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NOTICE TO THE SECRETARIES AND OTHER OFFICERS OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

All Societies desiring to participate in the government grant for 1866 will be required to send in to the Secretary of the Board, not later than 1st September 1866, a certificate of payment of the annual subscriptions for the year, duly certified by the oath of the Secretary of the Society, with relative list of paying members, all in terms of the Act. Societies neglecting to comply, must necessarily be excluded from participation in the grant for the year.

THE PROPOSED PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

In those countries in which Agriculture holds a respectable position and is making successful progress, much reliance is placed upon AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITIONS as a

means of diffusing knowledge, of stimulating to better systems of culture, of bringing into cultivation new and improved varieties of field crops, of encouraging the raising of superior stock, and of leading to the general use of improved farm implements and machinery. The great Annual Fairs do more than all that, for they serve to render farming attractive to active and well-stored minds, as well as to rough and ready hands, and they induce rich men to apply their means to aid in increasing the fertility of the soil. Every agricultural exhibition is in effect an announcement to capitalists that the surest and most productive bank is a bank of earth, and that there is no usury law limiting its yield to 6 per cent. In short, the healthy and progressive condition of Agriculture in the United States, in Canada, New Brunswick, which ever way we turn, is to be traced in a great measure, directly or indirectly to the system of Agricultural Exhibitions.

Nova Scotia is a colony by itself that has not hitherto enjoyed the great advantage of systematic exhibitions. It is quite true that small local exhibitions are annually held in various parts of the country, which no doubt prove of benefit in the immediate districts