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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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Halifax, 10th September, 1877.

The Annual Provincial Agricultural Exhibition will be held this year at Kentville, King's County. Permanent Exhibition Buildings of an extensive and convenient character are now in course of erection.

The Exhibition Grounds and Buildings will be opened on Monday, October 1st, 1877, at 9 o'clock, A. M., for the reception and arrangement of exhibition articles and animals. Exhibitors on arrival will immediately report themselves to the office of the Secretary, who, with the assistance of the Committee of Management, will allot appropriate pens or space for their exhibits. This day none but members of the General Committee, officials, exhibitors and necessary attendants will be admitted.

Live animals, cut flowers, and perishable articles will be received on Tuesday morning, from sunrise up to 9 o'clock. Inevitable delays to be dealt with at the discretion of the Committee.

The Exhibition will be open to the public on Tuesday, the 2nd, at 2 o'clock, P. M., when an opening address will be given. The grounds and buildings will be open each succeeding day from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., and the buildings on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 10 P. M. Admission 25 cents; children 10 cents. Bands of music will be in attendance.

The judges will meet at the Secretary's office on Tuesday the 2nd, at 9 A. M., to obtain entry books, and proceed to award premiums. On completing their work,

(which, if practicable should be finished by 5 P. M. of the same day,) they will hand over their books and reports to the Secretary, who will furnish the requisite prize tickets, which it will be their duty to place carefully, and as soon as possible, upon the various articles.

Exhibits may be removed from the ground on Friday afternoon, 5th October, immediately after the closing address has been delivered. The Treasurer will commence to pay premiums on the ground, at 9 A. M. on Friday. Prizes not claimed within three months from the close of the exhibition will be forfeited.

Horses, cattle, sheep, swine and poultry, must be entered on or before Saturday, September 15th, and the age of each should be stated in years and months at the date of the Exhibition—the precise date of birth to be given when necessary.

Plants, fruits, flowers, grain, roots, vegetables and other field and garden products, agricultural implements, manufactures of all kinds, and articles not elsewhere enumerated, may be entered up to Saturday, September 22nd—one week preceding the show.

A Public Auction of Stock will take place on Thursday, 4th, at 10 A. M. J. P. Lyons, Auctioneer. Commission 2½ per cent. Amount of sales guaranteed.

All articles for exhibition must be on the grounds on Monday, October 1st, after which day none will be received, except live stock, fruit, flowers, and other perishable articles, which will be received up to 9 A. M. on Tuesday 2nd.

THIRTEEN years ago there was not a single thorough-bred animal of the cattle kind with a pedigree in the Province of Nova Scotia. To-day we give a list of 337 registered pedigreed animals, all either imported or raised in the Province from imported stock since 1864. Many of these animals are of great pecuniary value; but, if we estimate them all at a low average price of \$150, we find that our farmers have invested in pure blood to the extent of \$50,550. The following is a statement of the different breeds:—

Short Horn bulls.....	63
“ cows and heifers..	57
	--120
Ayrshire bulls.....	52
“ cows and heifers.....	66
	--118
Devon bulls.....	30
“ cows and heifers.....	41
	-- 71
Jersey bulls.....	13
“ cows and heifers.....	13
	-- 26
Hereford bulls.....	2
	-- 2
Total.....	337

The system of Annual Agricultural Exhibitions in Ontario commenced in 1846. The amount of premiums offered on that occasion was one thousand dollars.

The Short Horn bull calf, whose pedigree is recorded by Mr. Chase in the present number, is, we believe, the first thorough bred bull calf got in Nova Scotia, by the famous sire Lord York. He is certainly a very fine calf and has made good headway since the second of March.