

LUNenburg COUNTY.

Mahone Bay Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 52. Subscriptions, \$52.
Centreville Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.
New Ross Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 42. Subscriptions, \$42.
Bridgewater Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 74. Subscriptions, \$85.
Lunenburg Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 52. Subscriptions, \$55.50.

PICTOU COUNTY.

Pictou Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 60. Subscriptions, \$60.
Lorne Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 42. Subscriptions, \$42.
Millbrook Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 41. Subscriptions, \$41.
Pine Tree Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 51. Subscriptions, \$51.
Little Harbor Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 41. Subscriptions, \$41.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

North Queen's Agricultural Society, Caledonia.—This Society has not qualified for participation in the grant for 1879, but is authorized to continue its organization so as to have an opportunity of qualifying before the close of the present year.

February 6th, 1880.

The Executive Committee of the Central Board of Agriculture continued its meetings in the Speaker's Room, Province Building.

MORNING SESSION.

The returns of the following Societies were examined, found correct, and passed, except where otherwise noted :—

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

Kempt Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40. Under consideration.
Mutual Benefit Agricultural Society of Queen's County, Brookfield, Pleasant River.—Number of members, 43. Subscriptions, \$43.
Liverpool Agricultural Society.—Under consideration.
Beech Meadows Agricultural Society.—No proper return.

RICHMOND COUNTY.

Richmond Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 41. Subscriptions, \$41.
Isle Madame Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 79. Subscriptions, \$79.

SHELburne COUNTY.

Barrington Passage Agricultural Society.—Grant withheld.
Barrington Head Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.
Shelburne Agricultural Society.—No returns.
Clyde River Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 41. Subscriptions, \$41. Under consideration.
Cape Negro Agricultural Society.—No returns.

VICTORIA COUNTY.

Middle River of Victoria Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 60. Subscriptions, \$60.

St. Ann's Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 70. Subscriptions, \$70.
Baddeck Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 43. Subscriptions, \$43.

YARMOUTH COUNTY.

Yarmouth County Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 237. Subscriptions, \$363.
Yarmouth Township Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 71. Subscriptions, \$77.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Present—Colonel Laurie, President; David Matheson, Israel Longworth, C. F. Eaton, Professor Lawson, Secretary.

With reference to an application from Clyde River Society for grant for 1878, the Committee, after giving it full consideration, agreed to adhere to the former decision, the Society having failed to qualify in terms of the Act.

In regard to Kempt Society, the action of the sub-Committee in giving the balance of grant in that County for 1878, to the Society, was sustained, but the accounts for that year being now closed, the question of grants to Societies in that County cannot now be opened.

In reference to Barrington Head Agricultural Society, after fully considering correspondence, the Executive Committee agreed to allow the Society to qualify for the grant for 1879, and passed their returns, but cannot now open up the question of grant for 1878, participation in which was forfeited by the Society failing to comply with the terms of the Act.

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Matheson, that the President and Mr. Eaton be a sub-Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts for the past year. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Eaton, seconded by Mr. Longworth, and

“Resolved, That the owners of thoroughbred stock, on making application for registration of the same, be required to make affidavit of the pedigree before a Justice of the Peace, and forward the same to the Secretary of the Central Board of Agriculture, and if, on examination, it is found that the sire and dam of such stock are already registered in the New Nova Scotia Herd Register, the Secretary be authorized to register the same and forward a certificate to the owner, otherwise the application so made shall be submitted to the Board at their first meeting thereafter for further examination.”

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Eaton, that the President and Secretary be requested to prepare the Annual Report of the Board to the Legislature. Passed.

Blank forms for registration of thoroughbred stock were submitted, and the Secretary was authorized to have them set in type for final examination at the next full meeting of the Board. No entries to be received except on the prescribed forms.

The subject of the Provincial Exhibition of 1880 was then taken up. The following offers were submitted :—

KENTVILLE, Dec. 15th, 1879.

Dear Sir,—I am instructed to notify you of the action taken by this County in reference to the Provincial Exhibition of 1880.

On the 9th of December, instant, a public meeting was convened by the Sheriff of the County, to consider the advisability of applying to the Central Board of Agriculture for the holding of the Exhibition in Kentville.

At this meeting the Municipal Council elect, the Presidents of the Agricultural Societies, and sixteen other gentlemen, were elected a Committee or “Responsible Body” to apply for and conduct the Exhibition of 1880.

The first meeting of the Committee was held to-day, and an Executive of five, with a Secretary and Treasurer, were chosen as follows :—C. C. Hamilton, C. F. Eaton, Robt. W. Starr, Edward M. Jordan, George W. Fisher; William Eaton, Secretary; L. D. V. Chipman, Treasurer.

It was also resolved that a Committee be appointed to present before the Central Board the claims of King's County to the Exhibition.

Will you be kind enough to notify me when the Central Board will be in a position to receive this delegation.

I may be allowed to say that the Committee rely upon the good faith of the Central Board to grant the request now made, as the County was induced to incur the expense of purchasing grounds and erecting buildings, by the assurance, expressed or implied, that the Counties that thus qualified themselves should each in their turn enjoy the advantages connected with the holding of the Exhibition within their limits.

I am, yours respectfully,
 WILLIAM EATON,
 Secretary.

Professor Lawson, Secretary of the Central Board.

KENTVILLE, Dec. 24, 1879.

To the Central Board of Agriculture :

GENTLEMEN,—We, the undersigned, members of the Executive of the General Exhibition Committee, in agreement with resolutions passed on the 15th and 24th of December inst., hereby formally apply for and ask your honourable Board to locate in Kentville, in King's County, the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition of 1880.

We promise to offer a prize list of not less than five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500), and endeavor to so arrange said prize list that as few prizes as possible may remain undrawn, and otherwise so conduct the Exhibition as may prove satisfactory to the Board of Agriculture, the exhibitors, and the public generally.

We have the honor to be,
 Your obedient servants,
 C. F. EATON,
 C. C. HAMILTON,
 R. W. STARR,
 E. M. JORDAN,
 GEO. W. FISHER.

In reference to the last paragraph in my letter of the 15th inst., replied to in yours of the 19th, I am instructed to refer you to the following extracts :—Chap. 37, Sec. 5, 4th