

cently presented to the Legislature exhibited very gratifying results. The County and District Societies were rapidly increasing in number and strength throughout the whole Province. The existence of effective Societies, embracing 2742 farmers of the province, who had contributed \$3,046 to their funds, was the best evidence of the substantial interest taken in the agricultural movement. The Board had invited the Agricultural Committee of the House to this meeting, as they felt that from the Legislature they drew their inspiration as well as their funds, for it was better not to move at all than to move in opposition to public opinion, or the opinion of the Legislature. The benefits of the importations of stock made by the Board were now patent all over the province, and every successive importation seemed to excite a demand for more. The taste for thorough bred stock was happily growing, and there was still ample room. The Board had suffered a considerable drain upon its funds, in consequence of the small pecuniary returns received for the animals sent to Cape Breton, but they felt that the sacrifice was a profitable one to the country, and they cheerfully looked upon the Cape Breton animals as a gift properly given;—yet the funds had in consequence been drained, and if any more importations of stock or grain were to be made, funds must be supplied. The Board had in reserve a fund of \$8000, voted in 1864 for a Stock Farm. This, they thought, might be utilized in stock importations, and it was for the Agricultural Committee to consider the matter, and recommend such a scheme as should commend itself to them as the best for the interests of the Province at large.

Mr. Purdy stated that the Agricultural Committee had had this matter under consideration, and he thought there was a disposition to meet the requirements of the Board and the Societies in a liberal and judicious spirit.

Mr. Dickie stated in reference to the loss that had been sustained on the Cape Breton stock, that the committee would no doubt free the Board from embarrassment.

Mr. Elkanah Young also thought that the Board should be sustained in these importations.

Mr. McDonald brought forward the claims of the Morristown Society, in Antigonish County, and it was agreed that the Society should be treated as a County Society, and be entitled to draw the full amount of \$200, provided the subscriptions of members reached \$100.

Mr. Dickie mentioned that arrangements were being made for a Stock Exhibition in King's County, and the Chairman stated that although matters were not in position to enable the Board to take any decided action, yet they would

be disposed to aid such a movement in every practicable way.

Mr. Dickie also stated that a petition had been presented from King's County relative to the mode of making nominations to the Board, and he had introduced a Bill to overcome the difficulty complained of.

The Board felt that it was a matter for the Legislature rather than the Board to deal with, and several members expressed a desire that the present mode of constituting the Board should not be changed unless an additional Legislative vote were given that would cover the extra expenses incurred by an increase of representation.

The subject of importation of stock was then taken up, but the Board, after some discussion, deferred its final consideration until they should receive the suggestions of the Agricultural Committee, as there are at present no funds in hand, and the grant for 1871 will be wholly required to meet the allowances to societies and current expenses. Mr. Matheson thought that in view of the spirited way in which the farmers of the Province had received the last importation, it was the duty of the Board to encourage the spirit shown by making another large importation as speedily as possible.

An application from A. James, Esq., for two copies of the "Letters of Agriculture" for the library of the Young Men's Christian Association of Dartmouth, was granted.

The Secretary laid before the meeting an attested schedule signed by 53 farmers in Cape Negro, County of Shelburne, who had formed themselves into an Agricultural Society. The Hon. Robert Robertson recommended the society as suitably located, and it was therefore ordered to be placed on the list of recognized societies entitled to participate in the Legislative grant.

An application from the County of Halifax Agricultural Society was received, and the society recognized under its new organization.

Moved by Dr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Calkin, and resolved, that in order to encourage exhibitions, open to the Province, a premium of 25 per cent. be given upon prize funds raised outside of societies' subscriptions, the amount to be devoted to this purpose by the Board not to exceed \$500.

On motion of Mr. Kaulback, seconded by Dr. Hamilton, the prizes previously offered for hemp were renewed for the present season.

It was stated that the Bone Mill was in successful operation, and all the wants of farmers in the Province were regularly supplied.

The Board, considering the great importance of the office-bearers of all the

agricultural societies being acquainted with the operations of the Board, and receiving early notice of official announcements made from time to time in the Agricultural Journal, which is published exclusively in the interest of these societies, resolved, that in future ten copies of the Journal be mailed to every Society in the Province, and that a sum of \$4 be annually deducted from the grant of each society in payment.

The Secretary stated that a new cheese factory was being established in Aylesford, in addition to the two in operation in Annapolis.

Mr. Calkin stated that a cheese factory was also being established in Onslow.

Mr. Longley mentioned that one factory in Annapolis had paid from 90 to 92 per cent on the capital last year, and that there would be six factories in operation during the ensuing season in Annapolis. There were 150 factories established in New York State alone last year.

Sir William Young and other members bore testimony to the excellent quality of the factory cheese.

In accordance with the nominations of societies, the Board is constituted, for the ensuing year, as follows:—

- District No. 1.—Hon. Sir William Young.  
H. Yeomans, Esq.  
Joseph J. Northup, Esq.  
W. Cunard, Esq.
- " No. 2.—Dr. C. C. Hamilton.  
A. Longley, Esq.
- " No. 3.—H. A. N. Kaulback, Esq.  
A. C. A. Doane, Esq.
- " No. 4.—Hon. Alex. Macfarlane.  
Hon. R. A. McHefley.
- " No. 5.—Hon. John Mackinnon.  
D. Matheson, Esq.
- " No. 6.—Henry Davenport, Esq.  
Geo. C. Lawrence, Esq.
- Rev. A. S. Hunt, Supt. of Education.  
J. B. Calkin, Esq., Principal of Normal School.
- The Board then adjourned till to-morrow (Thursday) morning.

#### ADJOURNED MEETING.

*Agricultural Room, New Provincial Building, March 23, 1871.*

An adjourned meeting of the Board was held this morning at ten o'clock. There were present the Hon. Mr. McHefley, Hon. Mr. Mackinnon, Joseph J. Northup, Esq., George C. Lawrence, Esq., D. Matheson, Esq., A. Longley, Esq., H. A. N. Kaulback, Esq., J. B. Calkin, Esq., and Dr. Lawson, Secretary.

Several members of the Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly likewise attended, viz.: Amos Purdy, Esq., M. P. P., J. McDonald, Esq., M. P. P., and John Ross, Esq., M. P. P.

Mr. Purdy, as chairman of the Committee, stated that the Committee had reported to the House yesterday, the desirability of placing the Stock Farm grant of \$8000, together with the interest that had accrued thereon, at the disposal