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Omniun 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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AGRICULTURAL ENGAGEMENTS.

- Sept'r 1—Last day for entry of cattle, sheep, swine and poultry, at the Kentville Exhibition. H. Lovett, Secretary.
- Sept'r 3-5—Floricultural and Poultry Exhibition at Halifax.
- Sept'r 7—Last day for entry of horses, cattle, sheep, swine and poultry, at the Provincial Exhibition, Truro. W. D. Dimock, Secretary.
- Sept'r 21—Last day for entry of plants, flowers, fruit, grain, roots, vegetables, implements and manufactures, at the Provincial Exhibition, Truro.
- Sept'r 28—Last day for entry of plants, fruits, flowers, grains, roots, vegetables, implements and manufactures, at Kentville Exhibition.
- Sept'r 30-Oct'r 4—Provincial Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition at Truro.
- Oct'r 4—Public Auction at Truro of thorough-bred cattle, sheep and pigs imported from England by the Central Board of Agriculture.
- Oct'r 7-10—King's County Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition, Kentville.
- Dec'r 3—Annual Meetings of all Agricultural Societies throughout the Province for election of officers and other business.
- Dec'r 31—Last day for receiving Attested Returns from Agricultural Societies to qualify for Legislative Grant for 1878. Secretary, Prof. Lawson, Halifax.

We regret that much matter intended for publication in this number is excluded from want of room.

Mr. J. B. FRASER reports that his Short-horn heifer "Colchester Queen" has had a calf when 16 months old; it is a very fine calf, and they are both doing well. His other cows and calves are doing well. Capt. Cawood is looking finely."

THE CROPS.—A Truro correspondent writes: "The weather is beautiful, and the farmers are all busy with the grain, which is an abundant yield in this vicinity. The present prospects are that we are going to have a *grand* Exhibition this fall."—This much we know, that Ayrshires will be in great force. There will probably be at Truro this fall an Ayrshire Tournament such as has never been seen before on this continent. Every owner of an Ayrshire cow or calf should be there, and no doubt will be

B. W. CHIPMAN, Esq., North-West Arm, has purchased at Lueyfield Farm the thorough-bred Yorkshire (Ellesmere) boar *Pygmalion*; also the thorough-bred sows *Lady Bacon* and *Maid of Greece*.

AYRSHIRE bull Talbot CCCI. (604), 1492 Am. and Ca. Ayrshire Herd Record, is now the property of Col. W. E. Starratt, who purchased him of Col. Sanders last May.

FRUIT FOR THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

YARMOUTH, 14th Aug., 1878.

DEAR SIR,—Persuade your fruit growers to get together a collection of apples from Halifax County for the Provincial Exhibition at Truro. A collection was exhibited there in 1876 by W. C. Archibald of Musquodoboit, but none was shown last year at Kentville. "Not necessarily grown by the exhibitor," is the condition of the prize list.

I shall address all the off counties, and try to get a fuller representation this year than we have ever had of the adaptability of the several counties of the Province to fruit growing. In the last volume of the American Pomological Society, I was both amused and surprised to observe how far the President of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario went out of his way to decry Nova Scotia. I have not the volume on hand, but it was to the effect that "except in and around Annapolis, a dreary waste existed in this Province;" and this in the face of and oblivious to the excellent report of Dr. C. C. Hamilton in the previous volume of the same Society, covering several pages, and giving the history, progress and present status of fruit growing in the several counties, estimating the production of apples in 1874 as 200,000 barrels in the three counties alone of King's, Hants, and Annapolis.

Probably no county in the Province offers conditions more adverse to Fruit Growing than the County of Yarmouth, and yet within the last ten years we have succeeded in growing very fair specimens of some forty odd standard varieties. Any of the kinds shown from this County I am quite confident could be grown anywhere in the Province; several of our seedlings are worthy of adoption, and I am more desirous of seeing the kinds that do well in the coast counties than to note the finer specimens of the Annapolis Valley, with which we can never compete, and many of which are quite useless for us, while the former might succeed.