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We have been so anxious to publish the whole of the Annual Reports of Agricultural Societies, received up to the present date, that there is no room left for our comments upon them, which must therefore be reserved for next number.

In reply to repeated enquiries as to the provisions of the Agricultural Act, and its numerous Amendments, we reprint the whole in the present number, and recommend every Secretary of an Agricultural Society to cut out these Acts and paste them into his Minute Book, so that they may be constantly available for reference.

Our Agricultural friends in the neighbouring Republic are not without interest in our affairs. The Hon. Frederick Watts, Commissioner of Agriculture of the United States, writes as follows in his Monthly Report of the Department of Agriculture at Washington:—

THOROUGH-BRED STOCK IN NOVA SCOTIA.—The friends of agriculture and

the public authorities in Nova Scotia are making a laudable effort to encourage the more general diffusion of thorough-bred stock throughout that province. The board of agriculture, under the authority of the provincial legislature, have imported a number of entire English draught-horses, Short-horn, Ayrshire, and Devon bulls, bull calves, and cows, and Cotswold, Leicester, Shropshire, and Southdown rams and ewes, which were offered for sale at public auction at Halifax on a recent occasion, under the restriction that the animals were to be kept in the province for breeding purposes. The idea of improving the stock of the country by importing pure breeds and selling them at auction is borrowed from the Belgians, who have long been in the habit, under the countenance and direct support of this government, of importing Durham Bulls and Heifers, and disposing of them by public sale in the different provinces of the kingdom.

FARMERS' CLUBS IN NOVA SCOTIA.—An act has been passed by the provincial legislature of Nova Scotia for promoting the formation of farmers' clubs throughout

that province. The board of agriculture of the province has for the purposes of the act been constituted a bureau of agriculture, and has been authorized to establish societies, to be called farmers' clubs, in all the different counties of Nova Scotia. The clubs are required to prepare statistics in all the branches of agricultural and horticultural industry in their several counties, and to publish, in such manner as to secure the widest circulation, all such reports, essays, and other information as they may procure and adjudge suitable for publication. The bureau is to prepare papers from time to time for the consideration of clubs, embracing such subjects as drainage, fertilizers, improvement of swamp-lands, rotation of crops, lands best adapted for cereals, improvement of stock, &c. Premiums are to be offered for essays on questions of scientific inquiry relating to agriculture and horticulture; on the raising and improvement of stock, on improvements in agricultural implements and machines; and generally for excellence in any branch of agricultural, horticultural, or floral industry; and the bureau is annually to epitomize the results arrived at in the various discussions before the clubs, and cause the same to be published for general sale and distribution.