

AGRICULTURAL SPIRIT.

The Act for the encouragement of Agriculture has roused a spirit of improvement throughout most of the Province. Agricultural Societies in every County except Digby, Yarmouth, and Richmond, have entered into correspondence with the Central Board, and several have sent orders for improved breeds of cattle, and for various farming implements, all which the Board have taken measures to procure for them.

The Central Board have employed an Agent to import a considerable number of horned cattle, sheep, and swine, of the most approved breeds; as these will be disposed of at auction on their arrival, it will give an opportunity to those Societies who were late in sending their orders, to supply themselves. The Board have also ordered the importation of several Agricultural works of high character, for the purpose of circulating them in the Province, or of publishing such parts of them as appear suited to this climate. Thus the seed is sown, let our farmers apply to its cultivation the due portion of industry and intelligence, and there will be reason to hope that we shall be blessed with such a harvest of improvement, that we shall be able to furnish food and employment to a portion of the overflowing population of Europe, as well as our neighbors.

T. S.

THE CENTRAL BOARD.

The able Report of the Central Board of Agriculture which we publish to-day, will be read with interest by every farmer in Nova-Scotia. The utmost harmony, we understand, exists between the Board and the different County Societies, and from this fact we anticipate the most happy results. It requires only the combined efforts of the few leading Agriculturists in the Province and a little time, to change for the better, our whole system of Agriculture, and the Central Board, we have reason to hope, will prove a powerful instrument in bringing about this desirable end. So far, the proceedings of the Board give every satisfaction, and, considering the inexperience of the majority of its members in matters of the kind, and the many obstacles to be encountered in various ways in getting the machinery in full operation, we think it deserves the warmest support and confidence, of the Farmers of Nova-Scotia.

R. N.

ESSAY ON AGRICULTURE.

We commence, in this number, the publication of an "Essay on Agriculture, read before the Literary Society in Truro, in March, 1840—by a Member." It was late when the MS. reached us, and our pages being almost wholly occupied with other matter, we were prevented from inserting as much of it as we would, under other circumstances, wish.

R. N.

We have received the 3d No. of the New-Brunswick Agriculturist. It sustains its character, and is neatly-printed. We wish the Editor success. The field is ample, and the more information upon the science and practice of Agriculture, disseminated among the people, the better—as it all aids to promote their interests and elevate their character.

R. N.

THE MARKET.

Produce of every description brings a fair price in our market. During the past month the average price of beef has been 35s $\frac{7}{8}$ 100 lbs.; Mutton, 4d @ 6d $\frac{7}{8}$ lb.; Butter, 9d @ 10d, by the firkin; some small lots have sold at 11d. Money is scarce and the market dull.

R. N.

The Editor of the Canada Temperance Advocate, offers a prize of a Gold Medal of the value of £12 10s., or that sum in cash, for the best Essay on Horned Cattle, and a similar prize for the best essay on Hogs. The funds are contributed by a warm friend of Canada.

"At the last meeting of the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, George H. Young, Esquire, who is deputed from your Province, to select seeds, stock, &c., and appoint Correspondents, &c., attended, and by a vote of the Council, the Central Board of Agriculture of Nova Scotia, was elected a corresponding Society of the Royal English Society. The General Meeting and Exhibition of this Society, at Liverpool, which commences to-day, and continues all the week, engrosses a large share of the attention of the Agriculturists and Grazers.—*Corres. Mech. & Farm.*

The Halifax Agricultural Society, presented to Mr. A. SINCLAIR, late Secretary, a silver tankard as a mark of respect for his services.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The Committee of Management of the Halifax Agricultural Society, at a meeting held on Tuesday the 20th inst., resolved to distribute the following premiums for Grain and Green Crops, raised by any of the subscribers to this Society during the year 1841, viz.

FIRST.

For the best five bushels of wheat, 12s 6d per bushel as the price, and 40s premium.

For the second best five bushels of wheat, 12s 6d per bushel as the price, and 30s premium.

The wheat must weigh 60 lbs or upwards, or no prize will be given.

SECOND.

For the second best five bushels of Oats, 5s per bushel as the price, and 20s premium.

For the second five bushels of Oats, 5s per bushel as the price, and 15s premium.

Those subscribers who intend to compete for the prizes for Grain are requested to inform the Secretary of their intention to do so, in writing on or before the first day of October next. And the requisite arrangements will afterwards be made for the prizes to be awarded on Monday the 20th December, 1841.

Halifax, July 30, 1841.

THE FOLLOWING PRIZES will be given for Green Crops, and awarded during the month of August,

FIRST.

A prize of six dollars for the best half acre of early Potatoes.

A prize of four dollars for the second best half acre of early Potatoes.

SECOND.

A prize of eight dollars for the best acre of late Potatoes,

A prize of six dollars for the second best acre of late Potatoes.

THIRD.

For the best five bushels of Barley, 5s. per bushel as the price, and 20s. premium.

For the second best five bushels of Barley, 5s. per bushel as the price, and 15s. premium.

A. SINCLAIR, Acting Secretary.

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