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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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THE Secretaries of Agricultural Societies throughout the Province are reminded that no Society will be in a position to claim participation in the Legislative Grant for the year unless, on or before 31st December, it furnishes the Central Board of Agriculture with the following returns :

1. Attested List of Annual Subscriptions actually paid as such by Members within the year.
2. Report of Proceedings at Annual Meeting held on first Tuesday of December.
3. Full Account of Receipts and Expenditure during the year.
4. Nomination by Officers of a person suitable for appointment to the Central Board.

THE REV. SIMON GIBBONS writes from Baddeck and Bay St. Lawrence that he is trying to start an Agricultural Society between the latter place and Cape North. We hope he will succeed. For eight or ten years we have been corresponding with parties about Cape North with a view to the establishment of a Society, but so far without success.

MR. E. G. MILLER writes from Bear River, announcing the formation of a new Agricultural Society in Digby County, to be called the Hillsburgh Agricultural Society. Mr. Miller is Secretary elect.

It is necessary to remind owners of thorough-bred stock that our Nova Scotia Stock Register is at present in a state of transition ; that the Board of Agriculture are engaged in the important work of forming a New Register, whose accuracy will command universal respect. In order to reach this result the Board called upon owners to re-register their cattle, in order to prevent the possibility of any inaccuracy, however slight, being transferred from the old Register to the new. Several owners have done so ; but a large number have not. Blank forms for registration are being prepared, and will shortly be issued, when, it is hoped, all owners will comply with the reasonable request of the Board. If they do not do so their animals cannot appear in the New Register.

Many owners seem to think that they have merely to send a pedigree to the Secretary of the Board, and will receive by return of post a certificate of registration. For the information of such we repeat that all pedigrees must be submitted to a committee of the Board, and examined and approved of by them, before their registration can be sanctioned. The full Board alone has the power to sanction registration.

PROFESSOR SMITH, Principal of the Ontario Veterinary College, at Toronto, informs us that the class for junior students will begin on the first Tuesday in January, and that he will be glad to send an "Announcement," containing full particulars of the Course of Instruction, to any one who may apply to him.

The Milton correspondent of the *Liverpool (N. S.) Advance*, writes :—

"Three of our young men went moose hunting last week, and on Friday were successful in killing four, and having a good chance to get them, concluded to bring them out whole, and accordingly deposited the carcasses in the barn of Mr. Thaddeus Kompton. Hundreds of persons were attracted to the spot to see so unusual a sight as four moose lying side by side. The estimated weight being about 1500, would give one and a-half pounds of meat to each of the inhabitants."

From the same source we have the following gratifying intelligence :—

"Work is reported to be carried on more largely than ever at Londonderry mines, and orders are rushing. The mines are building up a very smart little town."

"Mr. Edgar J. Craswell has informed the *Summerside Journal* that he has a seven-acre field of oats, the yield from which was, on an average, 71 bushels to the acre. This is the largest harvest average yield heard of this season in P. E. Island."

IN Short Horns the Royal Agricultural Society offers prizes for "cow and not less than two of her offspring," which is an improvement upon herd prizes. At the late Show at Killburn there were no entries in the yearling bull class, nor in the cow and heifer class, for foreign Short Horns ; but there was one entry for bull above two years, the exhibitor being J. Ingwersen, Hegnet, Skive, Denmark,