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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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**AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITIONS,
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Annual Provincial Agricultural Exhibition of Nova Scotia, at Kentville, 1st to 5th October.

Colchester Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition, at Truro, 25th to 27th September.

PROFESSOR LAWSON, Secretary of the Central Board of Agriculture, will lecture as follows:

Court House, Truro, on Wednesday, 4th July, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Shubenacadie Corner, on Thursday, 5th July, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

July 3rd, 1877.

As the leafy month of June draws to a close, the very last drop of our winter's blood thaws out, and we begin to think our delightful and invigorating climate infinitely superior to that of any other country on the face of the globe. The fields are green with long waving grass, and gay with golden buttercups, rosy clovers and milky oxeye gowans. The sombre spruces and firs are brightened with glossy green tips of new growth, the beech trees are clothed with mellow foliage, and the birch leaves are trembling and glistening from their airy spray. The rhodora, the hawthorn, the amelanchier, the elder, and other bright blossoming native shrubs, have come and gone in quick succession,—and now we have in the thickets the splendid snowy masses of flowers and glossy leaves of the panicked

cornel, and the more creamy blossoms of the silky-leaved kinnikinnik; wayside banks are now at their greenest with the fresh fronds of nestling ferns, the swamps are blue with the various-colored iris, and the rocky hills are reddened by the brilliant rosy blossoms of the kalmia. Gardens are gay with the early summer flowers; rose buds are swelling into full blown roses; the deep green waving leaves of the oat-fields, the robust potato drills, and the rapid growth of field crops in general, show that the labors of our farmers this season have not been sparing, and are already blessed with promise of abundance.

To the general observer the crops look better at this particular period than they do at any earlier, or are likely to do at any later, season. Yet there can be no doubt but that we have not for many a year had a more promising prospect.

Henry Lovett, Esq., of Kentville, reports: there has never been a more encouraging appearance of good crops than at this time. J. B. Fraser, Esq., of Shubenacadie says, the prospects for an abundant crop never looked better. C. F. Eaton, Esq., reports from Cornwallis: the country is looking as well as I ever saw it at this season of the year. Israel Longworth, Esq., of Truro, says that the season, as a whole, has been favorable for all kinds of crops and farm work, whilst A. Longley, Esq., of Paradise writes: the farm crops look unusually well, and the outlook for the country in this respect is very encouraging. Archibald A. McGillivray, Esq., of Antigonish, states that the crops look as well as they ever

did at this season. About Maitland a much larger breadth has been sown and planted this year than in former years, and Mr. Putnam observes: Agriculture as a business is rapidly coming into favor, and, if pushed with energy, may become one of our most successful branches of industry. In fact one of the most pleasing features of the reports published in this number is the evidence afforded of increased attention to agriculture, and the extension of cultivation throughout the various counties, for example:—Henry Davenport, Esq., of Ashby, near Sydney, notices that in Cape Breton the farmers are returning to their farms, and that there will this year be an unusually large acreage under crop, particularly of potatoes. F. R. Parker, Esq., Shubenacadie, writes that crops have been put in in better order than usual, and a larger area of ground has been cultivated than for years past. J. B. Fraser, Esq., another Shubenacadie correspondent, likewise observes that a greater breadth of grain and roots has been put in than usual, and that from one store alone there were sold 60 bushels of hay seed, and that at Shubenacadie 6000 bushels of oats were bought by farmers at about 75 cents a bushel. In Cornwallis and in Annapolis more potatoes have been planted than in any previous year. In Colchester also, I. Longworth, Esq., reports that in all sections the warm and dry spring weather enabled farmers to plant more potatoes and prepare a greater acreage of land for grain and root crops than in any preceding year. "The Nova Scotian farmer has great reason to be satisfied with his lot."