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The Prize List of the Great Provincial Agricultural Exhibition of 1874 has now been in the hands of the agricultural public for more than a month, and it is gratifying to find that it has met with the approval of the Farmers of the Province. In letters received we have comments, criticisms, objections and suggestions, but the extent of these is small compared with the work which the Prize List Committee had to perform, and not a single Farmer in the Province who supplied the Committee with suggestions has complained that any suggestion offered has not been fairly considered. Every objection that has been made, (and their number is very small) has arisen from a misconception, or from want of sufficiently full explanation. We take the earliest opportunity to afford such explanations as seem to be needful.

It is thought by some that the amount of the prize, \$50, offered for a Herd of Thorough-bred Cattle (Class 2, Section 46) is too small. Those who have urged this objection do not seem to have kept in view that all the animals of a Herd are eligible for other prizes, and that the usual result at Exhibitions is that most of the animals of a Herd take individual prizes in other sections at the same Exhibition. In this view, the Herd Prize is simply an extra premium to an unusually successful Exhibitor. Again, it is said that the number of the Herd (6) is greater than it ought to be to insure a general competition. We can only reply that a Herd Prize is intended for Breeders of Thorough-bred Stock, and that no Breeder is entitled to the name if he cannot produce six good animals. These need not all be mature animals. The Herd is to consist of one Bull, three Cows and two Heifers. Although not

specially expressed, it is the custom to exhibit a Heifer Calf as one of the Heifers. Any Breeder who has three Cows is almost sure to have one Heifer and one Calf. We therefore see no hardship in requiring the 6 animals.

A more serious objection is made that whilst four prizes are offered for Grade Devons, four for Grade Ayrshires, and four for Grade Alderneys, no prizes whatever, are offered for Grade Short Horn Durhams, the very best of all cattle. But every intelligent Farmer will see the reason and propriety of this on a moment's reflection, if he will only look carefully at the Prize List. Fifty-one prizes are offered for Grade Cattle without restriction of any kind. Now everybody who knows anything about cattle, knows that a Durham Grade is always larger and of finer form, and in every respect a better show animal, than a grade of any other breed. It is probable therefore that nearly all, if not quite all, of these fifty-one prizes offered for grades will be gained by Durham Grades. To have made no restriction in favor of Devon, Ayrshire and Alderney Grades would have been to shut them entirely out, and confine the Exhibition exclusively to Short Horn Durham Grades, which would not have been fair to Dairy Farmers.

In regard to the Fruit Prizes we have received no comments, except the malicious accusation that the Fruit Growers' Association are "to appoint the Judges from among themselves," and that outsiders are to be "debarred" by their having the "entire control." This extraordinary statement is made in a country paper which we might expect would work in the agricultural interest and not against it, and is, we are sorry to say, associated with a farrago

of other distortions and disingenuous innuendoes. It is true that a hundred dollars has been accepted from each of the Fruit Growers' Associations, in order to swell the list of prizes, but the Board of Agriculture have strictly retained complete control of the Fruit, as of every other, Department of the Exhibition; they will appoint the Judge, take charge of the placing of the Fruit, make every arrangement that requires to be made, and be responsible for the blame or credit of whatever may be done in carrying out the Exhibition to a final issue.

A slight change has become necessary in regard to one of the Prizes. In Class 2, Section 49, Mr. Fraser offers \$25 for the best and fattest Milch Cow. In accordance with a suggestion from a member of the Board that it might be impracticable for the Judges to decide on any animal as at once the fattest and best Milch Cow, Mr. F. has decided to halve the prize, giving \$12.50 for the *fattest*, and \$12.50 for the *best*, the latter to be judged strictly as a Milch Cow. These prizes will be in addition to any other prizes which the animals may have gained at the Exhibition. In competing for all of Mr. Fraser's prizes, a certificate will be required that the animals have been fed for three months with the North British Company's Nutritious Condiment.

THE Dominion Government having entered into arrangements by which a limited number of married Agricultural Laborers can obtain a passage from England to Halifax at £2 5s. sterling per adult, the Local Government have requested the Board of Agriculture to give notice of their liberal arrangement, and, in order to enable farmers desirous of the above class