

have, by letters read before this meeting, chosen Antigonish Town for holding the Exhibition of 1884 for District No. 5; and

Whereas, Milford Haven Society in the County of Guysboro' has also intimated its choice of Antigonish for holding the Exhibition;

Therefore Resolved, that the Societies of the County of Antigonish of which we are here present as delegates, do form themselves into a responsible body for holding and successfully carrying out the District Exhibition for 1884, if it be located in the Town of Antigonish; and

Further Resolved, that a memorial, embodying the views of this meeting, be sent to the Central Board of Agriculture, humbly asking the said Central Board to select Antigonish Town as the locality for holding said Exhibition; and

Further Resolved, that the Societies of the County of Antigonish do offer and become responsible for a Prize List of not less than two thousand two hundred dollars (\$2200.)

ALLEN McDONNELL, *Chairman.*
A. G. MACDONALD, *Secretary.*

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
29th Feb'y., 1884. }

Sir,—In case the matter may not have been attended to I wish, on behalf of the New Glasgow Agricultural Society, to make application for the grant for a District Exhibition in District No. 5.

As soon as authorized we will be prepared to submit a Prize List for the consideration of the Central Board.

A. C. BELL,
President N. G. Agricultural Society.

HALIFAX, March 6, 1884.

Sir,—I am authorized by the Exhibition Committee of the New Glasgow Agricultural Society to offer a Prize List of \$2500 (two thousand five hundred dollars) for the District Exhibition in District No. 5, and ask that you will lay this offer before the Board for their consideration at their meeting on the 11th inst.

Yours, &c.,
A. C. BELL,

President N. G. Agricultural Society.

District No. 6. Counties of Cape Breton, Inverness, Richmond, Victoria.

BADDECK, March 5, 1884.

Dear Sir,—At the annual meeting of the Baddeck Agricultural Society, a committee was appointed to present to the Central Board our Society's claims to the Island Exhibition to be held next autumn.

As Secretary of said committee I beg to submit the following statements for the consideration of the Board: Our Society has a building 110 ft. x 36 ft. (to which a suitable addition will be made) and commodious grounds in con-

nection therewith, which will afford accommodation for live stock and exhibits of all kinds far superior to what we had at the Island Exhibition of 1880.

We will guarantee a Prize List of at least from \$2000 to \$2500, and feel confident that a large majority of the Agricultural Societies on the Island will support our Society in our efforts to have the Island Exhibition held here, more especially as very great satisfaction was given at the Exhibition held here in 1880. We will also guarantee good and sufficient hotel accommodation for all who may attend the Exhibition. A Prize List will be prepared and submitted to the Board as soon as we are informed of the Exhibition being held here.

I am, &c.,
I. SPARLING,
Secretary of Committee.

MARCH SESSION, 1884.

Gentlemen,—The Sydney Agricultural Society have arranged to offer the sum of Two Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars to promote the holding of the next Agricultural Exhibition for the Island in the Town of Sydney, and I hereby, on behalf of said Society, being thereto instructed, offer said sum.

I am, &c.,
W. BUCHANAN.

Moved by Colonel Starratt, seconded by General Laurie, that Queen's County be allowed a rateable proportion of Prize Fund for District Exhibition as on a former occasion, on complying with the requirements of the Board, and that, in event of no application being received from Annapolis or King's Counties, the whole sum for the District be allotted to Queen's County. Passed.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Gayton, seconded by Mr. McKeen, Messrs. Brown and Starratt were named a committee to investigate certain pedigrees presented for registration.

The Board then adjourned to Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

March 12, 10 A. M.

David Matheson, President, in the chair. Present also, I. Longworth, V. P., General Laurie, Colonel W. E. Starratt, C. E. Brown, John McKeen, Prof. Lawson, Secretary.

His Honor the Speaker, and C. B. Whidden, M.P.P., attended to present claims of Antigonish for exhibition of District No. 5 for the year 1884, and A. C. Bell, M.P.P., to urge claim of New Glasgow for that exhibition. Mr. Matheson, the President, advanced the claims of Pictou town, and detailed the advantages offered in a fine building, and grounds, &c. The members of the Board expressed themselves gratified at the interest shown in exhibitions in this

district, and at the satisfactory manner in which the claims of the several localities had been presented, which it would be the duty of the Board to consider with care before arriving at a decision.

Mr. Brown reported on applications of pedigrees for registration, and the report was, on application of Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. McKeen, received and adopted.

Mr. Longworth, on behalf of the Auditing Committee, presented a report on the Treasurer's accounts and vouchers, which had been found correct. On motion of General Laurie, seconded by Mr. McKeen, the report was received and adopted, and the accounts ordered to be sent to the Hon. Provincial Secretary for presentation to the House of Assembly.

The Board then proceeded to the election of officer.

Moved by General Laurie, seconded by Mr. Longworth, that David Matheson be re-elected President of the Board. Mr. Matheson expressed the gratification he had experienced in presiding over the Board for several years, and thanked the members for renominating him on this occasion, but he desired earnestly now to retire. He moved that Major-General Laurie be elected President; seconded by Colonel Starratt. Passed.

Moved by Colonel Starratt, seconded by Mr. McKeen, that Israel Longworth be elected Vice-President. Passed.

Moved by Mr. McKeen, seconded by General Laurie, that Professor Lawson be elected Secretary and Treasurer.

At noon, the members of the Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly met with the Board. Present: Hon. A. Gayton, Chairman, Dr. Munro, Messrs. Buchanan, M. J. Power, Whidden and Campbell.

The President of the Board drew attention to the organization of the Board, its objects and duties, noticing the nature of the work it has done in the past and what might be accomplished in the future. The several matters connected with District Exhibitions, &c., that had engaged the Board's attention during the last two days were dwelt upon, and a number of points submitted for the consideration of the committee. The subject of agricultural education, and the methods by which it might be accomplished, were dwelt upon.

Mr. Matheson addressed the committee specially in reference to the importation of sheep, in which the Pictou society had engaged.

Mr. Longworth explained the position of affairs in reference to District Exhibitions in Districts 4 and 5, in which it seemed probable an amalgamation for this year might be advantageously effected.