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Omnium rerum, ex quibus aliquid acquiritur, nihil est agriculturâ melius, nihil uberius, nihil homine libero dignius.—Cicero: de Officiis, lib. I, cap. 42.

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CAPE BRETON EXHIBITION.

At a meeting of delegates representing the Agricultural Societies of the Island of Cape Breton, convened in the Court House, Baddeck, this 14th day of May, 1880, at 2 o'clock, p. m., Wm. McCurdy, Esq., was called to the chair, and J. H. Hearn, Esq., appointed Secretary.

The chairman explained the object of the meeting as being for the purpose of selecting a suitable place for holding an Island Exhibition, under the auspices of the Central Board of Agriculture of Nova Scotia, in pursuance with notice given for the purpose. The following gentlemen then reported themselves as delegates from the Societies below named, viz:—

W. F. McCurdy, Esq.,	for Baddeck Socy.
J. H. Hearn, Esq.,	" Isle Madame "
David McKae, Esq.,	" N. E. Margaree "
Geo. C. Laurence, Esq.,	" Strait of Causo "
John Vooght, Esq.,	" Bouvardais "
Henry M. Lawlor, Esq.,	" Sydney Mines "
W. H. Moore, Esq.,	" North Sydney "
Jacob Hart, Esq.,	" River Dennis "
Hon. H. F. McDougall,	" Christmas Isl'd "
J. T. Burchell, Esq.,	" Sydney "
John Morrison, Esq.,	" St. Ann's "
John McLellan, Esq.,	" Middle River "

The following Societies were not represented, viz:—Mabou, Broad Cove and St. Peter's.

John Ross, Esq., the Cape Breton representative to the Central Board, being present, was called upon, and addressed the delegates upon the nature and object of the grant made by the Local Government to encourage an Island Exhibition of our products, and recommended that the Societies take advantage of the liberal offer, during the coming autumn.

The meeting was also addressed upon the subject of the Exhibition and the importance of the Societies and people throughout the Island uniting to make it a success, by Messrs. J. Morrison, G. C. Laurence, J. H. Hearn and Hon. H. F. McDougall, when it was unanimously resolved to hold a Cape Breton Exhibition in the most suitable town upon the Island.

It was then moved by J. Vooght, Esq., seconded by J. H. Hearn, Esq., "That, in view of the superior advantages presented by the Town of North Sydney, in the County of Cape Breton, over all other localities on the Island, and the liberal grants offered by the people of North Sydney, and the Municipal Council Board of the County, aggregating twelve hundred dollars to supplement the prize list, if held in that town, the agricultural interests of this Island would be best subserved by holding such exhibition in the town of North Sydney." Messrs. Vooght, Hearn and Moore strongly advocated the adoption of this resolution, urging with much force the claims and advantages of North Sydney above other localities, and showing that the sum of one thousand dollars had already been subscribed by the people of that town, which, together with the two hundred dollars voted by the Municipal Council of Cape Breton County, and the donation expected from the Agricultural Societies of the Island, would enable them to offer a prize list of three thousand dollars. They also guaranteed the erection of large and commodious buildings for the exhibits, with superior hotel accommodation for all

the visitors that would attend the exhibition.

It was then moved by George C. Laurence, Esq., seconded by David McKae, Esq., "That Baddeck, being the most central town in the agricultural districts of the Island, and possessing unrivalled facilities of access, both by land and water, and having guaranteed the sum of five hundred dollars cash (besides the amounts to be subscribed) in addition to the prize list, and also providing all the necessary buildings, grounds, &c., as well as sufficient accommodation for all visitors, is therefore decidedly the most suitable town in the Island of Cape Breton, in which to hold an Island Exhibition." Messrs. Laurence, Hart, Morrison and McLellan spoke strongly in favour of Baddeck, claiming that its central position would be an inducement for the farmers of Inverness and Victoria to exhibit their stock and products with more advantage and less expense. The chairman also urged the claims of Baddeck, stating that the people had subscribed the sum of five hundred dollars, and he expected this sum would be increased by liberal donations from the societies in the Island.

After considerable discussion upon the subject of the locality, in which the gentlemen before-named warmly participated, a vote was taken upon the amendment, which was carried by a majority of two, including the chairman, who wished to have his vote recorded. The vote stood as follows:—For the amendment, Messrs. W. F. McCurdy, (Chairman); G. C. Laurence, D. McKae, J. T. Burchell, J.