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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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**PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.**

We hope our farmers and others interested in our agricultural pursuits are not, in the heat of approaching political contest, neglecting the necessary preparations for our Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition to be held at Truro on the 1st of October. These exhibitions have now become part of our great agricultural machinery that has been running so smoothly and so effectively for the last decade. We have reached that niche that to turn back at least would be immediate destruction. So we want to keep the subject of Provincial Exhibitions constantly before our farmers, and want them to become strongly impressed with the fact, that its successful issue is not alone in the management by the Committee immediately in charge, but that a responsibility rests upon all of us. A large exhibit implies a large attendance, and that means a financial and industrial success. We hope that our farmers are making every endeavor to be present at the Annual Show, and to take of their Stock, Dairy Produce, Roots and Vegetable, &c., &c., whatever they think will make a good exhibit and reflect credit upon our Province, and especially upon themselves as exhibitors.

The Committee in Colchester County are as active as we generally find Colchester agriculturists to be. The exhibition building of 1876 has been materially improved. The gallery has been completely floored over, thus giving double the quantity of room for Woollen exhibits,

and exhibits in the Fine Art Department. A Band and Speaker's Gallery have been arranged, which will add very materially to the improvement of the building and to the convenience of the crowds of visitors that will assemble. The office accommodation for the press and officials of the exhibition has been greatly enlarged. On the whole the building, though not architecturally a handsome building, is now as convenient as possible for holding such a great Fair as our Annual Exhibitions.

Outside, too, work has been going on with considerable energy. A large shed has been erected for Agricultural Implements. This is certainly a necessity in connection with Exhibition Buildings. The Sheep and Pig pens in the rear of the main building have been converted into Cattle Stalls, thus giving ample accommodation for hundreds of head of neat Stock. The Sheep and Pig pens, 200 in number, have been erected in front of the building along the eastern fence. A constant supply of running water is to be brought into the grounds by pipes from the main pipes that supply the water required for domestic use and for fire purposes throughout the town. This will be a great convenience and an advantage over any similar arrangements attempted at previous exhibitions out of Halifax. Since 1876 the commissioners of the building have enclosed a much larger extent of land, and the Exhibition Grounds in Colchester County now embrace eleven and three-quarters acres.

The Committee on Judges will at once

commence their work, and Agricultural Societies that have not forwarded a list of names for the different classes are requested to do so at once. The Committee are doing their best to carry out the suggestions of the Central Board relative to having one or more Judges on Thoroughbred Stock from without our own Province. One such has already been obtained. Any information relative to the arrangements and general outline of the work will be readily furnished on application to the Secretary.

We have received from the Rev James Rosborough, Musquodoboit Harbor, a few spring-flowering Shrubs, collected by him in that district, viz., two native Honeysuckles, *Lonicera ciliata* and *L. cærulea*, and the bake-apple plant of Nova Scotia, the Cloud Berry of old Scotland, *Rubus Chamæmoros*.

We regret that there is not room in this number for pedigrees of thoroughbred cattle recently registered.

A valuable paper by Dr. Reid on Scientific Agriculture is also unavoidably postponed.

Several other articles prepared for this number have to lie over.

Mr J. L. HEMON writes that the pure Ellesmere Sow purchased at Lucyfield Farm by the Liverpool Agricultural Society, has had a litter of eight pigs, six of which have been successfully reared.