

culture of New Brunswick, and with several agriculturists in the Province, and German seedsmen, in reference to a supply of sugar beet seed for the forthcoming season.

The Committee then proceeded to the examination of the Annual Reports of Agricultural Societies for the past year, their accounts, and the attested lists of subscriptions paid, so as to qualify for participation in the Legislative grant for 1879. The following Societies were found to be duly qualified, viz :—

COUNTY OF ANNAPOLIS.

Annapolis Royal Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 77. Total amount of subscriptions, \$89.

Bridgetown Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 49. Subscriptions, \$49.

Paradise Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.

Clements Township Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 50. Subscriptions, \$52.50.

Laurie Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.

The Committee then adjourned till Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Speaker's Room, 4th Feb., 1880.

Present—Colonel Laurie, President; C. F. Eaton, Cornwallis; Israel Longworth, Truro; Professor Lawson, Secretary.

A telegram was read by the Chairman, from Mr. David Matheson, stating that court business at Pictou was finished, and he expected to leave for Halifax by this morning's train.

The Committee directed the Secretary to issue blank forms to Secretaries of Agricultural Societies, for the purpose of obtaining detailed lists of the thoroughbred stock throughout the various counties of the Province, for the information of the House of Assembly.

The Committee continued the reading and consideration of the Annual Reports of Agricultural Societies, the auditing of their accounts of receipts and expenditure, and the examination of the attested lists of subscriptions paid for 1879 as qualifying for participation in the Legislative grant for that year, now payable.

The following Societies were found to have qualified for the grant for 1879 :—

ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.

Port Lorne Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.

Clarence Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 50. Subscriptions \$50.

ANTIGONISH COUNTY.

Antigonish Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 160. Subscriptions, \$160.

Bayfield Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 42. Subscriptions, \$43.

St. Andrews Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 53. Subscriptions, \$79.

CAPE BRETON COUNTY.

Sydney Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 56. Subscriptions, \$56.

North Sydney Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 48. Subscriptions, \$48.

Boulevard Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 44. Subscriptions, \$44.

Sydney Mines and Little Bras d'Or Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 57. Subscriptions, \$57.

Christmas Island Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 76. Subscriptions, \$76.

COLCHESTER COUNTY.

Onslow Agricultural Society.—Number of members 59. Subscriptions, \$59.

Tatamagouche Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 41. Subscriptions, \$42. (The returns of this Society are still under consideration.)

Lower Stewiacke Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 41. Subscriptions, \$11.

Earlton Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 50. Subscriptions, \$50.75.

Londonberry Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 55. Subscriptions, \$55.

Brookfield Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.

Waugh's River Agricultural Society.—(The returns of this Society are still under consideration.) Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.

Bass River Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 43. Subscriptions, \$43.

Stirling Agricultural Society, New Annapolis.—Number of members, 51. Subscriptions, \$52.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Scotia Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 42. Subscriptions, \$42.

Middleboro Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 50. Subscriptions, \$105.75.

Malagash Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.

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2 o'clock p. m. }*

Present—Colonel Laurie, President; Mr. C. F. Eaton, Mr. I. Longworth, Prof. Lawson, Secretary.

A telegram from Mr. Matheson, and a letter from Mr. Gennert, of New York, in reference to sugar beet, were read.

The returns of the following Societies were examined, found correct, and passed, except where otherwise noted :—

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Parrsboro Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 113. Subscriptions, \$113. (Returns under consideration. Secretary required to furnish proper financial return in dollars.)

River Philip Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 41. Subscriptions, \$41.

Malagash Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.

Amherst Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 56. Subscriptions, \$56.

DIGBY COUNTY.

Digby Central Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 89. Subscriptions, \$89.

Hillsburgh Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 56. Subscriptions \$56.

Weymouth Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 45. Subscriptions, \$45.

GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY.

Argyle Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 53. Subscriptions, \$53.

Milford Haven Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 44. Subscriptions, \$50.

Guysborough Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 58. Subscriptions \$78.

HALIFAX COUNTY.

Halifax County Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 71. Subscriptions \$73.

Upper Musquodoboit Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 42. Subscriptions, \$42.

Lower Musquodoboit Agricultural Society.—Numbers of members, 41. Subscriptions, \$41.

HANTS COUNTY.

Progress Agricultural Society of Hants, Elmsdale.—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.

Enfield Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.

Falmouth Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 41. Subscriptions, \$41.

Windsor Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.

Union Agricultural Society, of Mailand.—Number of members, 42. Subscriptions, \$42.

Newport Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 41. Subscriptions, \$80.

Fenwick Agricultural Society, of Noel.—No report, no accounts, no attested list of members.

INVERNESS COUNTY.

River Dennis Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 44. Subscriptions, \$44.

Mabou and Port Hood Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 58. Subscriptions, \$58.

North-East Margaree Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.

Strait of Canso Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 61. Subscriptions, \$61.

Broad Cove Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.

Marble Mountain Agricultural Society.—No return.

The Committee adjourned till Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

5th February, 1880.

Present—Colonel Laurie, President; David Matheson, Pictou; Israel Longworth, Truro; Charles L. Eaton, Cornwallis; Professor Lawson, Secretary.

The Committee continued the examination of the returns of Agricultural Societies for the past year, and found the following to be entitled to participate in the Legislative grant for that year :—

KING'S COUNTY.

Union Agricultural Society of King's Co.—Number of members, 42. Subscriptions, \$145.50.

West Cornwallis Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$42.

Farmers' Agricultural Society of King's Co.—Number of members, 44. Subscriptions, \$88.

King's County Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 67. Subscriptions, \$70.

King's County Central Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.

Aylesford Agricultural Society.—Number of members, 47. Subscriptions, \$80.75.