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AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITIONS.

- Topeka, Kansas. 11th to 15th September.
- Chicago, (Great Swine Exhibition). 19th to 21st September.
- Kingston, Ont. 25th to 29th September.
- London, Ont. 27th to 29th September.
- Albany, N. Y. 2nd to 6th October.
- Yarmouth, N. S., (Parade Ground and Court House). Thursday, 5th October.
- Pictou, N. S. (Drill Room) Wednesday, 11th Oct.
- Roundhill, Annapolis, N. S., October.

Halifax, 19th August, 1871.

Grass is the most important Crop in our fields, and Hay-making is our most important Manufacture. It is therefore gratifying to reflect that whilst other countries are suffering from a deficiency of Grass, and Hay is running up to famine prices, we have in Nova Scotia this season an unusually abundant crop. All the information received since the publication of our very ample reports last month, from all parts of the Province, serves only to confirm their accuracy. But the Hay Manufacture has been attended with difficulties. We doubt whether the oldest inhabitant can bring to mind a season more thoroughly unsuitable for hay-making

than the present. With heavy grass, not ripened as usual at this season, but green and growing, we have dull, warm, foggy, drizzly weather, with now a day of sunshine to encourage the hay-maker, and the next a rain-storm to soak his half-made hay. The natural result will be a good deal of badly made Hay. Yet we have reason to believe that almost every farmer who exercises prudence will have a larger mow of good Hay in his barn this winter than he has had for several previous years. The after-growth is making rapid progress, and, where not eaten down as pasturage, will tend greatly to insure a heavy grass crop next year.

Root Crops, with the exception of Mangels, have succeeded remarkably well. We have never before seen carrots and parsnips show so well at this season of the year. Potatoes have grown very rankly and yet show an abundant crop at the roots, not wet and waxy as might be expected, but of good quality wherever they were planted early. Along the Atlantic coast, however, the destructive "rot" has

appeared with virulence. Inland nearly all potatoes we have seen are still green and healthy. The English papers contain accounts of the "wholesale destruction" of the potatoes in Essex, Leicestershire, Kent, and other counties.

In Cumberland, the Hon. Senator Macfarlane reports that the recent showery and warm weather has been of great benefit to the grain and root crops, which look luxuriant and promising, although it has been catchy for securing hay, which is a heavy crop in that County and now pretty well in.

Our Agricultural Societies are bestirring themselves in the matter of Exhibitions. We this month print the Lists of Prizes offered respectively at the Yarmouth and Pictou Exhibitions, both of which are open to the competition of the whole Province. Yarmouth offers prizes to the extent of five hundred dollars. We learn from George Whitman Esq., Roundhill, Annapolis, that it is intended to hold an Exhibition there in October.

Colonel Laurie calls attention to the