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WITH unfeigned sorrow the Agriculturists of the whole Province heard of the death of JOSEPH J. NORTUP, which took place, after a comparatively brief illness, on 20th January. Solemn and touching it is that we should have to record the melancholy event in the very number of the *Journal* containing the Prize List which he laboured so hard to perfect. Mr. Northup was widely known as a prominent and successful city merchant; but his marked tastes for agricultural pursuits, his interest in live stock, and his thoroughly practical knowledge in this department, were not so well understood. He felt an intense desire to see the farmers of Nova Scotia share the advantages of those improvements that had proved so beneficial in other countries; and, with this end in view, he laboured zealously, both in the Agricultural Board and out of it, freely devoting his time and energy and means to encourage, advise, and assist, wherever his help was required. He was appointed as one of the original Members of the Board of Agriculture, at its organization in 1864, and, through successive elections, continued to be a member up to the time of his decease. Of late years he occupied the prominent position of President. His singular business sagacity and constant activity enabled him to be of great service to the Board, especially in the importation of live stock, of which he was an excellent judge. The zest with which he entered upon schemes for importation, his skill and business tact in making purchases of animals, and arranging for their safe and economical transit, were the means of saving large sums of money to the Province, and will long be remembered by his colleagues who accompanied him on those expeditions. Throughout his whole connection with the Board his untiring labours, alike in times of success and discouragement, were labours of love. He studiously avoided every recognition of a public kind of services he

had rendered,—complimentary references to himself by other Members of the Board were invariably omitted from the Reports, in deference to his well-understood wishes. Impelled by the true patriotic instinct, he loved to work for the benefit of others, and his reward was the sense of doing good to the hardy tillers of the soil, and of helping to raise them to a higher social position than had been attainable before. A very large portion of the farming class all over the Province will feel that the Nova Scotia farmer's best friend has been laid in the tomb.

THE publication of the present number of the *Journal of Agriculture* has been long delayed, in consequence of the necessary alterations and corrections upon the PRIZE LIST, which has been in type for the last six weeks, and is now issued in as complete a form as it has been found possible to make it. In adjusting a large number of conflicting suggestions, from numerous quarters the Committee have endeavoured, in each case, to adopt the course likely to prove most conducive to the agricultural interests of the Province at large, and they trust that the Prize List will, on examination, meet with the approval of the great majority of intelligent Agriculturists.

Copies of the Prize List in pamphlet form, may be obtained on application at the office of the Nova Scotia Printing Company, corner Sackville and Granville streets, Halifax.

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