

The meeting was addressed successively by Mr. Archibald, the Chairman of the Committee, and Messrs. Longley, McKay and Patterson, and the Hon. Mr. Gayton; also by Messrs. Ross, Starratt, Longworth, Brown and Matheson, the last explaining some of the results of the examination of returns made by societies. The members of the Agricultural Committee all manifested a very hearty interest in the operations of the Board, and expressed their desire to give such aid as was necessary to carry on the organization, with due regard to economy.

The President stated that the Secretary of the Board would be ready to furnish any further information or explanations required by any member of the committee or of the Legislature. After the committee withdrew the Board resumed the ordinary business.

The Secretary read a petition from the President, officers and members of the Pugwash Agricultural Society, endorsed and signed by the County Sessions convened at Amherst, (and communicated through Dr. Clay), representing the great obstacle to improvement of live stock, and the personal danger to residents in the agricultural districts from the practice of allowing common bulls to roam at large, and praying that the Board should request the Legislature to pass an Act providing that all bulls over one year old should be kept in proper charge by their owners, and thus prevented from running loose in any season or under any circumstances.

It was resolved to recommend the petition to the attention of the Agricultural Committee with a view to the necessary legislation.

Messrs. Ross, Brown and Starratt presented a favourable report upon the applications of the following societies to be recognized by the Board, viz.:—The Isle Madame Agricultural Society, County Richmond; the Christmas Island Agricultural Society, County Cape Breton; the Strait of Canso Agricultural Society, County Inverness.

The Committee's report was approved of, and the formation of the societies sanctioned accordingly. Mr. Ross represented that as these societies had been in operation in 1877 they should be authorized to participate in last year's grant, but it was pointed out by the Secretary that by a recent amendment to the statute new societies that have not sent in their returns before the first day of July "shall not be entitled to draw any portion of the Provincial allowance until the following year."

Oakfield, 28th Feb., 1878.

The members of the Agricultural Committee and members of the Board met at Oakfield, by invitation of Colonel Laurie,

and spent some time in examining the fine herd of Devon cattle, now consisting of 52 head of thoroughbred animals, all in excellent condition. It was remarked by several of the members that the young stock raised at Oakfield was, as a rule, superior, both in form and size, to the animals originally imported from England.

*Committee Room, Province Library, }
1st March, 1878. }*

The Board met at 10 a. m.

Messrs. Matheson and Brown, who had examined the Prize List, reported, recommending its final approval by the Board; but, in addition to the alterations previously suggested and adopted, the committee recommended an extension of the Poultry List by separate prizes for Rouen, White Pekin, Aylesbury and Cayuga Ducks; also a prize for the new Butman Squash.

The Prize List, as re-adjusted, was approved of and ordered to be sent to the Hon. Provincial Secretary for the consideration of the Governor-in-Council.

A letter was read from Mr. McNaughton, Hopewell, in reference to the returns of the Pictou County Agricultural Society. The Secretary was directed to write to the Secretary of the Pictou Society for information and explanations, and to lay the same before the Executive Committee of the Board.

The President read a telegram from Mr. Dimock, Truro, in reference to the Provincial Exhibition of 1878, as follows: "Ample accommodation will be found for all visitors. You cannot overcrowd us."

2 P. M.

The Board met again in conference with the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Assembly.

On suggestion of Mr. Longley, an approximate estimate was formed of the probable cost of the proposed importation of live stock and probable proceeds. It was found that the principal loss would be on sheep, in consequence of which it was recommended to decrease the number. The following are the animals proposed to be imported:—

- 2 Short Horn Bulls.
- 2 " Heifers or Cows.
- 2 Devon Bulls.
- 2 Yearling Jersey Bulls.
- 4 " 1 " Heifers.
- 2 Ayrshire Bulls.
- 2 " Heifers.
- 20 Sheep (chiefly shortwool.)
- 4 Pigs (Ellesmere.)

On motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Ross, the following gentlemen were named as an Executive Committee for the year (three to be a quorum):—The

President, Vice-President, Hon. Mr. Gayton, Mr. Longworth, Mr. Starratt and the Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA POULTRY AND FLORICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS.

President, Andrew Downs; *Vice-Presidents*, H. Harris, H. Crosskill, F. H. D. Veith; *Secretary*, R. J. Wilson; *Asst. Secretary*, Thos. Goudge; *Treasurer*, A. McKinlay; *Executive Committee*, C. W. Anderson, J. W. Betcher, T. J. Egan, Forshaw Day, Geo. W. Ritchie, F. C. Stevens, John G. Trider, T. S. Veale; *Auditors*, J. W. Hunt, Geoffrey Morrow.

CONSTITUTION AND BYE-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—Name and Object.—This Association shall be known as the "Nova Scotia Poultry and Floricultural Association." Its object shall be to encourage the interest, and promote improvement, in the breeding of Poultry, Pigeons and Cage Birds, and a more general taste for the cultivation of Flowers.

ARTICLE II.—Officers.—The officers of this Association shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, two Auditors, and an Executive Committee, consisting of the above officers, with the exception of the Auditors, and eight additional members, all of whom shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE III.—Membership.—*Sec. 1.*—All members shall be admitted by ballot, and one black ball in five shall exclude.

Sec. 2.—The names of candidates for membership must be given to the Secretary, together with the names of the proposers, at least twenty-four hours previous to any regular or special meeting of the Association.

Sec. 3.—No member under the age of 18 shall be allowed to vote at any meeting of the Association.

Sec. 4.—The entrance fee, payable on admission to the Association, shall be \$1.00, and the annual subscription \$1.00. The latter shall become due on the first day of October in each year, and no member whose subscription is unpaid at that date shall be allowed to vote at any meeting, or be entitled to any of the privileges of the Association. The subscription for the current year must be paid by members, with the entrance fee, on admission, and any one failing to pay within one month, after due notice, shall thereby forfeit his membership.

Sec. 5.—On the admission of each new member, the Secretary shall notify him thereof, and request him to pay the en-