

Agriculture.

AGRICULTURAL LIFE IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

THERE is at present more agricultural life in New Brunswick than has been evinced for many years back. The New Brunswickers seem to have been aroused to a generous rivalry by the recent efforts of our Nova Scotia Agricultural Board, and the action of the New Brunswick authorities is of so earnest and substantial a character that much permanent good must be the result. We rejoice to see the healthy spirit of improvement which is being manifested by our neighbours, as shown by recent numbers of the Colonial Farmer, and trust that the example will not be lost in beneficial influence upon our Nova Scotia farmers. The Board of Agriculture of New Brunswick have again discussed the question of a Stock Farm, and have laid it over, to make way for an importation of stock. The executive Government have passed a Minute of Council agreeing to advise His Excellency the Lieut. Governor to advance to the Board \$4000, which, together with \$1000 in the hands of the Board, \$3000 in Commercial Bank and \$2000 from Societies, is to be used for the importation of stock. By the judicious expenditure of \$10,000 an importation ought to be made that shall prove a credit to the Province, and place the New Brunswick farmers in a very favorable position for the permanent raising of thorough-bred stock themselves, instead of being dependent in the future upon foreign importations.

The New Brunswick Board has likewise passed a Resolution forbidding the purchase by Agricultural Societies, of animals that have not pedigrees in the English, American or Canadian Herd books.

It has also been resolved to supplement the Secretary's Annual Report with original articles by individual Members of the Board. A special subject for treatment has been dealt out to each Member, as follows:—

- 1. On General Farm Improvement Mr. Fairweather.
2. On Different Breeds of Thoroughbred Stock.—Mr. M'Monagle.
3. On Best Methods of applying Barn Yard Manure.—Mr. Peters.
4. On the Manufacture and Composting of Manure.—Mr. Beckwith.
5. Best System of Drainage.—Mr. Davidson.
6. Best and most Economical System of Root Culture.—Mr. Russell.
7. Can Artificial Manures be used to advantage?—Mr. Harrison.
8. Breeds of Sheep best adapted to New Brunswick.—Mr. Barker.
9. On the Cultivation of Fruit.—Mr. Inches.
10. Will it pay to raise Wheat in New Brunswick?—Mr. Swim.

A great Agricultural Exhibition is to be held at Fredericton this Fall, and the increased railway facilities will give our farmers an opportunity of attending it and comparing notes.—Journal of Agriculture.

IMPROVING OLD MEADOWS.

There are on many farms old meadows that it would be undesirable or inconvenient to break up and put under tillage just at once. Much can be done towards improving these so as to make them yield a heavier crop of forage of better quality until the time comes when the farmer can summer-fallow the land or bring it into the regular rotation of the farm. In some cases the soil of these meadows is naturally rich, but from a deficient amount of grass seed having been originally applied, from the coarser wild grasses having choked out the better cultivated ones, or from the soil having become too compact, there seems to be a much smaller yield of pasture than ought to be the case. To improve such pastures let a heavy sharp-toothed harrow be run over the surface both ways, to loosen it somewhat and cut the sod so as to make the roots take a new start and send up fresh stems; after this is done sow some grass seed, including clover, then top-dress the land with a mixture of superphosphate, plaster, and ashes, one-third of each; giving at least two hundred pounds of the mixture per acre; and finish by carefully rolling the surface with a light roller to get all level and slightly compress the newly sown grass seeds into the soil. The improvement will be quite manifest the first season, if the work is well done at the right time, say from the middle to the last of April.

but still more so the year after, when the fresh sown grass seed has had time to take root and spread over the soil.—Canada Farmer.

ANTIGONISH COUNTY.—We learn from the Journal of Agriculture, that during the year 1869, there were sold out of this county 1604 oxen and steers, 813 cows, 855 heifers, 59 horses, 2536 sheep, and 49 pigs, valued at near \$85,000. In addition there was shipped to Newfoundland 154, 672 lbs. of butter, worth \$27,850.

MESSENGER ALMANACK.

June, 1870.

First Quarter, June 6th, 7h. 2m. afternoon.
Full Moon, " 13th, 9h 33m. morning.
Last Quarter, " 20th, 5h. 19m. morning.
New Moon, " 28th, 7h. 19m. afternoon.

Table with columns: Day, M, Wk., SUN., MOON., High Tide. Rows for days of the month from 1st to 30th.

THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's Southing gives the time of high water at Parrsboro', Cornwallis, Horton, Hantsport, Windsor, Newport, and Truro.

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