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Omnium rerum, ex quibus aliquid acquiritur, nihil est agriculturâ melius, nihil uberius, nihil homine libero dignius.—Cicero: de Officiis, lib. I, cap. 42.

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CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SPEAKER'S ROOM, Feb. 1st, 1881.

Present—David Matheson, V. P., in the chair; Hon. H. F. McDougall, L. Longworth, John Ross, Jonathan Rand, Professor Lawson, Secretary.

The Secretary submitted the nomination papers of the officers of Agricultural Societies to the Central Board of Agriculture, which were examined and noted; also correspondence with Mr. J. McKeen and Mr. Campbell, M.P.P., in reference to nominations by Cape Breton Societies.

The Annual Reports of County and District Agricultural Societies throughout the Province for the year 1880 were submitted; also Returns of Thorough-bred Live Stock in the district of each Society; attested Lists of Subscriptions paid by members for the year, and Accounts of Receipts and Expenditure. These documents are more voluminous than in any previous year, and the examination of them will occupy the Committee several days.

SPEAKER'S ROOM, Feb. 3rd, 1881.

The Executive Committee of the Board met at 10 A. M. Present—David Matheson, V. P., in the chair; Hon. H. F. McDougall, John Ross, Jonathan Rand, Israel Longworth, Prof. Lawson, Secretary.

Messrs. James F. Blanchard and James K. Blair, attended as a delegation from the Exhibition Committee of Truro.

The following communications were read:—

TRURO, Dec. 10th, 1880.

Prof. Lawson, Sec. B. of A.:

SIR.—I have the honor to request, on behalf of the Onslow Agricultural Society, that permission be granted us by your honorable Board to hold the Provincial Exhibition of 1881 in Truro, under terms of Act for holding such Exhibitions.

I have, &c.,
Directors of the Onslow Agri. Society,
per W. M. BLAIR, President.

TRURO, Dec 30th, 1880.

To the Central Board of Agriculture for N. S.:

GENTLEMEN,—We beg leave to apply to your honorable Board for the privilege of holding the Exhibition of 1881 in Truro. We would guarantee a prize list of at least \$6,000.

In making this application, we claim that we have the prior right, as the Provincial Exhibition of 1879 was held in Halifax, and that of 1880 in Kentville. It will thus be seen that it would naturally fall to the lot of Truro; but we also claim other advantages, it being the centre of a system of railways connecting east, west and north, with easy access to Prince Edward Island and Cape Breton, as well as New Brunswick and the Upper Provinces. We also claim that, with contemplated additions and improvements in buildings and grounds, we will have accommodation equal to any in the Province; and, as to the ability of our people to carry out the Exhibition to a successful issue, we trust our past record will commend itself to your honorable Board.

We have the honor, &c.
W. M. BLAIR, President,
ISAAC BARNHILL, Secretary
of the Onslow Agricultural Socy.

Mr. Blanchard addressed the meeting in support of the application from Truro, detailed the steps that had been taken, expressed the readiness of the Truro Committee to do everything in their power to carry out the Exhibition successfully, and pointed out the peculiar advantages of the locality for a Provincial Agricultural Exhibition.

Mr. Blair corroborated the statements made by Mr. Blanchard, and entered upon further details. He thought the Provincial Exhibition should be held independent of the Dominion Exhibition. He explained the nature of the improvements which the Truro Committee proposed to carry out, and expressed their willingness to undertake the Dominion Exhibition if it was thought desirable to hold it at Truro. The prize list offered by Truro was \$6,000, and, if necessary, \$500 more would probably be added. If the Dominion Exhibition were held at Truro, the Committee would be prepared to offer a prize list of \$12,500.

Mr. Matheson, chairman, Mr. Longworth, and other members of the Board, explained the present position of affairs in reference to the Dominion and Provincial Exhibitions, and stated that the applications received would be carefully considered, after which the Delegates withdrew.

The Secretary submitted an extensive correspondence with persons in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the United States, in reference to the ancestry of the Short-horn bull Duke of Brunswick, whose pedigree was still imperfect. The