

REPORT ON SEEDLING POTATOES,  
"EARLY GOODRICH" AND "No. 241."

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Shubenacadie, Nov. 7, 1865.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to yours of this month I beg to state that the potatoes did not do very well, owing, as I believe, to this land being very dry, and a very dry season. I planted in my usual way in my general field. They appeared to be of an early kind, getting ripe very early. They are not of a very large size, but are without any disease, appearing very healthy; and in quantity one and a half bushels of each kind.

## HAVE THE OLD MEMBERS OF SOCIETIES THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE NEW ONES.

Nictaux, Annapolis, Nov. 21st, 1865.

SIR,—Is it consistent with the principles upon which Government grants money to Agricultural Societies, for such societies or society to prohibit new members from joining, by raising the annual subscription in these cases, to two, three, or four dollars? Are they at liberty to do so if they see fit? Could the Board consistently recommend to the government that such society renew the yearly grant?

If you will be so kind as to inform me on this subject, you will much oblige.

T. H. RANDALL.

[If we understand properly the query of our correspondent, he desires to know whether the existing members of a society have the right to shut out others by requiring from them a larger subscription than they themselves pay. If that be his meaning, we believe that such a practice is at variance with the spirit of the Agricultural Act, unless there be special circumstances rendering it necessary or desirable. The balance of funds carried forward to a new year is as much the property of new as of old members.—Ed.]

## STIRLING AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

New Annan, Nov. 27th, 1865.

I enclose a list of the prizes given by our Society at the exhibition held on the 18th October. We had a very good show of animals, the best we have had yet. The lambs after the imported rams show a vast improvement. The wheat exhibited was a very superior article, the first prize weighed sixty-six pounds, and the second sixty-five.

WM. CREIGHTON,  
Secretary.

[We are sorry we have not room for the prize list in the present number.—Ed.]

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"CUZCO," "GARNET CHILI," "No. 241" AND "GOODRICH SEEDLING."

By C. C. Hamilton, M. P. P.

Canard, Cornwallis, Nov. 24, 1865.

As regards the result of the Goodrich potatoes entrusted to me, I am sorry that I cannot go into particulars at present in reference to their yield, as I have not had time to measure or weigh them, suffice it to say that I planted the specimens I had, viz:—the cuzco, garnet chili, 241, and goodrich seedling, the two latter received from Dr. Hca of Wolfville, on saved ground turned over this spring without manure, and where there were other kinds of potatoes planted in the same field. The yield of these exceeded them by far, and the only variety which showed any decay was the cuzco, and but two or three of them.

I have not tried their eating qualities yet, but they are a handsome and fair growing potato, with strong and high tops, and I have no doubt but that they will be a great acquisition to the sorts of this valuable escent now cultivated.

I intend distributing them among the members of our Agricultural Society.

PARIS UNIVERSAL EXHIBITION OF 1867.—The Science and Art Department of the Committee of Council on Education has issued a series of papers referring to the Paris Exhibition to be held in 1867. It is to embrace produce and manufactures of all kinds, from German tinder to locomotives.

NATURALIZATION OF PINES IN AUSTRALIA.—From a notice in the Gardeners' Chronicle, we observe that Dr. Ferdinand Muller, the distinguished government botanist of Victoria, is introducing large masses of the Pines of the Northern Hemisphere into Australia, with a view to their final naturalization in the Australian forests.

WILLOWS.—Professor Anderson of Stockholm has completed his monograph of the genus *Salix*, which has occupied his whole time during the last eight years, although the previous part of his life had been chiefly devoted to this genus. 1000 species have been described by botanists; but Professor Anderson reduces the number to 200. His monograph will appear in a volume of DeCandolle's *Prodromus*.

RAM FOR SALE.—A correspondent having obtained one of the English rams imported by the government, wishes to dispose of a good ram which he has had for a year or two. It is described as the third stock from a prize ram at the provincial exhibition some years ago. The animal will be sold for \$10. His sire weighed 150 lbs. when killed last fall.

BERKSHIRE BOARS.—Mr. Foley, near King's corner, has several Berkshire boars, about 15 months old, for sale.

## The Garden.

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION  
AND BOTANICAL CONGRESS.

To be held in London, May 1866.

We have already called the attention of our readers to the Exhibition which is to take place in the Garden of the Royal Horticultural Society at South Kensington, in May next, and to which the leading botanists and horticulturists throughout Europe are to be invited. In addition to the Exhibition, two morning meetings (of the nature of a congress) are to be held, at which papers prepared by leading botanists or horticulturists are to be read, the papers to be previously printed in English and French or German, and circulated, and discussion thereon invited. There are to be two conversazioni and a banquet.

A subscription list on a most extensive scale has been opened for the purpose of obtaining funds for prizes, for the erection of necessary buildings, and for the entertainment of foreign visitors. In the subscription list we observe the names of the leading members of the aristocracy of England and Scotland, from the Queen downwards. We heartily wish the scheme a full measure of success.

THE NEW RACE OF MIMULUS  
DUPLEX.

The Duplex, or "hose-in-hose" mimulus, which has been wrongly called "The new double" in some catalogues, was figured and described at page 82, and further noticed at page 215. This new and decidedly improved form of an old and deservedly popular florist flower originated in the nurseries of Messrs. Dickson and Turnbull, Perth, who disposed of the whole stock to Mr. Wm. Bull, of Chelsea, and he now offers for sale a selection of no less than twelve distinct varieties, of which he has sent us the following descriptions:—

*Andersoni*.—Ground colour rich yellow, lower lobe blotched with deep crimson, the upper lobes and lower part of the throat beautifully spotted with a lightish pink.

*Brightness*.—Rich sulphur ground, intensely marbled or belted with a beautiful vermilion crimson.

*Coquette*.—Clear pale primrose, the upper lobes having three or four distinct rosy crimson spots, and the lower lobe handsomely blotched with a light maroon, thus giving the flower a novel and pleasing appearance.

*Diadem*.—A beautiful straw-coloured variety, the lobes blotched with rich carmine, while the lower part of the throat is intensely marbled with rosy pink, producing a striking effect.