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To Grants paid to Societies	\$ 6435 46
Provincial Prize Fund for Dominion Exhibition	4000 00
Expenses of quarantine of cattle imported in 1880, and also	497 49
Cost and expenses of Polled Angus Cattle, 1881	2770 02
Printing and mailing Ag'l Journal Advertising	394 81
General Printing	136 42
Secretary's Salary, 1st January to 31st March	88 50
Secretary's Salary, from 2nd April to 31st December, 1881	300 00
Stationery	675 00
Postages and telegrams for year 1880 and miscellaneous expenses for 1881	25 00
Travelling expenses of Members of Board	26 00
Balance in Treasurer's hand	56 20
	893 31
	16 70
	\$16319 91

By Balance brought down \$ 16 70

GEORGE LAWSON, Treasurer.

11th Feb'y, 1882.

Statement showing the number and strength of Societies in the respective Counties of the Province for 1881.

COUNTIES.	Number of Societies.	Number of Members.	Total amount of Annual Subscriptions.	Total amount of Grant in aid.
Annapolis	7	392	\$ 477 50	\$ 400 00
Antigonish	4	347	388 75	400 00
Cape Breton	6	319	319 00	400 00
Colchester	9	447	447 00	400 00
Cumberland	5	289	331 00	400 00
Digby	4	253	253 00	400 00
Guysborough	3	132	152 50	305 00
Halifax	4	202	202 00	400 00
Hants	5	237	319 00	400 00
Inverness	7	449	499 00	400 00
Lings	6	456	766 50	400 00
Lunenburg	4	233	255 00	400 00
Pictou	6	507	550 40	400 00
Queens	4	231	231 00	400 00
Richmond	5	137	151 00	302 00
Shelburne	2	106	110 00	220 00
Victoria	4	232	232 00	400 00
Yarmouth	3	325	501 47	440 00
	86	5293	\$6186 12	\$6827 00

Comparative Statement showing the number and strength of Societies in each year, from 1864 to 1881, inclusive.

YEAR.	Number of Societies.	Number of Members.	Amount of Subscriptions.	Grants in aid.
1st year, 1864...	37	1744	\$1859 00	\$3010 00
2nd " 1865...	48	2197	2384 00	3314 00
3rd " 1866...	52	2543	5870 00	3566 00
4th " 1867...	58	2833	3951 00	3444 50
5th " 1868...	43	2346	2519 75	3232 30
6th " 1869...	43	2209	2510 50	3001 30
7th " 1870...	49	2725	3047 00	3372 00
8th " 1871...	57	3545	3672 80	3543 00
9th " 1872...	60	3597	4004 50	3901 00
10th " 1873...	61	3586	3929 00	4785 00
11th " 1874...	64	3971	4495 00	5830 00
12th " 1875...	66	4140	4757 75	5790 50
13th " 1876...	75	4150	5633 00	6255 00
14th " 1877...	74	4144	4860 00	6592 50
15th " 1878...	77	4130	4060 82	6478 00
16th " 1879...	79	4327	4829 50	6694 00
17th " 1880...	83	4697	5551 75	6348 00
18th " 1881	86	5293	6186 12	6827 00

CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

Halifax, Jan. 31, 10 a. m.

Present—Charles E. Brown, V. P., in the chair; Hon. H. F. McDougall, M. E. C., Christmas Island, C. B.; John Ross, New Glasgow; Colonel Starratt, Paradise; Professor Lawson, Secretary.

A letter was read from David Matheson, Pictou, President, apologising for absence, and subsequently a telegram was received announcing a death in his family.

The annual reports of agricultural societies for 1881; attested returns of membership; also, nominations by officers of societies to the Central Board of Agriculture, were laid on the table and partly examined.

Moved by Hon. Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Ross, and passed, that Messrs. Starratt and Brown be a committee to examine returns of nominations to the Board and report.

The Board adjourned till the following morning at 9.30.

February 1st, 9.30 a. m.

Present—Charles E. Brown, V. P., in the chair; Hon. H. F. McDougall; Israel Longworth, Truro; John Ross; Col. W. E. Starratt, Prof. Lawson, Secretary.

The Chairman presented report of committee who had examined the returns of officers of Societies of nominations to the Central Board, which, on motion of Mr. Longworth, seconded by Col. Starratt, was approved of, and the Secretary was directed to send a statement of the results to the Hon. Provincial Secretary.

Col. Blair attended as delegate from the Onslow Agricultural Society, in support of the following application:—

TRURO, Dec. 28, 1881.

To the Central Board of Agriculture:

GENTLEMEN,—On behalf of the Onslow Agricultural Society, I am authorized to ask your honorable board to locate the Provincial Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition of 1882 in Colchester. Our claims to the forthcoming exhibition are well known to your Board.

1. We have held two of the most successful Provincial exhibitions that it has ever been the privilege of your Board to superintend.
2. Our capital town is the best railway centre in the Province, and therefore easy of access to exhibitors from all parts.
3. Ample accommodation can be provided in the town of Truro, as heretofore, for all exhibitors and visitors that may wish to attend your Provincial fair of 1882.
4. We have now large grounds, suitable buildings, a splendid water supply, and all other equipments that are necessary to successfully carry out a Provincial Exhibition.
5. We offer a prize list of \$6,000, which doubtless will be increased by the many private prizes that will be placed before us.

Upon these considerations, and taking into question of alteration in our Provincial Exhibition into account, the Onslow Agricultural Society respectfully apply for your Exhibition of 1882.

We are,
Yours obediently,
W. M. BLAIR, President,
ISAAC BAUSHILL, Secretary,
Onslow Agricultural Society

The consideration of this subject was deferred until the Board should ascertain the views of Agricultural Societies and examination of their reports.

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Col. Starratt, and resolved, that the following new Societies be recognized and organized under the Act, and entitled to qualify for the ensuing year, viz: Northport Agricultural Society, County of Cumberland; Agricultural Society of Polling District No. 3, County of Cumberland, Farmerstown (formerly Goose River) Also that the Mapleton Agricultural Society, County of Cumberland, be recognized as entitled to qualify for the ensuing year, provided a list of members is furnished not later than 1st of July, as required by the Act.

Moved by Mr. Ross, seconded by Col. Starratt, and resolved, that the Lennox Agricultural Society, County Richmond, be recognized under the Act, and entitled to participate in the grant for 1881, about to be distributed.

The rest of the day was spent in the examination of the annual returns and accounts of Agricultural Societies. The Board adjourned till Thursday morning, at 9.30.

Halifax, Feb. 2, 9 a. m.

Present—Charles E. Brown, V. P., Hon. H. F. McDougall, John Ross, Col. Starratt, I. Longworth, Prof. Lawson, Secretary.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Moved by Colonel Starratt, seconded by Mr. Ross, and passed, that the President and Mr. Longworth be appointed an auditing committee to audit the Treasurer's Accounts for the past year.

Moved by Mr. Ross, seconded by Col. Starratt, and passed, that the Treasurer be directed to collect all outstanding accounts so as to include payments of the same in the accounts for the year before placing them before the Auditing Committee.

Mr. Longworth gave notice that at next meeting of the Board he would move a resolution, suggesting to the Agricultural Committee of the House the propriety of granting a yearly bonus to a competent veterinary surgeon, approved by the Board, who should have his permanent residence in the city, and be ready to give his services throughout the