

Province at reasonable expense to persons engaging him.

Moved by Longworth as follows :

Whereas, In February, 1881, the Board of Agriculture, with the approval of the Governor-in-Council, decided to give the grant for the Provincial Exhibition to the Dominion Exhibition, if held in Halifax ;

And Whereas, subsequently to said decision (on the 14th day of April, 1881.) the Legislature passed an Act providing for Provincial and District Exhibitions to be held in Nova Scotia every year alternately,

And Whereas, since the passing of said Act no Provincial or District Exhibition has been held under the same ;

Therefore Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Board that it is not competent under the law to hold any other than a Provincial Exhibition the present year, it being first provided for in said Act.

The motion was not seconded.

Moved by Hon. H. F. McDougall :

Whereas, an application is now before the Board from the Agricultural Society of Onslow for a grant to a Provincial Exhibition, and, having heard the explanation of Mr. Blair on behalf of said application,

And Whereas, An amendment has passed the Legislature in the session of 1881, providing that Provincial Exhibitions shall only be held every alternate year ;

And Whereas Subsequent to the passing of said Act, a Provincial Exhibition has been held in the City of Halifax in connection with the Dominion Exhibition ;

Resolved, That the Board is of opinion that under the amendment to the Agricultural Act, passed last session, district exhibitions should be held during the next autumn, and that this Board, at this meeting, determine on such rules and regulations as will assist in carrying out such exhibitions."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ross. After discussion it was put to the meeting and passed, Mr. Longworth dissenting.

The committee appointed to arrange for the purchase and importation of Black Polled cattle, in accordance with resolution of the Board and by authority of the Government, reported the purchase through Mr. Thornton, of London, of three males and six females, two of the latter having been lost on the voyage in consequence of the unprecedentedly stormy season. The animals were placed in quarantine, and since then one has died. The remaining six are fine animals. The committee, in conjunction with the Secretary, were requested to make necessary arrangements for their sale at Halifax as soon as the quarantine period should elapse, about 13th March.

Moved by Hon. H. F. McDougall :

Whereas, Under chapter 8 of the Acts of 1881, relating to the holding of district exhibitions it is the duty of the Board to make rules, regulations, &c., for the holding of district exhibitions ;

And whereas, This Board has decided that such district exhibitions shall be held during the year 1882 ;

Resolved, That the several Agricultural Societies throughout the Province be notified, through the Secretary of the Board, that they are required, at the earliest possible opportunity, to determine (by vote of their officers or of a regularly called special meeting) upon a suitable locality for the holding of a district exhibition for the year 1882, within the respective agricultural districts, in accordance with chapter 8 of the Acts of 1881.

"That the result of such vote shall be communicated to the Secretary of the Board not later than the first day of March next, in order to enable the Board at its next meeting to ratify the recommendation of societies, providing, however, that the same be satisfactory to the Board.

"That so soon as such recommendation shall receive the sanction of the Board, any society, municipal corporation or any other body undertaking to carry out such district exhibition shall submit to this Board a prize list for approval, and shall be subject to such other rules, regulations and instructions as the Board shall hereafter order."

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Ross and passed, and the Secretary of the Board instructed accordingly. He was likewise authorized and directed to draw the annual grant to Societies from the Provincial Treasury, and to pay the same by warrants, in the usual way, so soon as those Societies that had sent imperfect returns had completed the same,—in case of further delay such Societies to be excluded from participation in the year's grant.

ANNUAL MEETING OF CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

PROVINCE BUILDING,
24th February, 1882.

Present: David Matheson, Pictou ; Hon. H. F. McDougall, Christmas Island ; John McKeen, Mabou ; Colonel W. E. Starratt, Paradise ; Israel Longworth, Truro ; Professor Lawson.

The Secretary stated that, in accordance with the nominations made by Agricultural Societies, and submitted to the Government, His Honor the Governor-in-Council had made the following appointments, to constitute the Board for the present year:—

Government Member—Hon. H. F. MacDougall, M.E.C.

Member for District No. 1, including the Counties of Halifax and Lunenburg—Donald Archibald, Little River, Musquodoboit.

Member for District No. 2, including the Counties of Kings, Annapolis and Queens—Colonel W. E. Starratt, Paradise.

Member for District No. 3, including the Counties of Digby, Shelburne and Yarmouth—Charles E. Brown, Yarmouth.

Member for District No. 4, including the Counties of Hants, Colechester and Cumberland—Israel Longworth, Truro.

Member for District No. 5, including the Counties of Pictou, Antigonish and Guysborough—David Matheson, Pictou.

Member for District No. 6, including the Counties of Cape Breton, Richmond, Inverness and Victoria—John McKeen, Mabou, C. B.

Moved by Hon. Mr. MacDougall, seconded by Colonel Starratt, and passed, that David Matheson be elected President of the Board.

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

Moved by Mr. McKeen, seconded by Hon. Mr. MacDougall, that Professor Lawson be elected Secretary and Treasurer for the year. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Colonel Starratt, and resolved :

Whereas, By the census of 1871 the human population of Nova Scotia amounted to 387,800, inclusive of 262 physicians and surgeons, or 1 to every 1,480 inhabitants, while by the same returns the total number of horses, cattle, sheep and pigs is given at 686,085 ; and it does not appear that there was then a single Veterinary Surgeon in the Province ;

And whereas, Thorough-bred cattle imported from England, Scotland, the United States, Ontario, and other places, and kept in the Province for breeding purposes, under the direction of the Board of Agriculture, have become quite numerous, and represent a large amount of wealth ;

And whereas, It is well known to medical men that in all settled and densely peopled communities, having large stocks of cattle, it is no unusual thing for sickness and death to occur to persons from eating meat of diseased animals, or from drinking milk of cows afflicted with tubercular and other diseases ;

And whereas, The contagious diseases to which cattle are liable, prevalent in certain countries, and from which Nova Scotia hitherto has been so singularly exempt, are as liable to occur here as elsewhere ;

And whereas, It has incidentally come to the knowledge of some members of this Board that the only Veterinary Surgeon now practising in the Province, who is a graduate of a Veterinary College, is about to leave the country for a place where skilled knowledge in his profession is better remunerated than in Nova Scotia ;

Therefore resolved, That it is considered most desirable in the opinion of this Board that some plan should be adopted whereby a competent Veterinary Surgeon could be induced to reside at Halifax, to give his services to persons in all parts of Nova Scotia at a reasonable charge, and upon whose skill and advice the Government and people of the Province could rely, upon all occasions, for the treatment of diseases of cattle, whenever required ;

And further resolved, That this subject be respectfully brought to the notice of the Agricultural Committee of the House of Assem-