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HALF YEARLY MEETING OF CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

PROVINCE BUILDING,
25th March, 1873.

Present:—Joseph J. Northup, Esq.
Israel Longworth, Esq., Truro.
Charles J. Campbell, Esq., M. P. P.
John Ross, Esq., M. P. P.
David Matheson, Esq., Pictou.
John Dakin, Esq., Digby.
Charles B. Whitman, Esq., Annapolis,
J. J. O'Brien, Esq., Noel.
A. C. A. Doane, Esq., Barrington.
Hiram Black, Esq., Amherst.
Benjamin Zwicker, Esq., Mahone Bay.
Charles N. Sprott, Esq., Musquodoboit.
David Archibald, Esq., Musquodoboit.
George Cameron, Esq., Guysborough.
Colin Chisholm, Esq., Antigonish.
Professor Lawson, Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Zwicker, Joseph J. Northup, Esq. was unanimously elected President for the ensuing year.

The President then took the chair, and, in a few brief remarks, expressed his earnest desire to promote the objects of the Board.

Moved by Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Dakin, and passed unanimously, that David Matheson, Esq., be elected Vice President.

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Dakin, that Professor Lawson be elected Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. Zwicker remarked that the Professor might be a philosopher, but he was nevertheless a very efficient officer of the Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Secretary was then called upon to read the minutes of last half yearly meeting, which were adopted.

Mr. Ross, M. P. P. and the Secretary were requested to confer with the Chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly, with the view of arranging a joint meeting.

The subject of the proposed Provincial Exhibition having been introduced, remarks were made by Mr. Zwicker, Mr. Matheson, Mr. Dakin, Mr. Longworth, Mr. Northup, Mr. Black and others. All the speakers spoke of the preparations that were being made in different Counties in expectation of an Exhibition. Mr. Black referred to the proposal of the New Brunswick Board to hold an Intercolonial Exhibition; but, as no official in-

formation had been received, the subject could not well be discussed.

Mr. Longworth read Report of Committee appointed to investigate the financial affairs of the New Gairloch Society, in the County of Pictou, which, by request, was allowed to lie on the table till the following day.

Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Ross, nominated Messrs. Longworth, O'Brien, and Sprott as a Finance Committee to examine the accounts for the past year.—Passed.

The following gentlemen were named a Committee to wait upon the members of the government in reference to the proposed Exhibition for October 1873:—The Vice President, Messrs. Whitman, Longworth, Dakin, Campbell, Ross, and the Secretary.

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Black, that the Journal of Agriculture be published under the same arrangements as heretofore.—Passed.

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Zwicker, that the Secretary's salary, for performing the duties of Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor of the Journal, be continued as heretofore, at \$600 per annum.

On motion of Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Longworth, the Board directed the Secretary to have Certificate Books pre-