

As some of the remarks made respecting the action of the Board of Agriculture, in reference to choice of county for the Provincial Exhibition of 1877, are apt to give rise to confusion of ideas, we wish to state explicitly what that action was.

The Executive Committee of the Board met on the 26th January to receive applications from counties. Three were presented; one from Halifax (indefinite); one from Colchester offering a prize list of \$6,500; and one from King's offering prizes to the amount, "at least" of \$5,000. After due consideration the Executive Committee resolved to recommend the Board to accept the offer of the King's County Committee, and, in order to forward the business, that committee were requested to fix definitely the exact locality, and to prepare prize lists and plans, that the whole might be presented to full meeting of the Board. The Board meeting was held last week. The King's Committee, attended by delegates, announced their choice of Kentville, and presented plans and prize list. The several applications of Halifax, Colchester and King's were now before the full Board for the first time, and would have been dealt with at once, and no doubt in accordance with the recommendation of the Executive Committee; but, at this stage, a delegation of four gentlemen from Wolfville appeared, and asserted that there was dissatisfaction in the county with the particular site chosen. In these circumstances the Board deferred their decision till the 13th March by the following resolution:—"After fully considering the representations of delegates, from King's County Committee and from Wolfville, from which it appears that some difference of opinion exists as to the suitability of the site chosen for the Exhibition buildings, the Board resolve to defer their final decision upon the offers received from the several counties till the 13th day of March, in order to afford an opportunity for the King's County Exhibition Committee to reconsider the matter. In the meantime the Board will consider in detail the Prize List offered, and the necessary regulations, so that immediate action may be taken when the Board next meet on the date above mentioned.

It is confidently hoped that at the meeting of 13th March the Committee of King's County will be able to present matters in such a form as to justify the Board in at once accepting their offer.

CHILD-LIKE and bland, is the remark of the New York *Mail* concerning the Blue-Glass hallucination:—"The great charm of the discovery is that there is no lumbag about it."

We have omitted, till now, to notice a rare and interesting Fern shown to us some time ago by Robert Morrow, Esq., which had been found by his son, Mr. Geoffrey Morrow, in New Brunswick. The fern is *Woodsia Ilvensis*. The particulars are as follow:—

"The Fern was found at the Falls of the Neyandon River, about ten miles from Bathurst, N. B. It grew on the side of a granite cliff about 30 or 40 feet above the river and in very little soil. There were several other plants, but they could not be reached, unless a person were let down by a rope. —Date about 15th July, 1876.

GEORGE MORROW."

MR. GEO. M. PATTEN, Hebron, Yarmouth, has a cow $\frac{3}{4}$ ths Jersey, Bess Butler by name, which is one of the best butter cows in Yarmouth County, so noted for its dairy stock. She has made, since he owned her, 15 lbs. of butter in seven days, on grass alone. He has had her for six years, and is raising nice stock from her with thorough-bred Jersey bulls.

THE annual meeting of the SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS was held at the Masonic Hall, Halifax, on 1st March, when, after the reading of the Secretary's report of the doings of the Society, the following officers were duly elected for the ensuing year:—

President—M. H. Richey, Esq.

Vice-Presidents—Hon. P. C. Hill, Professor Lawson, LL. D., Halifax; John P. Mott, Esq., Dartmouth, J. J. MacKinnon, M. P. P., Antigonish; Dr. Nathan Tupper, Amherst; Israel Longworth, Esq., Truro, James G. MacKeen, Esq., Port Hastings; Thomas Flint, Esq., Yarmouth; Dr. Shaw, Kentville; D. Matheson, Esq., Pictou; T. C. Hill, Esq., Sydney; C. E. Kaulback, Esq., Lunenburg.

Executive Committee—A. H. Woodill, Esq., M. D.; B. G. Gray, Esq.; Rev. R. Murray; J. C. Mackintosh, Esq.; S. M. Brookfield, Esq.; J. Harvey Frith, Esq.; J. F. Kenny, Esq.

Counsel—Messrs. Henry and Weston.

Secretary—John Naylor, Esq.

Treasurer—Mr. Hedley.

J. B. FRASER, Esq., of Shubenacadie, writes to us as follows, under date 27th February:—

"'Cambridge Witch' has this day dropped a dark roan Heifer calf and is doing well. I have also purchased from John Parker, Esq., 'Lady Mary' for \$250, and her Bull calf. She is a great milker and the calf is (good judges say) the finest calf they ever saw for its age."

Short Horn blood is evidently rising in the market. If the Board should import Heifers this year they will not be knocked down for \$105.

THE two following Short Horn items are from the Colchester *Sun* of 28th:—

"Yesterday morning the imported Short Horn Cow, MAID OF OXFORD 4TH, owned by Mr. Longworth, dropped a white bull calf, sired by the celebrated English Short Horn bull, Lord Ragman, bred by Lord Fitzhardinge, Berkeley Castle.

We are pleased to learn that J. B. Fraser, Esq., of Shubenacadie, in this County, has purchased the Short Horn Cow LADY MARY for \$250, and her bull calf, a splendid animal, by Ragman, that extraordinary Bull bred by Lord Fitzhardinge. The cow is from some of the best stock in England, full of Bates character; with several successive crosses of Duchess and Oxford blood. Sire Grand Duke of Clarence 28750. Grand sire Wild Boy from Mr. Bates's celebrated Wild Eyes tribe.

MR. JOHN C. ELLS, Pereaux, writes to the *Citizen* that as enquiry is often made as to the best time to prune fruit trees, he would recommend about the *twentieth of June* as best suited for the purpose, as at that time the wounds will not bleed, and will heal up soundly. He adds that long experience in pruning convinces him that pruning in April is very injurious, as the sap is then in full flow and causes the wound to rot.

D. MCG. JOHNSON, Esq., of Stewiacke, writes as follows:—

"I have several times thought of bringing to the notice of *Agricultural Board* the advantage that might accrue to Farmers by allowing 20 members to form an Agricultural Society by paying \$2.00 each. I will not venture many reasons at present, but if it should meet your approval, would be glad to discuss the point.

1st. Societies are too long, extending some eight or ten miles by one mile wide.

2nd. Stock that is imported is soon used up by having to accommodate so many \$1.00 members.

3rd. Hard work to trot up a Society where so much area has to be gone over.

At present the Agricultural Societies, according to their financial reports, are not very forehanded,—many of them weak,—yet we could not get along very well without them. But if the funds were more concentrated, I believe the profits generally would be greater."

CHARLES E. BROWN, Esq., Yarmouth, has sold the thorough-bred Jersey Bull PAST TYLER CXIII., to the Liverpool Agricultural Society in Queen's County. This bull was imported from Jersey by Edward Parsons Fowler, for P. B. Tyler, West Haven, Conn.