

## CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

*Committee Room,  
Legislative Library, 10th Feb., 1876.*

The Executive Committee of the Central Board of Agriculture met this morning at 10 o'clock and continued their sittings throughout the day. Present—Colonel Laurie, President; Israel Longworth, Esq., Truro; David Matheson, Esq., Pictou; W. E. Starratt, Esq., Paradise; Professor Lawson, Secretary.

Major Blair, Truro, chairman of the Colchester Exhibition Committee, was present by invitation.

In reply to a question of the President, the Secretary stated that he had had communication with several gentlemen in the counties of Annapolis, King's and Halifax in reference to the proposed Provincial Exhibition of 1876, but that the only definite offer as yet was that of the Colchester Exhibition Committee.

Mr. Longworth stated that an influential committee had been at work for some time in Colchester and that there was every prospect of their being able to carry out the Exhibition with credit and success, if entrusted to do so by the Board.

Major Blair laid before the Board a detailed scheme, on behalf of the Colchester Committee, offering to undertake the Exhibition, in terms of the act of last session, on the basis of the prize list of 1874, subject to such modifications as the Board may approve, and to provide ample accommodation for animals and other exhibits, not inferior to that of the Halifax exhibition of 1874. Spacious grounds have been secured close to the Truro railway station, ten acres or more, as may be required; a subscription of one thousand dollars has been raised to level and improve the grounds; the necessary buildings will be erected at the cost of the county, and arrangements for the accommodation and comfort of exhibitors will be made. A special committee will be named to attend to strangers and find accommodation for any who may not be suited at the hotels, of which there are nine in Truro.

The full consideration of Exhibition business was deferred till to-morrow (Friday.)

The Treasurer laid on the table his accounts for the past year, and relative vouchers, which were referred to Messrs. Longworth, Starratt and Matheson as an Auditing Committee.

The Secretary read a correspondence with the officers of the Sydney Agricultural Society, the consideration of which was deferred for further information.

In reference to the Windsor Agricultural Society, the Secretary was directed

to request definite information within a week.

A proposal to establish a new Society in King's County, to be called the Farmers' Agricultural Society of North-East Cornwallis, was laid before the committee. The papers sent in were read, explanations were given by Mr. Starratt and the Secretary, and, in view of an obvious difficulty, the committee requested Messrs. Matheson and Longworth to prepare a case for the opinion of the Hon. Attorney General.

The committee instructed the Secretary to defer issuing warrants to Societies in counties where difficulties had occurred and were still in consideration by the Board, viz., King's County, Cape Breton County and Hunts County.

The committee examined the returns of all other Societies in the Province, found them correct, and authorized the Secretary to issue the usual warrants.

The committee adjourned till Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

*Committee Room,  
Legislative Library, 11th Feb., 1876.*

The Executive Committee of the Central Board of Agriculture met again this morning. Present—Colonel Laurie, President; Israel Longworth, Esq., Truro; David Matheson, Esq., Pictou; W. E. Starratt, Esq., Paradise; Professor Lawson, Secretary. Donald Archibald, Esq., M. P. P., was present by invitation of the committee.

Mr. Longworth reported that the Auditing Committee had examined the Treasurer's accounts for the past year and found them correct, the balance in hand at date, 10th February, amounting to \$104.20. The Treasurer was authorized to draw the balance of the Provincial grant for 1875, in order to meet the annual grants to societies now due for the past year.

In the matter of the Provincial Exhibition of 1876, it was proposed to decide at once upon the locality. Mr. Starratt stated that he understood King's County was moving in the matter, although no official communication had been made to the Board. The committee considered that sufficient notice had already been given, the proposed Exhibition having now been before the public for nearly twelve months, but, on Mr. Starratt's representation, they agreed to leave the question still open, to be decided finally at an adjourned meeting of the committee to be held on Thursday next at ten o'clock a. m.

Several accounts were examined and passed and authorized to be paid.

A communication was read from Dr. Regel, Imperial Botanist at St. Petersburg, transmitting the publications of the Imperial Garden, and requesting in ex-

change a set of the Nova Scotian *Journal of Agriculture* from the year 1870. The Secretary was directed to return thanks to Dr. Regel and to comply with his request.

The President having submitted the opinion of the Hon. Attorney General on the case prepared by Messrs. Matheson & Longworth the committee.

*Resolved*, That, in accordance with the Attorney General's opinion, the Farmer's Agricultural Society of North East Cornwallis be recognized as organized under the Act for the Encouragement of Agriculture; that the vote of the officers of said society, in nomination to the Central Board, be received; and that the society be entitled to receive its proportion of grant, with others in the county, in future, but not for the past year.

Messrs. Longworth and Matheson were requested to prepare such amendments of the Agricultural Act as may be deemed necessary, and submit the same to next meeting of the committee, with a view to bringing them under notice of the Government.

The committee then adjourned till Thursday next at 10 a. m.

*Committee Room,  
Provincial Library, 17th Feb., 1876.*

The Executive Committee of the Central Board of Agriculture met by adjournment this morning at 10 o'clock. Present: Colonel Laurie, President; Hon. Daniel McDonald, Antigonish; Israel Longworth, Esq., Truro; D. Matheson, Esq., Pictou; W. E. Starratt, Esq., Paradise; Professor Lawson, Secretary. The Secretary stated that he had received a letter and telegram from C. F. Eaton, Esq., Cornwallis, explaining certain steps that had been taken in Kings County with a view to having the Provincial Exhibition in Kentville this year. Mr. Eaton having been nominated to represent the views in this matter of the farmers and others, who met in the Court House, Kentville, on Tuesday, 15th inst., he was invited to be present at the meeting of the committee. He brought under their notice the proceedings of the Kentville meeting, which, although necessarily held on a stormy day, was well attended by farmers and others. J. M. Caldwell, Esq., was called to the chair, and H. Lovett, Esq., appointed Secretary. Mr. Lovett explained that a few days since a meeting of the officers of the several societies had been held, and John P. Lyons, Esq., reported that the committee had examined Mr. James Lyons' field, at Chapel Hill, Kentville, and found that it would suit admirably for the Exhibition. On motion of Mr. Eaton, Mr. Lyons' offer of the field next October, fenced as described, for the sum of \$250, was unanimously accepted, conditionally that the Provincial Exhibition should be held there. Moved and seconded that the sum of \$1000 be raised by subscription