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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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THE following Circulars have been issued to the Secretaries of Agricultural Societies :—

*Central Board of Agriculture,
Halifax, 15th Nov., 1884.*

SIR,—I am directed by the Central Board of Agriculture of Nova Scotia to request that you will call the attention of the Board of Officers, and of the Members, of your Society to the following provisions of the Act "Of Encouragement of Agriculture," and amendments thereof, strict compliance with which is absolutely necessary on the part of Societies desirous of participating in the Annual Legislative Grant for Agriculture.

Revised Statutes, Chapter 37.

"18. The Annual Meetings of the Societies shall be held on the first Tuesday of December in each year, when they shall elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and not more than five Directors."

(The day of meeting falls this year on Tuesday, 2nd December.)

"22. The said Officers and Directors shall, in addition to the ordinary duties of management, present, at the annual meeting in December, a report of the proceedings of the Society during the year, in which shall be stated the names of all the members of the Society, the amount paid by each, the names of persons to whom premiums were awarded, with the name of the animal, article or thing in respect of which the same was granted, together with such remarks

upon the Agriculture of the County as they may be enabled to offer, and a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Society during the year, which Report and Statement, if approved by the meeting, shall be entered in the Journal of the Society, and a true copy thereof, certified by the President and Secretary to be correct, shall be sent to the Central Board."

Amendment, Passed 4th April, 1876.

"4. An attested list of the Members of the Society whose annual subscription fees have been paid, together with a certified statement of the year's accounts and report as presented to the annual meeting under the twenty-second section of such chapter, shall be forwarded by the President or Secretary of each Society to the Board not later than the thirty-first day of December in each year; and Societies failing to comply with the provisions of this Section shall forfeit their claim to any share of the Provincial allowance to Societies for the year then ended."

I am further directed to call your attention, and that of the officers and members of your Society, to the Amendment of 1881, providing for the holding of Agricultural and Industrial Exhibitions :—

Passed 14th April, 1881.

"The Central Board of Agriculture shall be authorized to draw from the Provincial Treasury every year the sum of four thousand dollars for Agricultural

and Industrial Exhibitions, to be held every year alternately in the following manner :—(1) Agricultural and Industrial Exhibitions to be held in any County in the Province selected by the Central Board, and to be called Provincial Exhibitions. (2) Agricultural and Industrial Exhibitions to be held respectively in any of the Counties of each District into which the Province is now, or hereafter may be divided, selected by the Central Board, and to be called District Exhibitions. The said sum of four thousand dollars shall be paid by the Central Board to any Agricultural Society or responsible body as a prize fund, every alternate year, as above provided, for the purpose of the Provincial Exhibitions, and every other year to similar societies or bodies within each Agricultural District as a prize fund for District Exhibitions, respectively in proportion to the number of counties embraced in such District. Such Exhibitions shall be carried out, and the expenses thereof borne, by such societies or bodies, under such rules as the Board may from time to time prescribe, and the prize list for such exhibitions shall be made up under the direction and subject to the approval of the Board and the Governor-in-Council."

It being the duty of the Board to make rules, regulations, &c., for the Provincial Exhibition, which, in accordance with the Act, will be held during the year 1885, notice is hereby given, that the Board is prepared to receive offers from any Agricultural Society or other respon-