from some imported from Rotterdam for a gentleman for his own use. One hill yielded 31, another 41 potatoes. They are said to be free from blight, good keepers, as sound in spring as when put in in autumn, and their appearance goes far to justify the promise. Mr. F's friend tells him that in his country, they feed the big ones to cattle. We can cordially recommend Mr. Fairbanks's Rotterdam Potato to the attention of Agriculturists for experiment. It would be useful to ascertain whether, in Holland, these potatoes are grown in the difficultly drained meadows near Rotterdam, or on the higher and drier sandy dunes away towards the German frontier.

WE have a communication from Dr. Auguste le Jolis, of Cherbourg, France, announcing that the National Society of Natural Sciences of Cherbourg has completed 25 years of its existence, during which period the Society has contributed to the progress of science principally by the formation of a rich scientific library and by the publication of Memoirs, of which the 20th tome is now in the press. The formation of a scientific library is perhaps the most important function of these Societies, and we hope the day is not far distant when our own "Institute" will make this discovery, as the Toronto Institute and Montreal Natural History Society have long ago done, and thus render the intelligent pursuit of science possible for our citizens.

It is, no doubt, well to find a market for our fish in the West Indies and to get their sugar as a return cargo. But suppose we raise our sugar on our own fields as the farmers are now doing in North Germany and Northern France, we shall then find a larger home market for our fish, created by the increased laboring population, and the expense of transit will be saved.

THERE is still a brisk trade in Ayrshires. C. P. Blanchard, Esq., of Truro, has sold his Cow LILLE, Cl., and her Calf STELLA, CCXXXIII. to H. Townsend, Esq., of New Glasgow. Several Societies that neglected to purchase at Truro are now looking around in vain for suitable animals.

WE hear that the Ayrshire Cows Blyth and Merry Duchess, imported by the Board and sold at Truro, are doing very well in Mr. Blanchard's hands. They have both calved Heifer Calves, and have a fine show of milk.

A NUMBER of Pedigrees registered during the month (November) will appear in our next issue.