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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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SPECIAL NOTICE TO SECRETARIES OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

Ten Copies of this Journal are sent, Postage Prépaid, to every Agricultural Society in the Province, in payment of which a reduced charge of \$4 is deducted annually from each Society's Grant. Societies requiring their copies addressed separately to individual Members will be charged \$5. Any greater number of Copies to one address may be obtained at the reduced rate. The Annual Subscription for a Single Copy is Fifty Cents, payable strictly in advance. Subscribers wishing to have the "Journal" mailed regularly should send their address, accompanied by fifty cents, to A. & W. Mackinlay, Halifax.

HALIFAX, 10th April, 1881.

Warrants have been sent to Secretaries of Agricultural Societies throughout the Province for the respective amounts of their grants for 1880, as per list published in the annual report to the Legislature. Copies of the annual report of the Central Board of Agriculture will be mailed to Secretaries, as usual, in course of a few days.

PROFESSOR LAWSON, will lecture on "Rotation of Crops and Use of Natural and Artificial Manures," to the New Glasgow Agricultural Society, on Tuesday, 19th April.

The losses in cattle in Nebraska this winter have been enormous. At the opening of winter there were estimated to be half a million head upon the Nebraska ranches, worth an average of \$15 per head, or \$7,500,000 in all.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE OF NOVA SCOTIA, FOR YEAR 1880.

Hon. S. H. Holmes, Provincial Secretary:

SIR,—We have the honor to submit to you, for the information of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and the Legislature, a Report of the Proceedings of the Central Board of Agriculture for the year 1880, together with the Treasurer's Accounts and relative vouchers, which have been duly examined. We also submit an Abstract of the Annual Reports of Agricultural Societies throughout the Province, embracing a statement of their operations during the year, and the Lists of Prizes awarded at the Provincial Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition held at Kentville, and the Cape Breton Island Exhibition held at Baddeck.

The Returns of Societies have been carefully examined by the Executive Committee of the Board, and found to be upon the whole satisfactory. During the previous year several of the Societies had

expended large portions of their funds in the purchase of seeds and implements, keep of grade bulls, &c., which the Board did not consider legitimate expenditure. It is satisfactory to be able to state that the stringent measures adopted by the Board, and alluded to in their previous Report, have had the desired effect, and there is now an almost uniform willingness on the part of Societies to administer their funds strictly for the improvement of Agriculture, and in accordance with the spirit as well as the letter of the Act for Encouragement of Agriculture.

Under these circumstances it is especially gratifying to find that the number and strength of Societies continue to increase, there being this year 83 Societies, with a membership of 4679, and attested subscription lists showing the aggregate amount actually paid by members within the year to be \$551.75. The aggregate amount of Government Grants for the year is \$6548.00, a decrease on last year's amount of \$146.00.

The Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly recommended, last