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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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It will be seen that the Council of Agriculture of the Province of Quebec have undertaken the publication of a "Canadian and American Ayrshire Herd Book." We reprint the circulars relating to it for the information of our readers. Having an Ayrshire Register of our own, it is not necessary that farmers in this Province should record their animals in the new work, where the object is merely to maintain the purity of their stock by an official record. But a published Herd Book is a good advertising medium for breeders, and in this view it may be taken advantage of. A much stronger reason appears, however, why our Ayrshire breeders should secure registry for their animals, in the Canada Herd Book, when we reflect that it is only by the united action of breeders and importers throughout the various Provinces of the Dominion that a Record can be established that will command general confidence abroad as well as at home.

There are several points connected with the new Herd Book upon which we cannot satisfy our readers at present, but hope to be able to give further explanations next month. Meantime we shall be glad to receive from Ayrshire breeders a statement of their views. Had the circulars been received at the proper time they would have been laid before the Annual Meeting of the Board of Agriculture, but there is no opportunity to do so now. After all, however, this is a matter between the breeders and the projectors of the new work.

THE AUSTRIAN PINE, of which we publish an account in the present number, proves to be well adapted to the Nova Scotian climate. At Bellahill, near Bedford, there is a fine thriving tree of this species that has now been growing for several years side by side with the Scotch Pine (*P. sylvestris*), and the two seem to vie with each other in their efforts to show robustness of growth and massive beauty. These two pines may be safely planted anywhere in the Province, except in the midst of the city smoke.

THE inhabitants of Waugh's River, Colchester County, met on the 23rd December, 1876, and after some very well directed remarks from James Clarke, Esq., of Tatamagouche Agricultural Society, and William Patterson, Esq., M. P. P., it was agreed to form a Society under the name of the Waugh's River Agricultural Society; the Society consisting of 41 members. Officers:—*President*, John McIntosh; *Vice-President*, Thomas Meagher; *Secretary*, Frederick Meagher; *Treasurer*, Welwood Currie. *Directors*:—John Urquhart, George Waugh, Robert Nelson, Gilbert Sutherland, James McKay. W. A. Patterson was appointed Representative to the Central Board. The above report did not reach us till July, 1877.

THE Clements Agricultural Society, in Annapolis County are advertising for Devon or Ayrshire calves.

THE Windsor Fair is one of the oldest Agricultural institutions in the Province of Nova Scotia. The following is extracted, we believe, from the Windsor Mail. If our Windsor friends would take more pains to make the arrangements of their Annual Fair known beforehand, no doubt more interest would be taken in it by persons in other localities, now that Windsor is connected by Rail with the rest of the Province:—  
PROGRAMME OF ANNUAL FAIR FOR 1765.

"Whereas it is thought the establishing of the Fair at Windsor will be of great utility to the Province of Nova Scotia, a number of gentlemen of Halifax, being desirous of promoting every measure that may conduce to the public good, have entered into a subscription for premiums and rewards, and will cause the following to be given on Tuesday, May 21st, 1765:

To the person that shall bring to the fair the greatest number of cattle, shall be given him 2 yds. English blue homespun broad cloth and a silver medal. The person bringing the greatest number of Horses, a saddle, bridle and medal. The person bringing the greatest number of Sheep, a pr. shears, pair of cards and medal. The person bringing the largest pair of Working Oxen, a plough-share and medal. The person bringing the next largest, a plough-share. The person bringing the finest and largest Cow, a butter churn and medal. The person bringing the largest yearling Heifer, a medal. The person bringing the largest yearling pair of Steers, a medal. The