

	1ST PR.	2ND PR.
Best Pair Knit Drawers	0 75	0 50
" " Blankets—all wool	1 50	1 00
" Table Cloth—Linen	1 00	0 50
" 5 yds Flannel, Woollen	1 00	0 50
" 5 " " cotton & wool	1 50	1 00
" 5 " Woollen Cloth, fancy pattern, Women's wear	1 50	1 00
" 2 sides Upper Leather	1 50	1 00
" 2 Calf-Skins—dressed	1 50	1 00

BUTTER & CHEESE.

Best Package Butter, not less than 20 lbs.	1 50	1 00	0 75
" 5 lb Butter in rolls or prints	1 50	1 00	0 75
" Cheese not less than 10 lbs. home made	1 50	1 00	0 75

FRUIT.

Best Dozen Apples—Summer	0 75	0 50
" " " Winter	0 75	0 50
" " Pears	0 75	0 50
" 1 bushel Black Plums	0 75	0 50
" 1 " Green Gages	0 75	0 50

Full particulars as to day of Exhibition and conditions of competition for persons not members of this Society, &c., will be published at least one month before the time fixed for such Exhibition. By order.

JOHN MACKENZIE,
Secretary.

DURHAM, April 22, 1873.

NEW BRUNSWICK PROVINCIAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

Mr. Inches—It has been asked for the last two or three months—"Are we to have an Exhibition?" Until we know whether the Board will hold an exhibition, no effort will be made to provide buildings, but when it is known that an exhibition will be held on certain terms, then, perhaps, in a few days, people will decide whether they will comply with those terms.

Mr. McLauchlan—I quite agree with the last speaker about making preparations. I am strongly in favor of the importation of stock, but if we can not this year import them I would vote for an exhibition. The law provides for annual exhibitions, and we shall carry out the law.

Mr. Peters—I will move,—Whereas an Act of the Assembly of this Province provides that this Board may either hold an exhibition or make an importation of stock with the sum of \$1000 granted us each year; and whereas no application has been made by any locality for an exhibition; therefore

Resolved—That this Board make an importation of stock for the present year.

Mr. McLauchlan—I second the resolution.

Mr. Inches—I move as an amendment:

Resolved—That the Board do hold an exhibition this year provided suitable arrangements can be made.

Mr. Ryan—My vote would depend upon what amount of money we have.

Mr. Peters—Some two or three years ago this Board decided to import stock. We had \$3000, and we asked for a loan from the local societies, and they responded readily, and placed more funds at our disposal than we asked for; besides this the Government loaned us \$4000, and we made a large importation of stock. I have the documents which show the loss which occurred through this importation. I have them not with me, but I can bring them this afternoon. The principal loss was on horses, and but very little loss on cattle. With \$1000 we now have, and \$2000 we could borrow from the Societies, we could make an importation of cattle and sheep, and by their sale we could pay the amount we borrow and have something besides. It is the object of the Board to raise the character of the stock in the Province, and I contend the Provincial grant is for that purpose. It seems an unwise course for Societies to go to another section of the county, and buy stock because it is a little better than their own; they should buy the very best stock they can get. If we should spend \$10,000 a year in the importation of the best stock, in five years New Brunswick might be an exporter instead of an importer of stock. I believe that the Board, by the importation of stock three years ago, did more to establish itself in the hearts of the people in this country than by the Fredericton Exhibition.

Mr. Beckwith—An importation of horses, by the York Society, into this Province some years ago, was most unsatisfactory. As soon as the parties who bought them were freed from the obligation to keep them in the Province, they were sent to Maine and Massachusetts. After all the advantages offered to the owners of these horses, the price they brought was very small compared with what they cost. There are very excellent horses now in the Province; there is in Fredericton a horse as good as any in the Dominion, and there is not enough paid for his services to pay for his keep. Horned cattle and pigs have been imported, and have much improved our stock. The York County Agricultural Society imported seeds and implements, and distributed them at cost to the members of the Society. The dealers in seeds said, "you are interfering with our business," and so said the makers and dealers in agricultural implements. We furnished models of the best importations to Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Todd, and to the Messrs. Allan, who then began to manufacture all kinds of agricultural implements according to those models, and, knowing the wants of the country, they improved upon them. Now they can be obtained cheaper than they can be imported. Then, again,

the importation of seeds had the effect of reducing the price, which has been of some advantage to the farmers. I am in favor of holding an exhibition this present year, because it can be held without any great expense, and it will have the effect of bringing farmers together, comparing their stock, and, encouraged by the premiums they get, they will be induced to extend their operations, and by their individual enterprise make new importations.

Mr. Inches—We paid \$1,580 at the Sackville exhibition in premiums, and also at the Fredericton exhibition. I am in favor of raising the premium list to \$2000, and our expenses would not amount to over \$2000 more. If we place our receipts at \$5000 we will have a surplus of \$1000.

Mr. McLauchlan—Something has been said about individual enterprise. My experience is that individual enterprise, whatever it may be in the other Provinces, has not yet been such in New Brunswick as to enable purchasers of stock to purchase successfully. I have never seen any stock yet that can be purchased from that which has been raised or purchased by individual enterprise. In reference to the colt in Fredericton, which has been mentioned, he is only fit for fancy driving. Such horses are not adapted to the wants of the Province. Our best stock is being ruined by in-and-in breeding. In Carleton County we sent a man to purchase five or six thoroughbred bulls; he went out and purchased two or three fair Ayrshires and two Devons. They were called Devons, but if they were, there was bad breeding somewhere. Though he bought the best that could be got, the purchase was a failure. Previous to this we purchased the best sheep that could be obtained at Sheffield, and they were a failure. It is nearly four years since we have had any blood stock imported in the Province by the Board, and we need a fresh importation.

Mr. Girouard—I am in favor of the importation of stock, but as we have not the funds necessary to render it a success, I think it would be best for us to hold an exhibition. It tends to encourage Agriculture, and if shows were not held, our local Societies would go down.

Mr. Sterling—At the present time there is great need for the importation of good stock. The members of the Board feel that it is not right to buy up the animals already in the Province, but we are compelled to do so, not having the means of going abroad. I must correct an error; I could not have it said that individual enterprise has done nothing, because it has done a great deal. I can refer to my friend Mr. Inches, who has accomplished wonders in the way of local enterprise. I would like to take my friend Mr. Mc-