

returned from the exhibition when we received the following card :

In loving remembrance of

JOHN MAGEE,

Aged 59 years.

St. John, N. B., October 12th, 1885.

"Watch, therefore, for ye know not what hour the Lord doth come."

GOVERNMENT OF NOVA SCOTIA.

OFFICE OF AGRICULTURE,

Halifax, 17th Nov., 1885.

To _____ Secretary of the
_____ Agricultural Society :

SIR,—I am directed to request that you will call the attention of the Board of Officers, and of the Members, of your Society to the provisions of the Acts for Encouragement of Agriculture, a copy of which will be sent to you. Strict compliance with these provisions is absolutely necessary on the part of Societies desirous of participating in the Annual Legislative Grant for Agriculture.

It will be observed that the Annual Meetings of Societies are required to be held on the first Tuesday of December in each year, when they shall elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and not more than five Directors. The day of meeting falls this year on Tuesday, 1st December.

The Officers and Directors, in addition to the ordinary duties of management, are required to 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 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 Government, through the Secretary for Agriculture.

It is specially provided that an attested list of the members of the Society whose annual subscription fees have been paid, together with a certified statement of the year's accounts and Report as presented to the Annual Meeting, shall be forwarded by the President or Secretary of each Society to the Government, not later than the thirty-first day of December

in each year; and Societies failing to comply with these provisions shall forfeit their claim to any share of the Provincial allowance to Societies for the year then ended.

Blank forms for attested lists of membership and subscriptions paid for the year 1885, are forwarded to your address under a separate cover. Such Returns and Annual Reports and Accounts of Societies are now allowed to pass through the post office at book rates, viz. : 1 cent for a package under four ounces, if left open at both ends and not containing a letter. In all cases where papers are forwarded in this way a post card should be mailed separately, stating when and by whom they have been sent.

The Central Board of Agriculture having been abolished, it is not necessary for the officers of your Society to nominate a person for appointment thereto. All the powers, authorities and duties possessed by and imposed on the Board under the Acts for the Encouragement of Agriculture, are now conferred and imposed upon the Governor-in-Council, who is also empowered to make regulations for carrying out the purposes of the Act.

I am further directed to request that you will call the attention of the officers and members of your Society to the amendments of the Act in regard to County Exhibitions. The District Exhibitions having been abolished, and provision being made for holding the Provincial Exhibition hereafter once in three years, the Governor-in-Council may grant to each county a sum not exceeding two hundred and thirty dollars per annum, for the purpose of encouraging County Exhibitions in those years in which a Provincial Exhibition is not held. As there will be no Provincial Exhibition this year, it is necessary, in event of your Society considering an exhibition in your County desirable, that communication should be opened, without delay, with the other Societies in the County, and as soon as the joint action of the Societies of the County leads to a definite proposal for holding a County Exhibition, a joint application, stating the time, place, amounts of prizes proposed to be offered in the several classes, and any other important particulars, should be transmitted to me,—such joint application to be signed by the President or Secretary of the Society or Societies in the County proposing to undertake the management of the Exhibition.

The provisions of the Act in regard to County Exhibition are as follows:—"The County Society, where but one exists in a County, and the several Societies, where more than one are established therein, shall be requested to hold an annual show, for the exhibition of agricultural and horticultural produce,

farm stock and articles of domestic manufacture, at which prizes shall be granted for the best specimens produced, and such show shall be held at such times and places, and under such regulations, as the majority of the officers and directors of the several County Societies may determine."

Your earnest attention, and that of the officers and members of your Society, is solicited to the several statements and requirements of this Circular, in order to prevent disappointment to your Society, and to facilitate the successful working of our provincial agricultural organization.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

GEORGE LAWSON,
Secretary for Agriculture.

THE SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
PROVINCIAL NORMAL SCHOOL,
TRURO.

FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OPENED ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 1885.

1. Instruction by lectures, experiments and laboratory practice will be given as follows :

(1.) To male teachers holding Academic or First-Class Licenses, (Grades A and B,) who wish to qualify themselves for conducting the special Agricultural Schools to be hereafter established under authority of the "Act to encourage Agricultural Education." The course of study to be pursued will include Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, Veterinary Science and Agriculture, (field, fruit, and garden crops, and live stock.) In general this course will extend over two annual Sessions of the Normal School, but teachers particularly well grounded in the subjects constituting its scientific basis, may, with proper application, complete it in a single session. By Act of the Legislature, the Council of Public Instruction is authorized to distribute annually a sum not exceeding \$250.00 as prizes, among the five teachers passing the best final examinations. The lectures delivered in the Normal School proper on Educational Science and Methods, will be open to the students of this department, and those who have not enjoyed a professional training will find it to their advantage to attend them.

(2.) To young farmers and others wishing to fit themselves for the successful prosecution of agriculture. Such persons can take either the entire regular course above indicated or a select course in special subjects, according to their ability or wishes. But it is to be especially noted that the successful pursuit of agricultural studies in general will require