

PROFESSOR LAWSON, Secretary of the Central Board of Agriculture, will lecture in Horton, this month for the King's County Agricultural Society, who will hold a Field Pic-nic in connection with the lecture, the subject of which is Cattle Feeding. He will likewise lecture for the Farmers' Grange in Colchester.

AMONG the Ayrshires recently registered are some very fine calves. One of these is Colonel Starratt's young bull calf "Curiosity;" he is particularly marked about the head and ears, the latter being very much notched, taking this from the mother, Lady Millicent. He is sired by Thrift. The Colonel's beautiful cow Dew Drop is yielding stock as good as their mother.

MR. POWER, the active and zealous superintendent of the Public Gardens, has succeeded in raising a totally new style of Geranium, viz., a variegated leaved double sort. It occurred as a shoot of the well known double variety, *Sappier Pompier*, which has the ordinary green leaves of doubles and bright scarlet flowers. One branch or shoot on a plant of this sort produced lately well-marked variegated leaves, white or pale straw-color and green, whilst the flowers on the same shoot now appear of a pink or rose-colour, quite different from the scarlet of the original. We hope Mr. Power will succeed in increasing this new variety so as to establish it as a standard sort. It will form quite an addition to the list of varieties, being so distinctive in character.

ONE of our rarest ferns was recently found on the road to Liverpool, N. S., by P. Jack, Esq., and roots of it are now growing in the Fernry at Bella hill. The species is *Woodwardia virginica*. It has been hitherto known to exist in only one spot in Nova Scotia, at Summer Rest, North West Arm, where it was discovered by Miss Lawson of that place. There are a few stations known in Ontario, viz., Millgrove Marsh, near Hamilton; Pelham; sphagnous swamp, near Heck's Mills, ten miles from Prescott; Augusta; Belleville.

MR. MERRIMAN of Pictou, is soliciting orders of the most useful invention ever offered to the farmers of this country, and which will doubtless before long come into general use, viz., the Grain Cleaner. No farmer who has used one for a season would part with it for double its price if he was not certain of being able to get another from Mr. Merriman's establishment.

We hope to see Mr. Merriman's Grain Cleaner at the Kentville Exhibition, where all our live farmers can see it.

## THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

### THE EXHIBITION BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS AT KENTVILLE.

A "Traveller" sends us the following:—An hour's stay in Kentville enabled me to pay a visit to the Exhibition Grounds and buildings now in course of erection thereon, and I must confess I was very much pleased with what I saw, and could learn, respecting them.

The grounds consist of ten acres of land on a hill to the north of Cornwallis River, rising I should think over one hundred feet from the level of the river, and are within three minutes walk from the Railway station. The grounds are level where the sheds and main building are located, with a fall to the south, which is partially covered with a small growth of pines and oaks, through which the committee have constructed a drive-way, and have also made a "ring" for trying the speed and style of the carriage and trotting horses. The arrangements of the buildings, sheds, roads, &c., are well and tastefully made.

The ground is turfed over, and is composed below of coarse sand and gravel, which a week's rain would not make muddy. I think the committee who have the whole thing in charge have made a central and suitable location for the Exhibition.

The main building is one of the best I have seen in this Province, and is only excelled in Canada by the exhibition building at Fredericton, N. B. It is 115 feet long and 38 feet wide, with two wings of 16 feet each, in all 70 feet wide, and two additional wings on the main front of 14 feet each, for offices, committee room and flowers; with other conveniences. I did not learn the exact height, but think it must be 30 to 40 feet to the top of the roof, with a main tower some fifteen feet above all. There are three towers on the front and two on the rear, with small towers on the roof. There are about one hundred windows in the building, which will give ample light. The ground floor has an area of about 8000 feet, and the galleries of over 3500, besides the flower-room and offices which contain more than a thousand—in all some 12,500 feet, ample room for any Provincial Agricultural Exhibition.

The building will make a stylish appearance, and besides is well and conveniently arranged. The frame is one of the best I have ever seen for so large a building, and reflects great credit on the Berwick Steam Mill Co., by which it was manufactured, together with the boards for the walls, which are all planed to an even thickness. The entire building is to be floored. The workmanship

is very creditable to the contractor, Mr. R. Farnham, who also assisted in designing the building and preparing specifications.

The South end gallery for speakers and the band drops three feet below the side galleries. There is a balcony on the South end from which a band can be heard a long distance, as it is elevated so far above the level of the surrounding country. The main roof is covered with Bay Shore spruce shingles, and the leantoos with Philadelphia roofing. The building will be ready for tabling and internal fixtures in ten days.

The sheds for horses, cattle, sheep and swine are in rapid progress towards completion, and are made of good substantial material and well put together. The contractor for the fence is getting along well, and the whole will be in readiness within the time named. A good supply of water will be had on the grounds for visitors, and adjoining the grounds is a splendid spring which is being utilized for the purpose of watering the cattle and horses.

I should think that some persons well acquainted with exhibitions must have had much to do with the plans and arrangements. And if the Exhibition is carried out in the same spirit with which the buildings, &c., have been commenced, it will reflect credit on the Committee having the matter in charge.—*Morning Chronicle, Sept 3.*

At the present time, Nova Scotia is the only potato country in the world that is not bothering itself with Colorado bugs. In America these spoilers are now marching eastwards through the New England States; in Canada they are deporting themselves, with the rest of the Ontarians, on the banks of the lower St. Lawrence, and, as the weather gets warmer they are gradually moving away down, it is confidently said, but we don't believe it, to the region of the cool Gulf breezes. The finding of a few in Belgium has paled the faces of all Europe with dismay. Here our farmers are growing their potatoes without fear. But it will be well for them to keep dry their Paris green.

*Baddeck, August 21st, 1877.*

DEAR SIR,—At a meeting of the Baddeck Agricultural Society held here today, it was decided to sell our Ayrshire bull, "Lord Raglan," at public auction, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of September, at ten o'clock, A.M. I will therefore advertise in the *Truro Sun* and in one of our Cape Breton papers. I write you in case persons may be enquiring of you for such an animal. If we get a suitable offer before the day mentioned above we would sell at private sale.

I am, yours truly,

W. F. McCurdy,  
Sec'y Baddeck Ag. Soc.