

at Edinburgh and Dalbeattie and second at Ayr as a yearling; first at the York Royal show, second at Dumfries Union, and fourth at Ayr, as a two-year-old. We believe he cost Mr. McCowan £1,000. "Roderick Dhu"—which has only competed once in the show ring, and won the first prize—is a stylish horse with superior action and a grand appearance, standing over seventeen hands high. He has also a fine head and neck, a good back, and good pasterns and feet. Mr. McCowan has remarked that he has had many tempting offers for him at home, but he was desirous to let him go to Canada, where, if all goes well, he will no doubt give a good account of himself. The other three horses consist of "Cavalier," bred by Lord Arthur Cecil, and got by far famed "Macgregor," dam "Cerises" (1091), a promising bay colt of superior size and immense bone; also the bay colt bred by Messrs. Mitchell, Alloway, which is a large, stylish colt, well up forward, with clean, flat bone, and a wonderful mover. His dam was "Rosie" (593), by "Emperor" (277), one of the best bred horses in the stud book. Another one is "Morgan," a bay colt, bred by Mr. Morgan, of Clairlogie, from "Darling" (3810). He is a colt of great size and substance, of great bone, deep ribs, strong back and looks like making his mark as sire in any country. The two last-named colts are from "Corsewall" (1420.) Another famous horse is "The Border Chief" (3242), got by "Good Hope" (1679), a son of the renowned "Darnley" (222.) "The Border Chief" is a dark brown horse, with black legs, stands over 17 hands high, has a fine head, neck, shoulders, and back, ribs well sprung from his back, with plenty of clean, fat bones, good pasterns and feet, and a fine mover. He was purchased from Mr. J. Crawford, Brydechirk Mains, Annan, and has gained a number of first and second prizes, both as a yearling and a two-year-old. There were included in the consignment six horses from the stud of Mr. J. Drummond, Drumfurline, consisting of two, three, and four-year-olds, by such sires as "Baron Bullock," (1183), "Gold Dust" (1677), "Farmer's Fancy," (302), "Prince of Keir (1795), and others. The remaining stallions and mares were picked up from local breeders. Mr. Beattie informs us that this is his third shipment since August last, the stock sent numbering 36 stallions and mares, 26 cattle, and 106 sheep. He expresses the opinion that the Carthaginian is one of the most suitable ships for carrying stock he ever saw, having all the latest improvements, good height between decks, and effective ventilation. We may add that this is the second shipment from Newtonairs this winter. In November Mr. Beattie shipped 21 head

of Galloway cattle, consisting of a picked lot of ten young bulls, three cows, and eight heifers. They all landed safely, and are doing well across the water, where they are much admired. Galloway cattle are a popular class of stock now finding its way to the northwest, the bulls crossing well with other cattle. The females are good breeders and good nurses, and the ranchmen are buying them up at fair prices.

CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
3rd February, 1885.

The Board met at 10 a. m., Major-General Laurie, President, in the Chair. Present, also, the Hon. Isidore LeBlanc, M. E. C., Arichat; David Matheson, Pictou; Israel Longworth, Truro; C. E. Brown, Yarmouth; Col. W. E. Starratt, Paradise; John McKeen, Mabou; Professor Lawson, Secretary.

The president addressed the meeting and brought under notice the several matters of business requiring attention on this occasion.

The Secretary was directed to apply to Mr. Jakeman, the Provincial Veterinary Surgeon, for his report of operations for the year, to be embodied in the annual report of the Board, now being printed.

Applications from new agricultural societies, organized previous to 1st July, 1885, were submitted.

Moved by C. E. Brown, seconded by D. Matheson, that the Hebron Society, County of Yarmouth, having been re-organized, be recognized as entitled to participate in the Legislative Grant for 1884.

Moved by Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. McKeen, and passed, that the Sherbrooke Agricultural Society, County of Guysboro, be recognized, and that the by-laws now submitted and examined be approved of and sanctioned.

Read memorial from C. E. Gregory, Antigonish, in reference to registration of Short Horns. On motion of Mr. Longworth, Messrs. Brown and Starratt were requested to act as a committee to examine and consider Mr. Gregory's memorial and applications, and to report to the Board.

The Board adjourned at 12.30.

2 p. m.—Business resumed. Same members present.

The Secretary submitted the annual reports, accounts, and attested returns of membership and paid-up subscriptions of the agricultural societies of the several counties of the Province. The careful examination of these documents, upon which the distribution of the Legislative Grant is based, occupied the Board during the rest of the day.

Applications for the Provincial Exhibition of 1885 will be received, as specified

in the circular issued by the Board, up to 1st March, and the consideration of this matter will be taken up at the March meeting.

Feb. 4th, 1885.

The Board met at 10 a. m. Present: Major-General Laurie, President; Hon. I. LeBlanc, I. Longworth, D. Matheson, John McKeen, C. E. Brown, Col. Starratt, and the Secretary.

Messrs. Brown and Starratt presented their report upon the memorial and applications for registration of Mr. Gregory. Mr. N. H. Meagher, Q. C., appeared before the Board as counsel for Mr. Gregory, and presented his case, showing the grounds upon which he sought registration for his animals.

The by-laws of the Granite Agricultural Society, of Shelburne County, were read, considered, approved of and sanctioned, with certain emendations. By-laws of the Alma Agricultural Society, Pictou County, were read. Moved by Mr. Matheson, seconded by Col. Starratt, and passed, that the by-laws be sanctioned. By-laws of the Wentworth Agricultural Society, Cumberland County, were read. Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Brown, and passed, that these by-laws be sanctioned.

Moved by Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Col. Starratt, and passed, that the application of the Wallace Agricultural Society, Cumberland County, be referred to the member for the District (Mr. Longworth), for enquiry, consideration and report.

The three committees into which the Board had been divided for the purpose of examining the annual reports, accounts and attested returns of societies, presented their reports, which were received and adopted, and the Secretary was directed to communicate with the officers of societies whose reports and returns were imperfect or otherwise unsatisfactory, and to require needed information and explanations before distribution of the annual grant.

A communication in reference to assistance for the erection of local exhibition buildings was submitted, to which the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board had never had money placed at its disposal for such purpose.

On motion of Col. Starratt, seconded by Mr. McKeen, Messrs. Longworth and Matheson were nominated a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts for the past year.

The Board then adjourned.

Feb. 5th, 1885.

The Board met at 10 o'clock, all the members being present; Major-General Laurie presiding. Several applications were presented for premiums on horses and sheep imported by private individ-