

But they have not, hitherto, done so. Up to, and including, the year 1875, the total amount of grants actually claimed did not quite reach \$6000 in any one year, as may be seen by reference to previous Reports. In 1875, for example, the Societies in each of seven Counties qualified for only a portion of the County allowance of \$400, and, in one County, (Richmond), no Society being formed, none of the money was drawn. The whole sum drawn that year was \$5790.50. During the year 1876, however, it will be seen that the total amount of grants qualified for has risen to \$6255, an amount in excess, to the extent of \$255, of the fund available to meet it. Judging from the applications now before the Board for leave to form new Societies, and the general interest that has been awakened throughout the Province, it may safely be assumed that this deficiency will be considerably increased during the year 1877. In these circumstances the Board respectfully request the Government and Legislature to make provision for such increase in the Annual Grant as may be necessary to meet the requirements of the increasing number of effective Societies, so that the system now so well organized may be continued in operation and extended throughout all the Counties of the Province.

The first Annual Provincial Exhibition of Agriculture, under the Act of 1875, was held at Truro, in October, 1876. The Committee's Report and the Prize List are printed in the Appendix to this Report, and afford full information as to its management. The Board are well satisfied with the way in which the Exhibition, as a whole, was conducted by the Colchester Exhibition Committee. They are, moreover, encouraged, by its marked success, to look forward to the Annual Provincial Exhibitions in the Counties as likely to exert a direct and powerfully beneficial influence upon the development of the industry of the Province, to lead to rapid improvement in every department of Agriculture, and to promote the comfort and prosperity and intelligence of the Agricultural population.

In accordance with arrangements made last Session, the Board undertook an importation from England of Cattle, Sheep and Pigs. The animals were of a very superior character, and their importation is calculated to exert a marked effect upon the stock of the Province. The loss on this importation amounted to \$3,096.09. After deducting the interest on the Stock Farm fund, there is still left a deficiency of \$2,895.42, which sum will be required to make up the Stock Farm fund to its original amount of \$8,000.00.

Cost of Purchase and Importation from England of Cattle, Sheep and Pigs, and Proceeds of Sale at Truro, October, 1876.

Paid for purchase of Cattle, Sheep and Pigs.....	\$1,255 80
Railway freights in England, and expenses of shipping, forage, &c.....	589 26
Other expenses, wages, keep, auctioneer, &c.....	205 70
Freight per steamer \$1,559.56, less rebate \$243.33.....	1,316 23
Total cost.....	\$6,566 99
Proceeds of sale, less disc't \$10.00.....	3,270 90
Loss.....	\$3,096 09
Amount of Deposit Receipt and Interest (Stock Farm fund).....	8,200 67
Balance of Stock Farm fund left.....	\$5,104 58
Deficiency to be made up on Stock Farm fund.....	2,895 42
	\$8,000 00

The Board have resolved to request authority again to use the Stock Farm fund, (when made up to its original amount of \$8,000.00), for the purpose of making another importation of live stock during the fall of 1877, so that the animals may be sold at the Provincial Exhibition. It is intended to import a smaller number of animals this year, in order that the loss may be less.

Arrangements for the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition of 1876 are now in progress, but not sufficiently matured to enable the Board to make any more definite report to the Legislature respecting them. It is hoped, however, that the Prize List and Regulations will be issued before the close of the present session of Parliament.

By order of the Central Board of Agriculture,

DAVID MATHESON, *Vice-President.*

GEORGE LAWSON, *Secretary.*

The members of the Board, before drawing the proceeding of the meeting to a close, expressed their appreciation of the effective manner in which the Vice President, D. Matheson, Esq., had discharged the duties of Chairman, in the absence of the President, and had enabled the Board to bring a large amount of important business to a successful and satisfactory issue. Whereupon Mr. Matheson moved, Mr. Longworth seconded, and the Board

Resolved, That we desire to express our regret at the absence of our respected President, Col. Laurie, whose services to the Board have been invaluable; we look forward with anxiety to his speedy return to the Province, when we trust he will be enabled, by renewed health and vigor, to resume the active work, in many important departments of public usefulness, in which we have been accustomed so long to see him engaged.

Col. Laurie, and Messrs. Matheson, Longworth and Starratt were (on motion of Mr. Ross) appointed as an Executive Committee for the year—three to be a quorum—after which the Board adjourned.

GEORGE LAWSON, *Secretary.*

At a meeting, held at Wolfville, on 16th inst., to hear the report of the Exhibition delegation, the following resolution was passed:

"Whereas, We have heard the report of our delegates to the Central Board of Agriculture, relative to the Provincial Exhibition of 1877, by which it appears that the discussion of the rival claims of Kentville and Wolfville before the said Board reached a point where it was necessary for either party to give way, or have the Exhibition sent out of King's County; and

"Whereas, Our delegates not wishing to push our claims to the extreme of depriving the County of the benefits of the Exhibition for the present year, and probably for many years to come, gracefully yielded to the general Exhibition Committee of the County; therefore

"Resolved, That we approve of the action of our delegates, believing that the course adopted by them was the best for the honour of Wolfville, and the interests of the county, and we hereby pledge ourselves to aid in making the Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition of 1877 a success."

ADDITIONS TO NOVA SCOTIA STOCK REGISTER.

SHORT HORN BULL CALF.

CCLXXVI.—DUKE OF COLCHESTER. White with some roan about ears. Calved 26th Feb'y, 1877. Bred by, and the property of, Israel Longworth, Esq., Truro, Colchester, N. S.

Sire Ragman 35198, by Grand Duke of Waterloo 2876, dam Raspberry 4th, by of Gloucester, 21644.

dam Maid of Oxford 4th, CCLIX.

gr d Maid of Oxford 2nd, by Seventh Duke of York, 17754.

g gr d Maid of Oxford by Fourth Duke of Oxford 11387.

g g gr d Fancy by Avalanche 12418.

g g g gr d Caprice by Harold 10299.

g g g g gr d Juliet by Sol 3608.

g g g g g gr d Kate by Leo 4208.

g g g g g g gr d Ada by Treasurer 5513.

g g g g g g g gr d Lady Byron by Rupert 2580.

g g g g g g g g gr d Lady Noel by North Star 160.

g g g g g g g g g gr d by Cripple 173.

g g g g g g g g g g gr d by Minor 441.

g g g g g g g g g g g gr d by Freeman 269.

g g g g g g g g g g g g gr d by Dandy 190.

SHORT HORN HEIFER CALF.

CCLXXVII.—COLCHESTER QUEEN. Dark roan. Calved 27th February, 1877. Bred and owned by J. B. Fraser, Esq., Shubenacadie.

Sire Baron Oxford 6th.

dam Cambridge Witch by Royal Cambridge 2509.

gr d Oxford Witch by Imperial Oxford 18081.