

The operations of the Board have now been carried on without interruption for ten years, and it will be seen from the following comparative statement that there has, during that period, been a satisfactory, and nearly a steady, increase in the number and strength of Societies :

YEAR.	Number of Societies.	Number of members.	Amount of subscriptions.	Grants in aid.
1st year, 1861.....	37	1744	\$1859 00	\$3010 00
2nd " 1865.....	48	2197	2384 00	3314 00
3rd " 1866.....	52	2543	2350 00	3566 00
4th " 1867.....	58	2833	3057 50	3444 50
5th " 1868.....	45	2246	2519 75	3232 50
6th " 1869.....	43	2209	2540 50	3001 00
7th " 1870.....	40	2742	3046 00	3372 00
8th " 1871.....	57	3245	3672 80	3543 20
9th " 1872.....	60	3597	4304 50	3904 00
10th " 1873.....	61	3536	3929 00	5785 00

By authority of the Government, and in accordance with the suggestion contained in the Report of the Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly of last year, the Board have made preliminary arrangements for holding a Provincial Agricultural Exhibition, at Halifax, during the first week of October next. A Prize List, embracing premiums to the extent of \$6943.25, has been drawn up, printed, and widely circulated through the Secretaries of the various Agricultural Societies of the Province. At first, a strictly Agricultural Exhibition was contemplated; but the Horticulturists of Halifax having placed a sum of five hundred dollars at the disposal of the Board, a department of Plants and Flowers has been added. The Fruit Growers' Association of Nova Scotia, and the Eastern Counties Fruit Growers' Association, each offered a hundred dollars towards the Fruit Prizes, which has enabled the Board to extend this department considerably. Many of the Agricultural Societies of the Province have contributed liberally to the general Prize Fund. It is hoped that all will do so, and that funds from this source will reach nearly two thousand dollars.

It is proposed to hold the Exhibition in the Governor's Field, General's Field, the Drill Shed, and Drill Yard, all of which premises are contiguous to each other and in a very convenient central locality. His Excellency Lieut.-General O'Grady Haly, and His Honor Lieut.-Governor Archibald have liberally granted the use of the two fields, which will be used for the accommodation of the live stock; application has been made to the Dominion Government for the use of the Drill Shed, for the exhibition of produce, plants, and other articles requiring protection; and it is hoped that such facilities of inexpensive transit will be provided by the Railways and Steamboats as shall insure, from all, except, perhaps, some of the most distant Counties, a fair represen-

tation of the Agricultural industry of the Province.

By direction of the Central Board of Agriculture.

R. A. McHEFFEY, *President.*
GEORGE LAWSON, *Secretary.*

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION.

From the following letter it will be seen that His Honor the Lieut.-Governor grants the use of the "Governor's Field," for Exhibition purposes, and offers to promote the objects of the Board and the success of the Exhibition in every possible way :

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Halifax, 26th March, 1874.

SIR,—I am directed by His Honor the Lieut. Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst., asking for the use of the Governor's Field, for the purpose of the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition, arranged to be held at Halifax in October next.

I am to say, adverting to the interview you had with His Honor since the date of your letter, at which you stated that the right of entrance from Pleasant Street (asked for in your letter) would not be required, that it gives His Honor great pleasure to place the Field at the disposal of the Board for the period and purpose mentioned in your letter, with a right of entrance from Dundonald Street and along the rear of the grounds from the General's Field and the Drill Shed grounds.

I am to add that in any way in which His Honor can promote the objects of the Board or the success of the Exhibition, it will give him great pleasure to have an opportunity of doing so.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your ob't serv't.,

S. ADAMS,

Private Secretary,

GEORGE LAWSON, Esq.

Sec'y. to Board of Agriculture, Halifax.

HALIFAX, April 2nd, 1874.

SIR,—

I have the honour to inform you that the Hon. the Minister of Militia has authorized me to place at the disposal of the Central Board of Agriculture of Nova Scotia the Halifax Drill Buildings, and adjoining Drill ground, for the purpose of the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition in October next.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. WIMBURN LAURIE,

Colonel.

D. A. G., Commanding Militia Dist. 9.

The Sec'y. Central Board of Agriculture.

The Central Board of Agriculture have been very successful in obtaining all the space, buildings and other accommodation required for the Provincial Exhibition. To the letters received from the Dominion Government, His Excellency the Lieut.-General, and His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, we have now to add one from Messrs. Gordon & Keith, who have liberally granted the use, so far as required, of their vacant lot on Dundonald Street :—

HALIFAX, N. S., April 9, 1874.

George Lawson, Esq., Sec'y C. B. of Agriculture :

SIR,—We beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 2nd inst., addressed to our Mr. Donald Keith, in reference to granting access to our vacant lot on Dundonald Street, for the purposes of the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition, to be held in October next. We beg to say, in reply, that we gladly grant the privilege asked for, and with our best wishes for the success of the Exhibition,

We remain,

Yours respectfully,
GORDON & KEITH.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO SECRETARIES OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, }
Halifax, 6th April, 1874. }

By the authority of the Provincial Government and Legislature, a GREAT PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION is to be held at Halifax, commencing on the 5th and ending on the 10th of October next. A Prize List has been carefully prepared, embracing Prizes to the extent of nearly Seven Thousand Dollars. Sheds will be erected in the Governor's Field for the protection of animals. Suitable fittings will be constructed in the Drill Shed for the proper display of Produce, Articles of Home Manufacture, Fruits and Flowers. Regulations have been drawn up with the special view of promoting the comfort of competitors and the general public; in short every effort has thus far been put forth by the Board that seemed likely to promote success.

The Board feel, however, that the ultimate result must rest with the FARMERS OF NOVA SCOTIA. The Board is merely an executive body, whose function it is to make the necessary arrangements. The Exhibition itself is to be made up by the patriotic and determined efforts of the Farmers to show to the world the capabilities of our soil when brought under intelligent culture.

On the suggestion of the Hon'ble the Speaker of the House of Assembly, the Board address this Circular to the various Agricultural Societies of the Province. It is requested that the Secretary of every