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Omnium rerum, ex quibus aliquid acquiritur, nihil est agriculturæ melius, nihil uberius, nihil homine libero dignius.—Cicero: de Officiis, lib. I, cap. 42.

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CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

Halifax, N. S., 19th Dec-1879.

OFFERS will be received up to 31st December, 1879, from any Agricultural Society, or other responsible body, for carrying out the Provincial Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition of 1880, under the Act passed 6th May, 1875. The locality and the amount of prizes offered must be distinctly stated. The Prize List and Rules will be subject to approval of the Board and of the Governor in Council.

The section of the Act under which the Annual Provincial Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition is held reads as follows:—

“The Central Board of Agriculture shall be authorized to draw from the Provincial Treasury every year, and to pay to any agricultural society or other responsible body, four thousand dollars, as a prize fund for an Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition, to be held in any county selected by such Central Board. Such Exhibition shall be carried out, and all the expenses thereof borne, by such society or other body, under such rules as the Board may from time to time prescribe; and the prize list for every such Exhibition shall be made up under the direction

and subject to the approval of the Board and of the Governor in Council.”

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.

By order of the Central Board of Agriculture.

GEORGE LAWSON, *Secretary.*

MR. EDWARD FOSTER, Dartmouth, is agent for the sale of Prickly Comfrey, and will no doubt be glad to receive orders from any of our readers who may wish to experiment with this new forage plant. Rooted plants per 100 \$2.50, per lb. \$1.00. (1 lb. will make 100 strong cuttings.)

NOVA SCOTIA POULTRY ASSOCIATION.

THE Committee are making arrangements for their Spring Exhibition, which will be held about the end of February or early in March. The prize list has been prepared, and will shortly be issued.

Some new features have been introduced. The Association prizes for the principal varieties of fowls are offered for single birds instead of for pairs, \$1.00 for best cock, \$1.00 for best hen, \$0.50 for second, instead of \$2.00 for best pair and \$1.00 for second. This will secure the prize to the *best birds*. Under the old arrangement the best bird in the Exhibition might fail to win a prize owing to being mated with a poor specimen. This will also ensure a more general distribution of prizes among exhibitors. Special prizes will be offered for pairs, and probably for collections. Bantams will be exhibited in pairs, \$1.00 first prize and \$0.50 second; Turkeys in pairs, \$3.00 and \$1.50; Geese and Ducks and ornamental, \$2.00 and \$1.00; Pigeons in pairs, \$0.75 and \$0.50; Cage Birds, single specimens, \$0.75 and \$0.50; Aviary, \$2.00; Taxidermy, \$2.00. Another new feature is the offering of premiums for the best dressed poultry (dead), and geese, single specimens; fowls and ducks, pairs. Prizes will also be offered for the heaviest dozens of eggs, \$1.00, \$0.50, \$0.25.

The Committee have again decided to obtain the services of an expert to act as judge.