

in October last. The best thanks of the Board were voted to Messrs. Allan Bros. & Co., for their considerate liberality, and to Messrs. S. Cunard & Co., for the trouble they had taken in bringing the matter under Messrs. Allan's notice.

The Secretary read an application from the New Ross Agricultural Society, which had been disqualified in consequence of its papers having been destroyed by the burning of the Secretary's dwelling house. Moved by Colonel Starratt, seconded by Mr. Ross, and resolved that under the circumstances the New Ross Society's application be now received as if it had been lodged prior to the close of the year.

The application of the Centreville Agricultural Society was submitted. Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Colonel Starratt, and resolved, that this society be recognized as entitled to qualify for the grant for the ensuing year.

The Secretary having reported upon Mr. Benjamin's prizes for fruit, awarded in 1874, not previously applied for, and not paid, was authorized to pay the same. It was resolved, however, to recommend that in future prize lists an intimation be given that prizes not claimed within three months after the close of the exhibition shall be forfeited.

Moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Hon. Mr. Robertson, and

Resolved, That the Prize List of the Provincial Exhibition at Truro, with names of successful competitors, &c., be embodied in the Report of the Board to the Legislature, now in the hands of the printer.

Letters were read from Dr. Regel, sending Russian publications on the climate and vegetable products of Russia, and from Hobson, Hurtado & Co., in reference to Peruvian guano. The Secretary was directed to make suitable replies.

The consideration of importations of live stock, next fall, was deferred. Mr. Brown suggested that Jerseys might be advantageously imported, and remarked that the loss upon them would be less than upon the more expensive Short Horns. &c.

At 6 o'clock the Board adjourned till Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

Friday, 23rd Feb., 1877.

The Board resumed business at ten o'clock this morning. Present D. Matheson, Esq., V. P., Chairman; I. Longworth, Esq., Truro; Hon. R. Robertson, Colonel Starratt, Paradise; John Ross, Esq., Boularderie; C. E. Brown, Esq., Yarmouth, and the Secretary.

Moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Longworth, and resolved that with reference to the recommendation of the King's County Committee that the Board should offer prizes for seedling po-

tatoes, vegetables and fruits, the Board have no funds to appropriate to this object, apart from the annual grant for Provincial Exhibition fund. Smaller prizes from the general fund might be devoted to the items named, if considered desirable by the County holding the Exhibition.

Mr. Ross stated that very successful meetings had been held in Cape Breton in reference to an Exhibition. The four counties proposed to unite for this purpose. He accordingly gave notice that at a future meeting he would lay before the Board an application for holding the Provincial Exhibition of 1878 at Baddeck or some other convenient central point in Cape Breton Island.

The Board made some preliminary arrangements in reference to the importation of stock this season. It is intended to import two Short Horn Bulls and two Heifers or Cows, two Ayrshire Bulls and four Heifers or Cows, two Devon Bulls, two yearling Jersey Bulls and four Heifers or Cows of that breed, also a few Pigs and Sheep.

It is intended that the imported animals shall be sold by public auction at the Provincial Exhibition during the first week of October next.

EXHIBITION COMMITTEE MEETING.

(From the Western Chronicle and King's County Official Gazette.)

THE Exhibition Committee met at the Court House, on Saturday, 24th February, at 11 a. m.

Present:—C. F. Eaton, President; Johnson Patterson, Wm. C. Bill, J. B. Bowser, J. P. Lyons, E. R. Bishop, Leonard Fitch, W. H. O. Haliburton, T. L. Dodge, G. W. Fisher, A. McN. Patterson, E. C. Foster, Beriah Graves, George Kinsman, E. M. Jordan, John W. Margeson,—16; and the Secretary, Wm. Eaton.

The President, C. F. Eaton,—who with Dr. Hamilton, were appointed at the previous meeting Delegates to the Central Board of Agriculture,—reported: That Dr. Hamilton was ill, and Mr. E. met the Board on Wednesday, 21st inst. The plans, &c., of the King's County Committee were laid before the Board, who highly approved of them, and considered they were an improvement upon the Truro Exhibition buildings erected last year,—and expressed great satisfaction with the work of the King's County Committee. A deputation from Wolfville met the Central Board during the afternoon and evening, who urged their views with regard to holding the Exhibition at Wolfville, resulting in the passage of a resolution, asking the Committee to reconsider that point. The Central Board took the view that unless Wolfville could be harmonized, the success of the Exhibition might be endangered, which might lead to their feeling it their duty to hold the Exhibition in another county. Mr. Haliburton first addressed the Central Board. I replied. Although the Wolfville delegation had submitted to the Board their five objections as

contained in a document published in the *Morning Chronicle*, I was not supplied with a copy of the document until after the meeting of the Central Board closed. I gave a particular and detailed statement of all the transactions of the King's County Committee, and showed that they (the Board) had thrown an amount of responsibility upon the Committee, which I thought, should have been assumed by the Board. I referred to the purchase of lands by Kentville, and the delivery of Deed to the General Committee, as having been caused by me, at the request, and under the direction of the Central Board. I had a subsequent interview with the Wolfville delegation in the hope of arriving at an amicable settlement,—and a request was made that Wolfville choose a committee of five to confer to-day at two o'clock, with an equal number of delegates from this Committee. On motion the following Committee were appointed to meet the Wolfville delegation:—C. F. Eaton, J. Patterson, George W. Fisher, E. R. Bishop, J. B. Bowser,—who were instructed to report the terms submitted by the Wolfville delegation to the General Committee.

The sub-committee, and the Wolfville delegation consisting of John L. Brown, H. C. Witter, Reuben Reid, J. S. McDonald, and J. W. Hamilton, held a conference in the adjoining Jury room.

After a prolonged conference, the sub-committee reported to the General Committee, that the Wolfville delegation proposed that the question of site be finally determined by three persons, out of the county.

An animated discussion ensued, the General Committee appearing to be unanimously of opinion that, having been convened at the request of the Central Board, to reconsider their decision upon the site, they expected to hear reasons for a change adduced by the Wolfville delegation, to which they were prepared to give a patient and impartial consideration; they had no authority to delegate their powers to an irresponsible Committee. The Committee were of the opinion that the rate-payers of Kings would be unwilling to have three strangers come into this county and fix the site, and oblige them to accept it for all time to come;—for this, and other reasons, they declined to entertain the proposal, and it was unanimously resolved that the proposition of Wolfville be not acceded to.

The Wolfville delegation were informed of this decision, whereupon, after further consultation with the sub-committee, they changed their proposition to the selection of two men in the county and one out of it,—to be chosen as first proposed.

The amended proposition was also rejected, for reasons similar to those before mentioned, viz.: that the third man, and he a stranger, would fix the site.

A further discussion then arose. A desire was freely expressed to reconcile Wolfville, if possible.

The deputation closed by stating they had no further proposition to make, and the President notified them that the Committee would deal with the statements of the Wolfville deputation presented to the Central Board, as grievances.

The final offer of Wolfville, made to the General Committee to-day, amounts to this: They guarantee a subscription list of \$1,400 in money, and give the site, which Mr. Brown said would cost \$600, making a total