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

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NOVA SCOTIAN EXHIBITIONS,
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Provincial Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition, Truro, September 30th to October 4th.

King's County Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition, Kentville, October 7th to 10th.

Floricultural and Poultry Exhibition of Nova Scotia Poultry and Floricultural Association, Halifax, 3rd and 4th September.

Annapolis County Agricultural Exhibition, Annapolis Royal.

Queen's County Agricultural Exhibition, Liverpool, N. S.

Halifax, April 2nd, 1878.

NOTWITHSTANDING the general commercial depression and distrust, the Agricultural outlook is not discouraging. Prices of produce are low, but farmers seem to feel that there is quite as good prospect of profitable results from labour bestowed in agricultural pursuits as in any other department of industry. Even if the worst should come to the worst, they know that they and their families need neither starve on the farm nor get into debt. Industrious labour and economy of management are alone required to give the farmer comfort and independence. If, during the last dozen years, more of our young men had contented themselves to work for comfort and independence, instead of giving way to the prevailing ambition to make rapid fortunes by run-

ning stores on other people's capital, our Province would have enjoyed a steadily growing prosperity, and there would have been more happy homes to-day.

There are several indications of an early Spring. There is little snow anywhere on the continent. We have had, for some time, a continuously high thermometer. Birds are abundant in the woods, not only small birds and robins, but woodcocks also. Grass is starting in the fields, and buds are swelling in gardens. Let every farmer have his seed at hand, and be ready to embrace the early spring-time. Those who defer their sowing and planting this year, may possibly have their crops all burnt up, by drought at the season when they ought to be growing.

The present number of the JOURNAL will be found to contain the Prize List of the Provincial Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition, to be held at Truro, from 30th September to 4th October. Prize Lists may be obtained in Halifax at the Provincial Library, or Nova Scotia Printing Co's office, or by sending a post card to W. D. Dimock, Secretary, Truro, or Professor Lawson, Halifax.

King's County also publishes a Prize List for a County Exhibition, to be held at Kentville, October 7th to 10th, "competition open to the Province of Nova Scotia," with a Fair on the 10th, for sales of animals by auction. For Prize Lists and further particulars, apply to Henry Lovett, Secretary, Kentville.

A Floricultural Exhibition is to be held by the Nova Scotia Poultry and Floricul-

tural Association, in the Skating Rink, Halifax, on 3rd and 4th of September. Arrangements are in progress, and we hope to publish the Prize List in next number.

It will likewise be observed, from notices in other columns of this number, that effective arrangements are being made for holding a County Exhibition at Annapolis, and a similar one at Liverpool, in Queen's County.

We have the satisfaction of presenting our readers, this month, with the first of a series of papers on the ailments of our domestic cattle, from the pen of Professor Byrne, of the Halifax Veterinary College.

A communication from W. H. Blanchard, Esq., on the early history of Agriculture in the County of Hants, is deferred till next number for want of room in the present.

Arrangements are being made for an importation of Cattle, Sheep and Pigs from England this season, the Customs prohibitory regulation having been rescinded.

A correspondent in Pictou asks us why the Committee of the Poultry Association required Poultry to be shown in pairs instead of trios? We can only echo, why? Perhaps some member of the Committee will kindly rise and explain.

The Morristown Agricultural Society, County Antigonish, have obtained two Bulls from Ontario, the first cost of which was \$300.