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HALIFAX, Nov. 22, 1871.

We have to remind the Secretaries of Agricultural Societies that in order to participate in the Legislative grant for the present year, they are required to transmit to the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, not later than 25th November, an attested certificate of the amount of subscriptions paid by members for the year. Allowances from the grant are given rateably, in proportion to the subscriptions.

We have already received the certified subscription lists of several societies, and considerable progress is manifest in some of the counties. The New Gairloch Society of Pictou has this season raised, among its members, two hundred and three dollars, Dominion currency; the Union Society of East Cornwallis, one hundred and three dollars; Parrsboro' Society, one hundred and six dollars; Ouslow Society, one hundred and sixty-seven dollars, two Yarmouth town Societies \$440, and so on with others.—Our only regret is that the allowances

from the Legislative grant will necessarily be so small in proportion to the money subscribed by the members of the Societies themselves. The old rule was to give two dollars of grant for every dollar subscribed, but in consequence of the increase in numbers and in liberality of our Agricultural Societies, we fear the grant will not suffice to give more than 25 or 30 cents on the dollar in some counties this year.

In the present number, we republish from the *Gardener's Monthly*, seasonable hints for management in the Flower Garden and Pleasure Ground, Fruit and Vegetable Gardens, Hot and Greenhouse. Under each of these heads valuable information will be found. The opening remarks in reference to shelter of young shrubs and trees we specially commend to the attention of planters. The mode of growth of herbaceous plants is also so lucidly explained that there can be no difficulty, on the part of any of our readers, in applying the knowledge given to the management of their own flower bor-

ders. Pampas Grass, spoken of in the article as hardy, will not stand the winter in Nova Scotia, but the method of protection mentioned in connection with it may be used for many other plants. The "freezing system" of tree planting has been in some favor in these northern regions, and receives its quietus from our Philadelphia friend. The simple method described of converting a bow-window into a conservatory will, we hope, lead to some such adaptations in our Halifax windows, so that the pasty, painted, paper images of plants that look out upon us from the street windows of fashionable drawing rooms, may be to some extent reduced.

We reprint the Directions for Flax Culture and Management prepared some years ago by the Society for the Promotion and Improvement of the growth of Flax in Ireland.

The Blue Book extracts we give on the Labour Markets of the world and the Industrial Classes in relation to Emigration, have a significance for us in this part