

Laurie be re-elected President for the year. Passed unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Matheson, that Charles E. Brown, Yarmouth, be elected Vice-President. Mr. Brown declined the honor, on the ground of the necessity of the Vice-President being within easy reach of the city, and moved that David Matheson, Pictou, be elected Vice-President. The motion was seconded by Mr. McDougall, and passed unanimously.

Mr. Ross moved that Professor Lawson be re-elected Secretary and Treasurer, seconded by Mr. Matheson, and unanimously passed.

The President was requested to invite the Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly to meet with the Board, and confer on the more important matters to come before the Board. Wednesday, at 11 a. m., was named as probably a convenient time.

It was arranged that the Board would receive the delegates from the King's County Exhibition Committee on Wednesday, at 2 p. m.

The Executive Committee submitted form of application for registration of thorough-bred stock, in accordance with resolutions passed at previous meetings. A discussion ensued on the requirements necessary for registration, in which Messrs. Rand, Ross, Brown, and other members, took part. The final consideration of this matter was deferred.

The Board adjourned for an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock, p. m.

Business resumed. Present: same members as at the morning meeting.

The Secretary read a card received from Mr. Longworth, expressing regret at delay in reaching the city.

Moved by Mr. Brown, that the form of application for registration of animals, so far as it relates to those whose sires and dams are registered in the new Nova Scotia Register, be approved of and sanctioned, and authorized to be printed and circulated. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ross and carried.

Moved by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Matheson, that the second part of the form recommended by the Committee, and which applies to animals whose sire or dam is not already registered in the new Nova Scotia Register, be approved and sanctioned, and authorized to be printed and circulated. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Hon. Mr. McDougall, that the third division or form of application, for the registry of stock in cases where the dam is not already recorded in any authoritative Herd Book, be approved of and sanctioned, and authorized to be printed and circulated. The motion was put to the meeting and carried.

The three several forms of application have each a declaration appended.

The President stated that the Agricultural Committee of the House had agreed to meet the Board at 11 o'clock, on Wednesday.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the Secretary was requested to distribute to the owners of animals recorded in the old register, the forms of application for registration sanctioned by the Board, and he was directed not to receive applications for registration, except on the proper official forms, which are to be filed in their order, under such regulations as the Board may prescribe, and constitute the *New Register*. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matheson, and passed.

Moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Ross, that the Report of this Executive Committee in regard to registration of stock be received and adopted.

Colonel Laurie having to leave the meeting on other pressing business, David Matheson, Vice-President, took the chair.

A communication was read from the Barrington West Passage Agricultural Society, explaining their reasons for departing, in some measure, from the regulations of the Board, the insular position of a portion of the Society having rendered this necessary during the past.

Moved by Mr. Brown, that in view of the explanations given, a rateable grant be authorized to the West Passage Society, provided the Government will provide the necessary funds, as the total amount authorized has already been appropriated and paid out to the various Societies of the Province.

A letter was read from Mr. Gayton, with minutes and schedule of returns from a new Agricultural Society proposed to be organized in West Pubnico, County of Yarmouth.

Moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Ross, and passed, that the West Pubnico Agricultural Society be authorized to be organized under the Act for the Encouragement of Agriculture.

A letter was read from George Laurie, Secretary of the Little Harbor Agricultural Society, County of Pictou, explaining the society's accounts. Moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Rand, and agreed, that the explanations are satisfactory.

Read a post card from Mr. Fisher, Secretary of the West Cornwallis Agricultural Society, explaining accounts.

Moved by Honorable Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Ross, that the Secretary of the Board communicate with the West Cornwallis and Kings' Central Societies, requesting them to comply more strictly with the requirements of

the Act, otherwise the Board will be unable to authorize a continuance of their grants. Passed.

The Board adjourned, to meet again on Wednesday morning, at 10 o'clock.

Wednesday, March 24th, 1880.

The Board resumed business this morning at ten o'clock. Present:—Colonel Laurie, President; D. Matheson, V. P.; Israel Longworth, Truro; John Ross, Bunkardario; Chas. E. Brown, Yarmouth; Hon. H. F. McDougall; Jonathan Rauld, Cornwallis; Prof. Lawson, Secretary.

At 11 o'clock, the following members of the Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly were introduced:—Col. Blair, M. P. P. for Colchester, Chairman; Angus McGillivray, M. P. P., Antigonish; John Morrison, M. P. P., Victoria; Nathaniel Spence, M. P. P., Hants; J. S. Ford, M. P. P., Queens; W. C. Bill, M. P. P., Kings.

Colonel Laurie, President, pointed out the inadequacy of the Legislative grant of \$6000 to meet the requirements of the eighteen Counties, each being entitled by the Act to \$400, which would make \$7,200. This year the actual appropriation paid to Societies amounted to \$6,538, which the Government had enabled the Board to meet by increasing the grant to the extent of \$538.

Colonel Blair addressed the meeting, calling special attention to the importance of establishing some system of Agricultural education, which might be done by adding a Chair of Agriculture to the Normal School at Truro, the only difficulty being the scarcity of funds. If there were any available funds, he thought they could not be devoted to a better purpose, not even excepting importation of stock.

Mr. Ford read resolutions passed by the Agricultural Societies in Queen's Co., (already published in proceedings of House of Assembly) and urged the justice, propriety and necessity of providing for agricultural improvement in those parts of the country that were not readily accessible to the means now in operation in the more favored and more central districts of the Province.

The Hon. Mr. McDougall spoke of the Cape Breton exhibition. Last year, he said, the people of the Island were not in a position to avail themselves fully of the advantages offered by an exhibition. It was different now. He had this morning received a telegram from North Sydney to the effect that steps were already being taken for holding the exhibition this season. A fair opportunity should be given to enable them to make the exhibition what it should be, and to bring the agriculture of the Island on a parallel with that of the more advanced counties of the Province.