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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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We publish this month a number of communications on the State of the Crops which were not received in time for last month's *Journal*. These, and the ample reports previously published, taken in connection with the highly favorable weather which we have lately had, will enable our readers to estimate very fairly the probable results of the Nova Scotia farmers' labours for the year 1882.

We have already called attention to the offer of the Dominion Government of \$500 towards the transportation of animals and articles from Nova Scotia to the "Grand Dominion and 37th Provincial Exhibition," to be held at the City of Kingston, Ontario, from 18th to 23rd September next. Persons desirous of forwarding live stock, &c., to the Dominion Exhibition should communicate at once with their District Member of the Board of Agriculture, as the Board are now engaged in making arrangements, and desire to meet the views of intending exhibitors as far as possible, as well as to make the most judicious application of the fund placed at their disposal. An official announcement will probably be made in the course of a few days, after the Board have had an opportunity of conferring with the Provincial Government.

ENTRIES of Live Stock for the Dominion Exhibition must be made on or before 19th August.

We reprint, for information of our readers, the Regulations and other particulars of the Dominion Exhibition to be held this year at Kingston. It will be seen that the competition is "open to world," but it is necessary to call special attention of intending exhibitors to the second rule, requiring payment of one dollar for membership of the Agricultural and Arts Association. By Rule 3, "no one but a member shall be allowed to compete for prizes, except in Classes 52 and 53." This has been long very well understood in Ontario, but will be new to many in this Province. In reading through the Rules and Regulations, it will be seen that Ontario Exhibitions are managed in several respects somewhat differently from ours.

STATE OF THE CROPS IN NOVA SCOTIA.

CAPE BRETON.

Christmas Island, July 11th, 1882.

DEAR SIR,—Your favour of the 3rd came to hand during my absence, and I have only time to write briefly before the mail leaves, and I fear it will not be in time for your publication.

The hay crop promises to be a fair average. Wheat early put in the ground is likely to be a perfect failure, but what has been sown later promises to be fair. The unusually wet and cold season has interfered very much with its growth.

Oats are not likely to be as good as last year for the same reason.

The potato crop promises to be fair, except in wet ground, where the seed perished early. Some people have already used their new potatoes on their table.

Farming generally is not likely to prove as profitable this year as in former years in this part of the country.

H. F. McDOUGALL.

INVERNESS, C. B.

Mabou, July 11th, 1882.

DEAR SIR,—Regarding the crop prospects of this district, I think I am safe in pronouncing at least an average all round.

Hay will probably be above an average crop, but late in cutting.

Cereals of all kinds have suffered from the prolonged cold and wet of the latter part of June and first of July. Up to the 8th inst., the outlook was dark, but the last few days, which have been warm and dry, have encouraged us to hope for good returns yet.

The comparative failure of the wheat crop last year, has caused a reduction in the area under wheat this year, but so far as I can learn, with the exception of some of the early sown, which is thin, a fair prospect of a good crop exists at present.

Potatoes look well, but like other crops will be late in maturing.

The only crop which seems to have benefited by the cold rains is the turnip, which has come away well, and, so far, is almost untouched by the flies.