

their successors at the annual meeting, exercise all the powers vested in the society by this Act.

20. They shall hold special meetings pursuant to adjournment, or on written notice from the secretary, which shall be given one week before the day appointed for such meeting, and at such meetings five shall be a quorum.

21. The said officers and directors may at any such meetings make, alter, and repeal bye-laws and rules for the management of such society, copies of which shall within one month thereafter be forwarded to the secretary of the Central Board for its approval.

22. The said officers and directors shall, in addition to the ordinary duties of management, present at the annual meeting in December a report of the proceedings of the society during the year, in which shall be stated the names of all the members of the society, the amount paid by each, the names of all persons to whom premiums were awarded, with the name of the animal, article or thing in respect of which the same was granted, together with such remarks upon the agriculture of the county as they may be enabled to offer, and a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the society during the year, which report and statement, if approved by the meeting, shall be entered in the journal of the society, and a true copy thereof certified by the president and secretary to be correct, shall be sent to the Central Board within one month thereafter.

23. If any society shall neglect to render such accounts and report, it shall forfeit its claims to the provincial grant for the year next succeeding.

24. The county society, where but one exists in a county, and the several societies, where more than one is established therein, shall be requested to hold an annual show for the exhibition of agricultural and horticultural produce, farm stock, and articles of domestic manufactures, at which prizes shall be granted for the best specimens produced of farm culture, and such shows shall be held at such time and place, and under such regulations, as the majority of the officers and directors of the several county societies may determine.

25. If the officers and directors of the agricultural society of any county, or part of a county, consider that any other system might advantageously be substituted for that of shows, and that the sum allotted to such societies might be better applied in the importation of stock, or to any other purpose for the improvement of agriculture,—in such case they may apply the said sum, provided notice thereof has been given to the Board of Agriculture, and its approval of such appropriation obtained.

26. The provisions of this chapter shall extend to all agricultural societies at present in existence.

SCHEDULES.

A.

Who whose names are hereunto subscribed agree to form ourselves into a society under the provisions of the Chapter of the Revised Statutes "Of the Encouragement of Agriculture," to be named the Agricultural Society, in the County of _____; and we severally agree to pay to the treasurer of said society towards the funds thereof annu-

ally the sums set opposite our respective names.

Names of Subscribers.		Sums Subscribed.
A	B	\$
C	D	

B.

The City and County of Halifax shall comprise District No. 1.

District No. 2 shall include the Counties of Kings, Annapolis and Digby.

District No. 3 shall include the Counties of Lunenburg, Queens, Shelburne, and Yarmouth.

District No. 4 shall include the Counties of Hants, Colchester and Cumberland.

District No. 5 shall include the Counties of Pictou, Antigonish, and Guysborough.

District No. 6. shall include the Counties of Cape Breton, Richmond, Inverness and Victoria.

CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

HALIFAX, 23rd March, 1875.

The annual statutory meeting of the Central Board of Agriculture was held to-day in the Committee Room, adjoining the Provincial Library.

Present—Hon. D. McDonald, Atty. General, Colonel Laurie, Oakfield, Colonel W. E. Starratt, Paradise, David Matheson, Esq., Mayor of Pictou, Israel Longworth, Esq., Truro, John Ross, Esq., Boularderie, Professor Lawson.

David Matheson, Esq., of Pictou, having been moved into the chair, it was resolved, on motion of Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Starratt, that Colonel Laurie be elected President of the Board. Whereupon, Colonel Laurie, as President, took the chair, and thanked the Board for their courtesy in electing him.

Moved by Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Ross, and resolved, that Israel Longworth, Esq., Truro, be elected Vice-President.

On motion of Mr. Matheson, seconded by Colonel Starratt, Professor Lawson was elected Secretary and Treasurer.

Mr. Longworth moved a resolution expressive of the sense of the Board of the loss which the Province had sustained by the death of the late President, Hon. R. A. McHaffey, a copy of which was directed to be sent to his widow:—

Resolved,—“That the Board of Agriculture take the earliest opportunity to express their profound regret for the death of their late lamented President—the Honorable Richard A. McHaffey, and to record their sense of the loss which the Province at large has sustained by being deprived of his services in the cause of Agriculture, as well as in other departments of public usefulness. Mr. McHaffey's admirable qualities as a man and a citizen, and the invaluable services which he rendered to the Agricul-

ture of Nova Scotia, were well known to every member of the Board, and cannot be too highly estimated. The Board feel that in him they have lost a wise counsellor, as well as a highly valued friend, whose memory they will always cherish, and whose place cannot easily be filled.”

It was arranged to invite the Standing Committee on Agriculture of the House of Assembly to meet in conference with the Board on Thursday, 25th inst., at half-past eleven o'clock, and the Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Chairman of the Committee accordingly.

A motion in reference to the proposed importation of hard wheat was allowed to lie over for further inquiry.

The Members of the Board spent the remainder of the forenoon in discussing the propriety of making an importation from Ontario of horses, cattle, sheep and pigs, and in planning a system of Annual Provincial Exhibitions, but no definite resolution was passed.

The Board adjourned at 1 o'clock, to meet again at 3 p. m.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Board re-assembled. Present—Col. Laurie, President; Israel Longworth, Esq., Vice-President; David Matheson, Esq.; John Ross, Esq.; Col. Starratt; Prof. Lawson, Secretary.

The afternoon was chiefly occupied in detailed business connected with Agricultural Societies, including the formation of a new society in Halifax Co.

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

COMMITTEE ROOM,
OLD PROVINCE BUILDING.
March 23rd, 1875.

Present—Col. Laurie, President; Israel Longworth, Esq., Vice-President; Hon. D. McDonald, Attorney General; David Matheson, Esq.; W. E. Starratt, Esq.; John Ross, Esq.; Prof. Lawson, Secretary.

Moved by Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Ross,—

Whereas, A sum of \$103.70 was reserved out of the grant for Pictou County in 1873 for the purpose of paying the New Gairloch Society its proportion in the event of qualifying therefor;

And whereas, The New Gairloch Society has not complied with the resolution of the Board of 25th June, 1874, requiring the Society's original accounts and vouchers, with items of income and expenditure in detail;

Therefore resolved, That the said amount of \$103.70 be distributed rateably among the Societies in Pictou County that were duly qualified in 1873.

The resolution was put to the meeting and passed unanimously.

A letter was read by the Secretary from the Rev. Edward Ansell, Beaver Harbor Parsonage, with minutes of meeting, held on 25th December, for the purpose of organizing a Society to be named the “Salmon River, Beaver Harbor, Agricultural Society,” in the County of