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HALIFAX, 1st November, 1873.

The Committee recently appointed by the Central Board of Agriculture to draw up the Prize List for the Provincial Exhibition, to be held during the first week of October, 1874, have made a division of labour by each member undertaking a special department. So soon as a first draft of a Prize List shall have been thus prepared, the members of committee will meet together and revise each other's work. When completed the prize list will be submitted to the government for approval. It is expected that the committee will have made sufficient progress with their work to be able to do this early in November. Persons who have suggestions to make in reference to prizes to be offered or regulations for competition, are invited to address all such directly to the member of Committee, to whose special department the particular suggestions relate. This will save trouble and time, and secure for all such suggestions immediate attention. The partition of the prize list is as follows, and we append the names of the members of committee who have undertaken the various departments:—

- Class I. Horses—Jos. J. Northup, Esq., President, Halifax.
 " II. Cattle—D. Matheson, Esq., V.P., Pictou.
 " III. Sheep and Swine—C. B. Whitman, Esq., Bridgetown, Annapolis.

- Class IV. Poultry—I. Longworth, Esq., Truro.
 " V. Grains, Seeds, Flour, &c.—Hiram Black, Esq., Amherst.
 " VI. Roots and Vegetables—I. Longworth, Esq., Truro.
 " VII. Dairy Produce—C. B. Whitman, Esq., Bridgetown, Annapolis.
 " VIII. Miscellaneous Products—Hiram Black, Esq., Amherst.
 " IX. Apples, Pears, Quinces, Plums—D. Matheson, Esq., Pictou.
 " X. Tomatoes, Melons, Cucumbers, Squashes—J. J. Northup, Esq., Halifax.
 " XI. Agricultural Implements—Hiram Black, Esq., Amherst.
 " XII. Woollen Manufactures—D. Matheson, Esq., Pictou.
 Rules and Regulations, General Programme, &c.—Prof. Lawson, Secretary, Halifax.

The Secretary of the Central Board has issued two Circulars to the Secretaries of Agricultural Societies throughout the Province. One of these is an appeal to Societies for subscriptions to the Prize Fund to enable the Board to increase the amount and number of Prizes. As the Societies will now receive larger grants than formerly, they cannot adopt a more graceful mode of showing their approval than by resolving to contribute handsomely to the Prize Fund. The other Circular is explanatory of the mode to be adopted at the ensuing Annual Meetings of Societies in nominating Members to the Central Board under the new Act,

which is now in force. We give the documents below:—

HALIFAX, 30th October, 1873.

STR,—I am directed by the Central Board of Agriculture to request that you will bring the following statement under notice of the Members of your Society, at the Annual Meeting to be held on the first Tuesday of December next.

The Provincial Government have decided that a PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION shall be held at Halifax during the first week of October, 1874, and have resolved to vote a Grant of Four Thousand Dollars for that purpose.

The Central Board are now engaged in drawing up the Prize List, but find that the amount of money at their disposal is not sufficient to enable them to offer prizes on as liberal a scale as they think necessary to induce competition from distant Counties, and insure a fair representation of the Agricultural Industry of the whole Province.

They have, therefore resolved to adopt the method which was so successful in 1868, in enlarging the Prize Fund. It will be recollected that the Committee of the Exhibition held in that year made an appeal to the numerous Agricultural Societies throughout the Province. To that appeal a generous response was made, which enabled the Committee to extend the Prize List and offer additional inducements to exhibitors.

The Central Board are encouraged to make a similar request on the present occasion. It is very desirable that Prizes to the extent of Six Thousand Dollars should be offered, and the Board trust that a sufficient sum will be guaranteed by the subscriptions of Societies to justify them in venturing that amount.

You are requested to commend this application to the careful attention of the members of your Society, and to inform me as soon as