

MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

At a Meeting of the Central Board of Agriculture, held in the Province Building 16th May, 1841.—Present: the Hon. James McNab, William Young, John E. Fairbanks, Thos. Williamson, Edward Allison, Edward Pryor, Jr., Matthew Richardson, Esqrs.

Read a letter from the Rev. John Stewart, announcing the formation of an Agricultural Society at New Glasgow, and asking information on various points, from the Central Board. Read the draught of a reply thereto, which was directed to be sent.

Read the draught of a Circular to the different Societies now formed, and to the Members of Assembly and others in the Counties where no Societies are as yet organized, and directed that they should be sent, along with twenty copies of the Act and Minutes of the first Meeting.

Ordered, That two Sacks of the Early Angus and Sandy Oats, lately imported, be shipped immediately to the New Glasgow Agricultural Society.

A Treatise on Agriculture and Dairy Husbandry, by Mr. Jackson, the author of various prize essays of the Highland Agricultural Society of Scotland, published last July by Messrs. Chambers, of Edinburgh, having been communicated to the Board:—

Resolved, That this work, containing a vast body of Scientific and practical information, conveyed in a perspicuous and pleasing style, and derived from the most approved authors, the Board earnestly recommend it for the use of the Societies.

Resolved, That as the work is published at the moderate price of 2s. 3d. Sterling, and may be imported, plainly and strongly bound at 3s. 4d. currency per copy, the Board will send for 200 copies, and for every copy ordered by any Society, and paid for out of its funds, will furnish an equal number of copies at the expense of the Board, to be distributed by such Societies.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to prepare and insert in the Newspapers, under the direction of the Board, a review of the above work, comprising the most striking passages applicable to our condition, and interspersed with such observations as his own experience and familiar acquaintance with the Provincial Agriculture may suggest.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to prepare and insert in the Newspapers, under the direction of the Board, a set of rules for the organization and management of an Agricultural Society; and which the new Societies about to be formed may adopt if they think fit with such modifications as their local position may recommend, it being the desire and object of the Board, to inspire in the farming classes a spirit of unanimity and of combined and vigorous action, for their own improvement, and the advance of the Provincial Agriculture.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Societies and Farmers in the several Counties, to form themselves into a Central County Society, with a branch or branches, conformably to the Act, so as the sum of Seventy-five Pounds, annually assigned to each County, may not be split up into parts, but enable the Central Society, with such further sum as may be raised by private contributions, to import through the agency of the Board, or otherwise, a considerable amount of Live Stock, Implements, or Seeds, and to promote the improvement of the County on an extensive and combined system.

The Meeting then adjourned to the first Saturday of June.

DRILLING MATCH.

The Annual Drilling Match under direction of the Committee of the Halifax Agricultural Society, took place on Tuesday afternoon, the 25th instant, in Mr. John Kline, Sen.'s field, near his residence. The land being in excellent *till*, and the weather *fine*, a good opportunity was afforded to the competitors for testing their skill with every advantage, and the Committee observe, with satisfaction, the spirited manner in which the Ploughmen on the Peninsula availed themselves of it. Nine teams having come on the ground, and the necessary arrangements being completed, the competitors began the work at 3 o'clock, and progressed with lively interest, each ploughman exerting his utmost care and skill to out-do his neighbor. In a little over an hour and a half, the different competitors finished the quantity of work assigned to them.

And the Committee having ascertained that the rules of competition had been duly complied with, the judges, Messrs. Henry Walker, and — Brennan, were called upon to award the Prizes. After patient and minute inspection, they handed their decision to the Secretary, as follows:

First Class—Five Ploughs.

First Prize, Ten Dollars,	- - -	William Mitchell.
Second " Six "	- - -	John Winters.
Third " Four "	- - -	William Kline.

Second Class—Four Ploughs.

First Prize, Eight Dollars,	- - -	Arch. McCulloch, Jr.
Second " Four "	- - -	Conrad Kline.
Third " Two "	- - -	William Kline.

The prizes were distributed to the successful Ploughmen, by the first Vice President of the Society, Edward Pryor, Jr. Esq., who duly complimented them upon the superiority of their work, and expressed a hope that success in the present instance, would stimulate them to still further exertion in perfecting themselves in skillful management of the Plough, and all other operations likely to improve Agriculture on the Peninsula of Halifax.—*Com.*

A resolution thanking WILLIAM YOUNG, Esq. Vice Chairman of the Central Board of Agriculture, for his zealous and efficient services for the encouragement of Agriculture throughout the Province, was passed unanimously by the Halifax Agricultural Society, at their late Annual Meeting; a copy of the Resolution was forwarded to Mr. Young, by the Society's President, Edward Allison, Esq. to which Mr. Y. made a suitable and highly creditable reply. The want of room prevents our giving the correspondence in this number.

As an apology for the omission in this number of Plates, &c., we would observe, that we had hoped the importance of the subject would have procured some aid from the Legislature. Being disappointed in this, we leave it to the Farmers to judge whether it is for their interest to support a publication of a kind, which has been very useful to their class, in other countries.

THE "COLONIAL FARMER," being now fairly before the public, we have concluded not to publish another number—until our Prospectuses now scattered over the Province, are sent in,—when this is done, we shall be better able to judge what amount of support we would receive—and can then determine whether to go on with the work or not.

All letters relative to the "Colonial Farmer," must be directed to The Publisher.

G's note came to hand. We are much obliged.

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