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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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FARMERS' ENGAGEMENTS.

- August 27—Last day for entry of exhibits at the Floricultural and Poultry Exhibition. Secretary, R. J. Wilson; P. O. Box, 690, Halifax.
- 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 10—Agricultural Lecture at Upper Musquodoboit, by Secretary of Central Board of Agriculture.
- Sept'r 17—Agricultural Lecture at Maitland by Secretary of Central Board of Agriculture.
- Sept'r 21—Last day for entry of plants, flowers, fruit, grain, roots, vegetables, implements and manufactures, at the Provincial Exhibition, Truro.
- Sept'r 25—Last day for entry of plants, fruits, flowers, grain, 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.

ENTRY PAPERS for the Provincial Exhibition at Truro may be obtained on application to W. D. Dimock, Esq., Truro, Professor Lawson, Inceyfield, Bedford, or Mr. Venables, Province Library, Halifax.

OWING to press of matter this month, it has been found necessary to defer the publication of several pedigrees of thorough-bred stock recently registered. These will be included in next number, which is now in course of preparation for immediate issue, and will contain a list of all the thorough-bred cattle in the Province, for convenience of reference to Competitors and Judges.

THE ANNUAL CATALOGUE OF THOROUGH-BRED STOCK is now ready for publication in the *Journal of Agriculture*. Stock owners are requested to send to the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, without a day's delay, notice of any changes of ownership, or necessary corrections. In writing out Pedigrees, the numbers as well as names of Sires and Dams should be given, as otherwise it is frequently impossible to identify them.

THE *Field*, in criticising the judging of SHORT-HORNS at the recent "Royal" Exhibition in England, remarks that the judges went for size, substance and flesh, more than for quality of form." The editor of the *Country Gentleman* comments by saying that "this is coming around toward what has been complained of as being too much the standard with breeders in America."

A NEW Agricultural Society has been formed at Falmouth, Co. Hants, of which Lewis W. Hill, Esq., is the active officer.

WE have received from Colonel Blair a specimen of *Senecio viscosus*, an imported plant, which has appeared at the Railway Station at Truro, and is so much like the Stinking Willie of Pictou, of abominable fame, as to have struck terror in the hearts of some Colchester farmers. "Truro is full of it." "The Depot grounds are covered with it." "It appears to flourish in the coal ashes about the Depot." Such are the reports. This plant need not be feared as a farm weed, as it is annual and does not take hold of grass fields and pastures; it grows only in rubbish heaps and by road sides. It is singular that the Pictou Stinking Willie (*Senecio Jacobaea*) and this Truro ash plant (*S. viscosus*), both of European origin, do not grow anywhere on the American Continent except in Nova Scotia. The first species is spreading from Pictou through Antigonish, and seems to favour the northern shore of the Province, for it has not been found on the Atlantic Coast, and a clump which we carefully tended in a flower-border in Halifax County for three years would not increase, but ultimately died out, root and shoot, leaving not a seed behind. The distribution of the *S. viscosus* is different. It follows the locomotive, being especially abundant on spots where the Iron Horse has fertilized the track, at such stopping places as Richmond, the Junction and Truro. It also grows on the shore in front of the residence of the Hon. Senator Macfarlane at Wallace, and in the streets of Annapolis Royal. Its clammy leaves (whence the specific name