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CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

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8th October, 1873.

Present—Joseph J. Northrup, Esq., President, in the Chair; David Matheson, Esq., V. P.; C. B. Whitman, Esq., Annapolis; John Dakin, Esq., Digby; J. J. O'Brien, Esq., Noel; Hiram Black, Esq., Amherst; C. N. Sprott, Esq., Musquodoboit; Geo. Cameron, Esq., Guysborough; David Archibald, Esq., Musquodoboit; Colin Chisholm, Esq., Antigonish; Professor Lawson, Secretary.

Minutes of last half yearly meeting were read, and, on motion of Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Dakin, were approved of.

Mr. Matheson introduced a deputation from Truro, consisting of J. B. Calkin, Esq., and William Blair, Esq., in reference to the proposed Provincial Exhibition; but as several members of the Board had not yet arrived, the consideration of the matter was deferred.

The following letter from I. Longworth, Esq., a member of the Board, was presented, but its full consideration referred until the deputation from Truro should again attend at the Board:

TRURO, Oct. 7th, 1873.

GEORGE LAWSON, Esq., Secretary, Board of Agriculture.

SIR,—

Owing to the opening of the Supreme Court here to-day, I exceedingly regret it will not be in my power to attend the meeting of Board of Agriculture to-morrow. Please ask the Board to consider my absence as unavoidable. The Board may rest assured I will take a deep interest in their proceedings, and more particularly so, in what relates to the Provincial Exhibition of 1874.

Colchester has lately had a very successful County Agricultural Exhibition, held here on the second instant, at which time and place the Eastern Counties of Nova Scotia held their first Fruit Exhibition. At the Agricultural Exhibition some \$700 in prizes were awarded. Should the Board take steps to make the show for all the counties in the Province eighteen times better than our local affair, as I hope they will, they may rely on my hearty co-operation in all they do.

Without offering any particular suggestions about arrangements for proposed Exhibition, I enclose our prize list, as well as that of the Charlottetown Exhibition (to take place next week) from which the Board may possibly gather some hints as to rules and regulations, and articles to which prizes might be awarded for superior excellence. I only hope the Board will not commit the grave mistake of attempting to cover too much ground with the money at their disposal for prizes to be given at the Exhibition, and thereby unwittingly frustrate the object we all should have in holding the Exhibition—making it the most successful Provincial Show ever held in Nova Scotia. Unless the individual premiums are generally large and good for the articles set down for competition, it cannot be expected that there will be a first class exhibit in every department, and for a Provincial Show, I think our great aim should be to make it highly creditable throughout; and I firmly believe this can only be accomplished by making the premiums so good that farmers and mechanics, &c., in all parts of the Province will be induced to compete for them.

While writing on this subject I may say that at a public meeting held here last week, John B. Dickie, Esq., Custos of the County, John B. Calkin, Esq., Vice-President of the Eastern Fruit Growers' Association, and Wm. Blair, Esq., President of the Onslow Agricultural Society, were appointed a Committee from this County to confer with the Board of Agriculture, to see what arrangements could be made to have the exhibition of 1874 held in Truro. I therefore have most respectfully to request that the Board will not decide where the Exhibition shall be held without

giving these gentlemen a hearing, and in case the Board determines to have the Exhibition here, as I trust they will, I shall be only too glad. Please ask them to receive my vote as favorable.

Before closing, it affords me pleasure to add that a growing interest in agriculture is taking place in many parts of this county. Brookfield is waking up, and farmers there will either organize themselves into a society or become a branch of Onslow, and from what I have gathered of the strong desire for improvement manifested in other parts—and looking upon this desire for improvement as an index of what is taking place in other counties,—I cannot close my eyes to the fact that the Province is ready for a good importation of cattle, &c., &c., and hope that the Board may soon be able to meet the requirements of the Province in that direction. I trust the Exhibition will not interfere with a stock importation next Fall. It should not, as there is no doubt that a judicious selection of stock brought into the Province at that time, and sold at the Exhibition, would not only help the Exhibition, but prove a financial success, so far as relates to cost of importation, and it appears to me that it is not at all necessary, because there is going to be a Provincial Exhibition, that a year should be lost in the importation of full-blooded stock, now very much required in many parts of the Province.

I have the honor to be, &c.,
ISRAEL LONGWORTH.

The Secretary presented Books for the Registration and issuing of Certificates of thorough-bred stock, as directed by the Board at last meeting. There are three separate registers, viz: for (1) Short Horns, (2) Devons, (3) Ayrshire.

The Secretary read the following letter:

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 14, 1873.

SIR.—I am instructed to inform you that the Government have decided that an Agricultural Exhibition shall be held at Halifax during the first week in October, 1874.