

Annapolis, as now amended, be approved of, with the proviso that the proportion of grant for such Exhibition shall be calculated for the section of two Counties only, in accordance with the arrangement for a separate Exhibition in Queens, recommended by the Agricultural Committee, sanctioned by House of Assembly, and previously approved of by the Board.

The Prize List and Regulations being for a section of District No. 2 were directed to be sent to the Hon. Provincial Secretary, with special notice of this modification, for sanction by His Honor the Governor-in-Council.

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Col. Starratt, and passed,—

That the Prize List and Regulations of the Exhibition Committee of District No. 1, of Exhibition to be held at Lunenburg, as amended, and with change of date, be approved of, and transmitted to the Hon. Provincial Secretary, for sanction by His Honor the Governor-in-Council.

Moved by Col. Starratt, seconded by Hon. Mr. Macdougall, and passed,—

That the Prize List and Regulations of the Exhibition Committee of the proposed Liverpool Sectional District Exhibition of District No. 2, as modified, be approved of, with the proviso, that the proportion of grant for such Exhibition shall be calculated for one County only, as sanctioned by House of Assembly; further that said Prize List and Regulations be transmitted to the Hon. Provincial Secretary, for submission to His Honor the Governor-in-Council.

Moved by Col. Starratt, seconded by Mr. Longworth, and passed,—

That the Prize List and Regulations of the Exhibition proposed to be held at Antigonish for District No. 5, as now amended, be approved of, and transmitted to the Hon. Provincial Secretary, for sanction by His Honor the Governor-in-Council.

The Hon. Mr. Macdougall moved,—

That the Prize List and Regulations of Exhibition at North Sydney for District No. 6, as now amended, be approved of, and transmitted to the Hon. Provincial Secretary, for sanction of His Honor the Governor-in-Council.

Seconded by Mr. Longworth, and passed.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Macdougall, seconded by Col. Starratt, and resolved,—

That the Prize List and Regulations of District Exhibition proposed to be held at Yarmouth by the Agricultural Society of that County, for District No. 3, as now amended, be approved, and transmitted to His Honor the Governor-in-Council for sanction.

The Legislative Grant of \$4000 will be appropriated in aid of District Exhibitions in accordance with the provisions of the Act, as follows:

District No. 1.—Halifax and Lunenburg, two counties. Exhibition at Lunenburg.....	\$144 44
" No. 2.—Section 1, Annapolis and Kings, 2 counties. Exhibition at Annapolis.	444 44
" " Section 2, Queen's Co. Exhibition at Liverpool	222 22

District No. 3.—Digby, Shelburne, Yarmouth, three counties. Exhibition at Yarmouth.	\$666 67
" No. 4.—Hants, Colchester, Cumberland, three counties. Exhibition at Truro.....	666 67
" No. 5.—Pictou, Antigonish, Guysboro', three counties. Exhibition at Antigonish	666 67
" No. 6.—Cape Breton Counties, —four. Exhibition at North Sydney.....	898 89
Total.....	\$4000 00

Col. Starratt, Representative of District No. 2, gave notice of the formation of a new Agricultural Society in King's County.

Mr. Longworth, Representative of District No. 4, gave notice of a new Agricultural Society in Cumberland (Mapleton).

A bill of expenses in connection with quarantining of cattle was submitted, examined, approved of, and authorised to be paid.

The Committee resolved to ask for an audience of the members of Government to present the Prize Lists and Regulations of District Exhibitions, to afford any necessary explanations thereof, and to bring under their notice the following matters which require prompt attention, and cannot well be delayed for a meeting of the full Board:

The Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly, in their Report, "recommend that the Government empower the Central Board to pay from the Stock Farm fund the amount applied for as bonus on Horses imported during 1881, and in succeeding years to authorize the Board to pay an amount not to exceed \$800 in any one year, on the purchase price of importations as recommended in the additional Report presented by this [House] Committee during the session of 1881;" and the House Committee further recommend the Government to pass a bill, if necessary, to give effect to the above recommendation, and that regulations be provided.

Several applications for bonuses on Horses having been sent to the Board last year, and others during the present season, the Board are desirous of receiving instructions from, and sanction of, the Government, to enable them to take effective measures to carry out the views of the Assembly's Committee, so far as the Government may deem it proper to do so at the present time. The balance of the Stock Farm fund not being available for the purpose of paying bonuses at present, in consequence of the stock last imported having been sold on endorsed notes, an advance by the Government will be required to meet the payment of such bonuses on Horses as may be authorized.

The Legislative Assembly's Committee in view of "a very urgent want of improvement on our flocks of sheep, which cannot be supplied without importation," recommend that grants be made to each Society or Societies in each District as may subscribe and pay up a fund for making such importation. That these grants shall be 50 per cent. of the amounts so paid up, providing however, that no district shall receive more than one hundred dollars for each county contained therein; and "that a special grant not to exceed \$1800 be made."

The Board having received enquiries in regard to this recommendation, the Executive Committee respectfully request instructions or information from the Government as to what steps are to be taken to give it effect.

The remarkable success of the recent sale of Polled Angus Cattle, and the enquiries subsequently received by the Board for more, have shown that this breed is already highly appreciated in the Province, and the Board would have naturally asked the Government to authorise another importation, but for the recommendation of the Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly, who reported: "We recommend strongly that the Central Board be not allowed to make any further importation of stock."

The desire for an additional importation of Polled Angus Cattle this season is so great that one gentleman (a purchaser at the recent sale) has offered to personally share with the Board the financial responsibility, to the extent of one thousand dollars, of another importation. As the arrangement, if entered into, will greatly lessen the risk to the Province, and as the altered circumstances are such as were probably not foreseen when the Committee's Report was made, the Board would respectfully request the Government to consider the propriety of authorising the Board to make a joint importation without delay, in terms of the offer made by Hon. W. J. Stairs, and to advance to the Board a sum of \$2000 or \$3000 for this purpose, to be repaid from the sale of the stock, minus the rateable proportion of loss, if any.

HALIFAX, April 28, 1882.

DEAR DR. LAWSON,—To the extent of one thousand dollars, I would like to be partner with the Board of Agriculture in the importation of Black Polled Angus Cattle,—according to the choice of your Board. I will share the responsibility, in all ways, in proportion to the amount expended.

Respectfully yours,

W. J. STAIRS.

DR. LAWSON.

Secretary, Board of Agriculture.