

pared for systematic registration and issuing of Certificates of Pedigree of the following classes of cattle :

1. Short Horns.
2. Devons.
3. Ayrshires.

The Board then adjourned till Wednesday morning.

March 26th, 1873.

The Board met at ten o'clock, a.m. Present : All the members who were present the preceding day.

Joseph J. Northup, Esq., President, in the chair.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous day's meeting, which, on motion of Mr. Zwicker, seconded by Mr. Matheson, were approved of.

On suggestion of Mr. Longworth the Report of the Committee on affairs of the New Gairloch Agricultural Society, in Pictou County, laid on the table yesterday, was brought up for discussion, whereupon Mr. Spratt moved, and Mr. Dakin, seconded that the report be adopted.

The Board deferred the farther consideration of this subject in order to meet the Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly.

The following gentlemen of the Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly were then introduced by the Honorable Edmund Flynn, Chairman of the Committee, viz :— Henry Allison, Esq., M.P.P., Albert Gayton, Esq., M.P.P., Dr. Campbell, M.P.P., S. H. Holmes, Esq. M.P.P., John Ross, Esq., M.P.P.

The President of the Board, in receiving the Committee, expressed the desire of the Board to carry out the views of the Legislature in all their efforts to promote agricultural improvement, and he expressed the hope that the Committee would favorably represent the claims of the Agricultural interest both to the House of Assembly and the Government.

Mr. Longworth, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, explained the financial position of the Board. The accounts had been examined and were found correct. The financial condition of the Board is very satisfactory. The importation of stock was a success, and the Government had liberally advanced \$1,500, to make up the Permanent Stock Fund to its original amount of \$8,000. The balance in the President's hands, on the accounts balanced up to 25th March, 1873, was \$2,367.35. Mr. Longworth then addressed the meeting on the importance of promoting Agricultural improvement. The Government had introduced a new Act, and although it was the instrument by which twelve of their throats were cut, and six more were to be allowed to scramble back at six cents a mile, yet he

looked upon the action of the Government as evidence that more would be done in the future than had been done in the past.

The Honorable Mr. Flynn said that although the Government were desirous of promoting Agricultural improvement, yet there were other important interests, and those who paid large import taxes looked with jealousy upon grants to Agriculture. Mr. Allison also addressed the meeting. Until recently he had thought it not desirable to have the Exhibition this year, but he found that two thirds of the farmers of the Province were in favor of it, and he therefore thought it should be carried out. Mr. Northup and other members spoke strongly in favor of the Exhibition.

The Board then proceeded to wait upon the members of Government, to ascertain whether a grant would be given to carry out the Exhibition; but after full consideration, the Government decided that in consequence of legal notice of one year not having been given, as required by the Act, the Government could not give a grant for an Exhibition this year.

Moved by Mr. Dakin that as it appeared the Board's Resolutions, published in October, 1872, are not regarded as sufficient legal notice of the Exhibition, the Secretary of the Board be requested to ascertain from the Attorney General what form of notice is required; that if such notice should be given by the Government, then that the Provincial Secretary be requested to give notice of a Provincial Exhibition for October, 1874; that if it be the duty of the Board to give such notice, then that the Secretary of the Board give notice of such Exhibition without delay, under advice of the Honorable Attorney General.

On motion of Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Matheson, it was ordered that Returns of Societies qualifying for Grants be received up to the 31st December yearly, but not later.

The remainder of the Board's proceedings, together with Mr. Longworth's address and other important matter will appear in an extra number of the *Journal* to be published forthwith. The political papers that go to the country are so heavily oppressed by the Debates, that they cannot yield up sufficient room for the proceedings of the Board.

HALIFAX, 1ST APRIL, 1873.

We regret to record the death of GEORGE C. LAURENCE, Esq., of Port Hood, formerly Sheriff of Inverness County. For many years Mr. Laurence took an active interest in the Agricultural prosperity of his county, and, in conjunction with the late Hon. Mr. McKeen of

Mabou, succeeded in establishing the Mabou and Port Hood Agricultural Society, which has still a vigorous existence. Mr. Laurence was, for several years, a Member of the Central Board of Agriculture, and the news of his death reached the city simultaneously with letters from Secretaries of Societies in Inverness County, nominating him again to the Board for the present year. That County consequently remains, for the present, unrepresented. The deceased was a native of the land of Scott, his early days were spent near Abbotsford, and he had many genial stories to tell of the Poet and Novelist. He was well known throughout the Province, and highly respected.

We extract the following from the *Morning Chronicle* :—

THE NEW AGRICULTURAL ACT.— Among the bills passed in the House of Assembly on Saturday was one introduced by the Government, for the better encouragement of Agriculture. It provides that hereafter the Board of Agriculture shall be composed of seven members, instead of twenty-one, as heretofore. With a view to keeping the Government informed of what the Board does and letting the Board know the intention of the Government in agricultural matters, it is provided that one of the seven members shall be a member of the Government. The other six are to be appointed by the Government from persons nominated by the agricultural societies—one member for each of the agricultural districts. The members of the Board are to receive no pay and the sum allowed each one for travelling expenses shall not exceed six cents per mile for each mile travelled going and coming. The Government are authorized to increase the grant for agriculture to as high as \$8,000, (the present limit is \$6,000). No one society will receive more than \$250, and no one county more than \$400. The chief objection to the old system was that the Board of Agriculture was too large and that its expense absorbed too large a portion of the Government grant. The new measure was favorably received on both sides of the House and passed unanimously.

We think it well to notice briefly some of the leading points presented in the Annual Reports of our Agricultural Societies :—

The North Queen's Society has started a new year with 41 members, a number which we hope will be increased. The funds of the past year were expended in