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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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SINCE 10th November last, when Mr. Duggan knocked down 17 lots of thorough bred Cattle from England, our farmers have not been idle. Every number of this *Journal* has lately contained records of additions to our Herds of a very important character. These animals have been either bred or imported by the farmers themselves. We know that our record is not quite full, but so far as it goes it is highly instructive and encouraging, and a sure testimony to ambition and activity. In the course of four months we have been called upon to record 2 Jersey males, 2 Devon males and 5 females, 11 Short Horn females and 2 males, 6 Ayrshire females and 3 males, total 31 thorough-bred pedigree animals, all, with a single exception, raised and imported by individual farmers at their own personal risk and expense. Ten years ago there was not a single thorough-bred pedigree animal in the Province, now the absence of such from a district is felt to be a reproach. Paper pedigrees, when genuine, have their face value like paper money.

We have much pleasure in recording another happy domestic event in the Short Horn family. Mr. J. B. Fraser's thoroughbred Short Horn Cow Rose Gwynne 4th, imported by the Board last fall, dropped a very fine roan Bull Calf on the 17th April. This calf is by Gwynne of the Forest, imported at the same time, and now in Cornwallis. Both Rose Gwynne 4th and Gwynne of the Forest were from the Whitehall Herd.

WE desire to call the special attention of our readers to the advertisement in the present number, of the Manager of the Wellington Tannery, who is prepared to supply a limited quantity of Ground Bones of a quality superior to any hitherto used in the Province. The immediate efficacy of Ground Bone depends upon the fineness of the grinding, and the improved machinery now enables the Manufacturer to produce a very superior article.

WE observe, by press telegram from Ottawa, that the Dominion Government have acted in accordance with the suggestion contained in the January number of the *Journal of Agriculture*, by making provision for the inspection of Cattle arriving from Europe, so as to prevent the importation of Foot and Mouth disease.

WE understand that Alexander Anderson, Esq., has a very fine yearling Jersey Bull, said to be finer even than Earl of Seaford.

**MAMMOTH OX.**—We saw Messrs. Etter, Buckley & Co.'s big ox weighed yesterday. His weight is 2720 lbs., girth 9 feet. He is six years old, was raised by Mr. George Etter, Westmorland, and is probably the largest in the Dominion.—*Amherst Gazette*.

[We hope he will be fed up to a still more gigantic size, and shown at the Provincial Exhibition, to come off at Haro during the second week of October.—Ed. J. OF A.]

THERE is issued quarterly in London a pamphlet of about 130 pages, most carefully edited, titled THORNTON'S SHORT HORN CIRCULAR. The latest number, which has just reached us, contains an account of all Short Horn transactions from 1st October to 31st December, 1875. There are some particulars of special interest to us here in Nova Scotia. In the first place there are lists of prize short horn oxen at the London and Birmingham shows. None of the prize oxen were quite five years old, most of them from two to three and four years. The butcher's prize was given to a white ox 4 years and 2 months old, weighing 2863 lbs. The average weight for prize three year olds, appears to be about 2000 lbs., but the heaviest in the different classes are not usually the prize takers. Let judges at the forthcoming Exhibition take note of this. The next part of the Circular consists of Catalogues of English Herds sold by auction in 1875. There were 55 auction sales, 2355 head changed hands, at an average price of £93,11s.1d, total £220,321.13s. In the account of "Exports" we find one batch (6) taken by Mr. Crane to Durham Park, Kansas, another by Mr. Streator to Cleveland, Ohio, another (14) by Hon. Senator Cochrane to Compton, and Mr. Beattie to Scarborough, Ont., another (10) by Mr. John Hope to Markham, Ont., another batch sent partly to Mr. Chapman, San Francisco, the remainder taken out by Mr. R. Ashburner, School House Station, St. Marys County, California. To Santiago, Mr. Long sent six-