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Omnium rerum, ex quibus aliquid acquiritur, nihil est agriculturæ melius, nihil uberius, nihil homine libero dignius.—Cicero: de Officiis, lib. I, cap. 42.

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HALIFAX, 5th November, 1879.

We have re-printed, by request of a correspondent, a portion of Mr. Barnard's Prize Essay on Agriculture, which may well be read, with profit, by or to every young man and boy in the Province. Mr. Barnard is speaking to the Quebec farmers and their sons and daughters, but his remarks will come home to our own people.

"Green Fields afar off" is also intended for family reading. Some of the truths dwelt upon are well worth pondering.

Our Agricultural Societies will soon be making arrangements for the purchase of animals. Our advertising columns will indicate to them where their wants may be supplied.

It will be noticed from an article which we re-print from the *Maritime Farmer* that a proposal for a great Exhibition at St. John next year, is agitating the citizens of that ambitious city. The financial estimate is:

Prizes.....	\$ 8000
Expenses	12000
	\$20,000
Receipts at gate.....	\$ 8000
Government grant.....	12,000
	\$20,000

The principal difference between this scheme and our Nova Scotia practice is that the New Brunswick Government re to give twelve thousand dollars, whilst we have managed to get along with four. Twelve thousand has been sufficient in the past to defray the expenses of our whole agricultural organiza-

tion, including the grants to Agricultural Societies in all the counties, the working expenses of the Central Board, and the Annual Provincial Exhibition. But our agricultural organization is progressive, and an increase of the grant cannot long be delayed.

"A Novel Potato Contest" is well worth reading, 1st, for the useful information which it contains, and 2ndly on account of the hints it may give to energetic farmers to try their hand in high cultivation. We hope before this time next year to be able to record in our columns a number of similar "contests" carried out in our own Province. To determine the method by which the largest possible quantity of sound potatoes can be raised on a rod of his land is surely not unworthy the attention of any farmer. The kindly spirit of this contest, in which the contestants acted as weighers and judges of each other's crops, and the successful one finally sold the produce for the benefit of all, is worthy of imitation by every Agricultural Club and Society, and every agricultural and other community.

The details published of the Liverpool Exhibition, Queen's Co., should arouse sleeping sections to a sense of the value of "man's energy and woman's worth."

It will be seen that Prince Edward Island has had a very successful show.

Of New Brunswick Exhibitions we give details sufficiently ample to show that that Province is fairly aroused, and that Nova Scotia must keep awake if she is to maintain the lead.

The excellent speech of ex-Speaker Mack at the Liverpool Exhibition is full of wise and suggestive remarks.

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION OF 1879.

THIS Exhibition was held in the new Exhibition Building and Grounds, at Tower Road, Halifax, commencing on Monday, 29th September, and closing on Friday, 3rd October. There were extensive exhibits in nearly all the departments; the attendance of visitors from all parts of the Province was very great; the weather was propitious; and the financial results were as satisfactory as could be expected.

So much attention was devoted to the Exhibition by both the city and country newspapers, that the reading public are familiar with almost every detail of its management. We think it right, however, to place on permanent record in our columns (as we have done in former years), the speeches delivered at the opening and closing, since the carefully prepared statements which they contain afford the means of comparing the results of this Exhibition with those that preceded and those that may follow it.

MAYOR TOBIN'S ADDRESS.

Your Honor, Ladies and Gentlemen,—

We shall now proceed with the inaugural ceremonies of this, the Provincial Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition of 1879, which is held in this city by consent of the Central Board of Agriculture and with the approval of the Local Government, both being necessary to that end; and I take this opportunity of thanking the gentlemen who compose these Boards for their ready acquiescence in the application submitted to them by the City Council. I trust it may be found that