

a preliminary course of amusement), proceeded to point out that the prominence given to lumbering by the Queen's County people had tended to divert their attention from what in the future must be one great source of their prosperity; even their bank notes had pictures of men chopping trees. He spoke hopefully of agricultural progress, and of the elevated status of the farmer in the world at large, in Nova Scotia, and particularly in Queen's County.

Israel Longworth, Esq., delivered the Address at the closing of the Colchester County Exhibition, in which he portrayed the early condition of the County, dwelling upon the difficulties encountered by the early settlers, and tracing the successive improvements up to the present time when the County may be said to occupy in some respects the first place in the Agriculture of the Province.

All these Addresses show not only a clear appreciation of the present condition of this Province, but a singular unanimity as to the necessity of vigorous efforts to extend and improve its Agriculture, and the means by which such extension and improvement are to be accomplished. Let us hear these eloquent sentiments re-echoed again in our Legislative Halls; let us see once again the noble spectacle of the intellect of the country concentrated upon its greatest interest, as it was in the time of Agricola.

ONE essential part of the arrangements necessary to secure a successful Provincial Exhibition is the providing of facilities for the conveyance of Exhibits. We believe the Kentville Committee did everything in their power to secure this. The officers both of the Western Counties and Intercolonial Railroads afforded all the accommodation that could be reasonably desired. Mr. L. B. Archibald, the Assistant Superintendent of the Intercolonial Railroad, was most considerate and active in facilitating, in every possible way, the movement of the stock and exhibitors both to and fro, and in like manner, Mr. Lynskey, in the most cheerful and obliging way, made the best arrangements possible. We feel that we may take the liberty of expressing to these gentlemen the thanks of the whole company of exhibitors. And we are not unmindful of the Station Agents, Conductors, Drivers and Brakesmen, who generally displayed an alacrity, steadiness and good temper that enabled them to carry on the business of the line, almost as smoothly as if they were not weighted with excess of work nor exposed to the excitement of holiday crowds.

We desire to include in our compliment and expression of thanks the officers and employees of the Windsor and Annapolis Railway, but are constrain-

ed to do so in a distinctly qualified way. The arrangements made by that company for conveyance of exhibits to the Exhibition on the 1st of October were far from satisfactory to the exhibitors of Live Stock, the connection between the freight trains having been broken at Windsor on that day, causing a delay there of over three hours. In consequence of this, cattle, &c., from Truro were kept shut up in the cars for upwards of twelve hours without food, and did not reach the Exhibition grounds till after sunset, when they could not be properly fed or tended. The effect of this treatment—twenty-four hours neglect—upon cattle that had been carefully fed for months at great labour and expense can be fully understood only by experienced exhibitors. However, Mr. Innes, the Manager of the Windsor & Annapolis Railway, did his best to make amends to the Eastern exhibitors for the inconvenience they experienced on their travel to Kentville by the facilities he offered for their prompt DEPARTURE. They were enabled to return as soon as the Exhibition rules permitted, without waiting for time table hours. The anxiety to get one's cattle comfortably housed at home again after an Exhibition has to be experienced to be known. There was speedy loading, and a rapid, unbroken run home. It was a case in which the second and, in this instance, best half was effectively carried out of the familiar and useful injunction to hospitality: *Welcome the Coming, Speed the Parting, Guest.* For these facilities we know the Exhibitors will long hold Mr. Innes in grateful remembrance, notwithstanding the tedious first of October.

THE Annual Meetings of Agricultural Societies throughout the Province will be held simultaneously on Tuesday, the 4th December, when the Members assembled, of each Society, are required by the Act to elect a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and not more than five Directors.

In addition to the ordinary duties of management, the officers and directors shall present at the Annual Meeting in December, a report of the proceedings of the Society during the year, in which shall be stated the names of all the members of the Society, the amount paid by each, the premiums awarded, together with such remarks upon the agriculture of the county as they may be enabled to offer, and a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the society during the year, which report and statement, if approved at the meeting, shall be entered in the journal of the society, and a true copy thereof, certified by the President and Secretary to be correct, shall be sent to the Central Board. It is further provided that an attested list of the mem-

bers of the society whose annual subscriptions have been paid, together with a certified statement of the year's accounts and report as presented to the annual meeting, shall be forwarded by the President or Secretary of each Society to the Secretary of the Board not later than the *thirty-first day of December* in each year; and Societies failing to comply with the provisions of this section shall forfeit their claim to any share of the Provincial allowance to Societies for the year then ended.

If the officers and directors of the agricultural society of any county, or part of a county, consider that any other system might advantageously be submitted for that of shows, and that the sum allotted to such societies might be better applied to the purchase of *thorough-bred* stock, or to any other purpose for the improvement of agriculture,—in such case they may so apply the said sum, provided notice thereof has been given to the Board of Agriculture, and its approval of such appropriation obtained.

It may here be added that the Board regard the purchase and keeping of suitable *thorough-bred* registered stock as a very important function of these societies, and as, in many cases, the most desirable purpose to which their funds may be applied.

Societies are cautioned against expending their means in GRADE STOCK, which the Board feel should be discouraged.

It is the duty of the officers of every Agricultural Society, immediately after their election at the annual meeting in December, to nominate a person suitable for appointment to the Central Board, and the secretary of every society shall forthwith transmit to the Secretary of the Central Board the name and address of the person so nominated.

The Governor in Council shall select six from among the persons so nominated to be the members of the Central Board, one being chosen from each of the districts specified in Schedule B, and the preference being given, for each district, to the person nominated by the greatest number of societies. In case of an equality of votes for any number of the persons so nominated for any district, the Governor in Council shall determine who of the number shall be the member.

In case the officers of the Agricultural Societies shall neglect or refuse to nominate any person for appointment to the Central Board, or if the Secretaries of the Societies shall transmit no such name and address, the Governor in Council shall appoint a member of such Central Board for such district.

All members of the Board shall retire annually on the thirty-first day of January, but shall be eligible for re-appointment.