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OFFICIAL NOTICE

To all Agricultural Societies organized, or applying for organization, under the Act for Encouragement of Agriculture.

At a meeting of the Board of Agriculture, held in the New Province Building, Halifax, on 1st October, 1869, it was—

Resolved—That all Agricultural Societies, desiring to participate in the grant for the present year, be required to send in the necessary returns, duly attested, to the Secretary of the Board, *not later than Monday, 15th November.*

Copies of the Amended Act and all other information may be obtained on application to the Secretary.

By order of the Board,

GEO. LAWSON, *Sec'y.*

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

Halifax, Oct. 1, 1869.

The regular half-yearly meeting of the Central Board of Agriculture was held in the New Province Building. There was a large attendance of members from nearly all parts of the Province, viz.:

The Hon. Alex. McFarlane, Wallace, Chairman; J. B. Calkin, Esq., Principal of the Normal School, Truro; Henry

Davenport, Esq., Sydney, C.B.; Sheriff Harris, Pictou; Avarid Longley, Esq., Paradise, Annapolis; Hon. J. Mackinnon, Antigonishe; Hon. R. A. McHefsey, Windsor; George C. Lawrence, Esq., Port Hood; Dr. C. C. Hamilton, Canard; H. Yeomans, Esq.; William Cunard, Esq., T. H. Rand, Esq., Superintendent of Education; Joseph J. Northup, Esq., and Professor Lawson, Secretary.

Minutes of previous meetings having been read and approved of, it was moved by Dr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Longley, and resolved, that a Committee be appointed to wait upon the Members of the Government for the purpose of ascertaining what amount of support would be continued to the Board, to enable them to carry out the provisions of the Act for the Encouragement of Agriculture. The Committee to consist of the Hon. Mr. McFarlane, Dr. Hamilton, Mr. Cunard, Mr. Northup, and Dr. Lawson.

Whilst the Board were engaged in routine work, the Committee left the meeting, and had an interview with the Government. On returning, the Chairman reported that the Government had expressed a decided desire that the Agricultural Organization should be sustained as efficiently as heretofore; that it was

necessary the Board should use the balance in hand to meet the customary grants to Agricultural Societies for the present year, but as that balance would not of itself be sufficient, the Government would at any time honor the drafts of the Board to the extent of two thousand dollars. It was likewise stated that the usual sum of six thousand dollars for Agriculture would be put upon the estimates next year, and the influence of the Government used to pass it. The Board, therefore, and the various Agricultural Societies throughout the Province, had every reasonable guarantee for carrying on their operations as hitherto.

GRANTS TO AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

It was resolved that all Agricultural Societies throughout the Province, desiring to participate in the grant for the present year, be required to send in the necessary returns, duly attested, to the Secretary of the Board, *not later than Monday, 15th November.*

On motion of Mr. Longley, seconded by Dr. Hamilton, it was agreed that after the end of the present year no new Society shall be entitled to qualify for drawing any portion of the Legislative grant unless three months' notice has been