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The Annual Meetings of all Agricultural Societies throughout the various Counties of the Province will be held on **Tuesday, 1st December.**

Secretaries are requested to refer to their copies of the Agricultural Act before going to the Meetings, in order that all necessary business may be done in proper form.

Officers are reminded that it is their duty at the Annual Meeting to elect a Representative, and that from the Representative so elected in each District defined in the Act, one will be selected to serve as a member of the Board of Agriculture. The gentleman who receives the greatest number of nominations from the Societies of a "District" is the one entitled to be selected.

The Annual attested Returns of Societies, of the number of Members and Subscriptions actually paid, are required to be sent in to the Secretary of the Board on or before the 31st day of December next, after which none can be received, as the distribution of the grant to Societies for 1874 will take place at the beginning of January, 1875. The Annual Reports of Societies, containing a statement of their operations during the past year, should be sent in at the same time, otherwise the Board will be left in the dark as to the manner in which Societies have used their past funds. It is hardly necessary to remark that the Board

should be satisfied that the grant of the previous year has been well used, and that the Society is in a healthy and prosperous condition, before a new grant is given. The grants are given not to support weak and languishing Societies, but to aid and encourage strong and healthy ones.

WE print the Report of the Yarmouth Exhibition as fully as our available space permits. Notwithstanding unfavourable weather, the number of exhibits was greater than during the previous year, and, upon the whole, the results, although not all that could be desired, were yet such as to inspire confidence in the Society's continued advancement, and to encourage the officers and members to hopeful effort in the future. We observe that the prizes for the best Jersey Heifer in milk, and for the best 1 year Jersey Heifer, were both gained by our active friend, Charles E. Brown, Esq., Yarmouth, who gave valuable assistance at the Halifax Exhibition, but was credited in all our newspapers as a citizen of Halifax. We take this opportunity to make the correction and apology.

Last month we selected for re-printing the criticisms of the various newspapers on the Provincial Exhibition. Our limited space did not allow of their all being reproduced. We give the "balance" in the present number, and com-

mend the various suggestions and hints which they contain to the attention of our readers.

#### ROOT EXHIBITIONS.

One of the many suggestions arising out of our late Provincial Exhibition was that of an annual Root Exhibition at Halifax. The London "Gardener's Chronicle" of 31st Oct. offers some pertinent remarks on the subject of Root Exhibitions:

Our literary table is at this moment literally covered with schedules of prizes offered by different societies and individuals for the best roots.

Those offered by agricultural societies usually have reference to root crops in the gross—such for example, as "for the best 5 acres of mangel Wurzel," the best 5 acres of Swedes," without reference to manure, seed or mode of culture. Another class of these will be "for the best 5 acres of mangels or Swedes grown from seed supplied by Mr. A., or Swedes grown from manure supplied by Mr. B." These are usually judged by two or three farmers appointed for the purpose, who will duly inspect the crop, then weigh the topped-and-tailed roots from a patch of ground, and so multiply for the acres.

Now this, though a rough way of estimating root crops, is yet the best that can be done under the circumstances, and as a mode of encouraging the growth of roots there can be no doubt it has done a very great deal of good. At the same time a heavy crop is not always an unerring criterion of cultural skill, as the nature of the soil, cleanly cultivation, form and truthness to sort of the roots, &c., are matters of considerable importance.