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Omnium 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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SPECIAL NOTICE TO SECRETARIES OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

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The Hon. Isidore LeBlanc, M. E. C., has been appointed Government Member of the Central Board of Agriculture.

An article suggesting a new departure in Horse Breeding in Nova Scotia, and several others, are excluded this month from want of room, but will appear in our next number, which will be issued early in January.

A list of the Annual Returns received from Agricultural Societies for 1884, will be printed in the January number. Should any Society not find its Returns acknowledged, the Officers had better make enquiry at the Post Office as to what has become of them, and simultaneously communicate with the Member of the Board for the District, so that the Society may not suddenly lose its grant by default.

COMPLETE detailed Lists of the Prizes awarded at the District Exhibitions held in 1884, in Districts Nos. 3 and 5, viz. Yarmouth and New Glasgow, have come

to hand, and are now ready for the Queen's Printer. The Prize Lists of the other Districts have not been received as yet. The officers of the several Committees have been applied to for them, and we hope they will not be delayed. These Prize Lists, with Committees' Reports and Abstracts of Accounts, are required to be printed in the Journals of the House of Assembly for information of the Legislature.

A new method for the extraction of Gold from quartz has been invented that is not unlikely to prove especially applicable to Nova Scotian quartz. Instead of stamping in water, the ore is ground fine and then mercury is forced through the dry powder. If the promises of this process are realized, it will greatly reduce the expense of extraction, and enable miners on a small scale either to grind their own ores by a very simple apparatus, or send them to a large mill where they can be sold by sample as soon as ground, as is done with the Silver ores in Colorado.

The following is from the *North Sydney Herald* :—

"We hope our Agricultural Societies will take steps at once towards securing the Provincial Exhibition for North Sydney. We will have the necessary building and hotel accommodation in North Sydney, and will be able to supplement the Central Board's grant of \$4,000 to such an extent that we believe we can hold next year's Provincial Exhibition here with credit to ourselves and the Island of Cape Breton, and satisfaction to the whole Province. What is now required is a combined and determined effort on the part of all the Agricultural Societies on the Island, and we will have the Provincial Exhibition held in North Sydney next fall."

C. E. Brows, Esq., Yarmouth, has several seeding Strawberries of 1884, which will fruit next season. One of them is of wonderful size and vigour of plant, sending out large runners, and a mass of roots, different from any sort seen before. It is named DRAFFAN.