

Honorable House will take the premises into your favorable consideration, and make such alteration in the said Act as will enable each County having an Agricultural Society to have one Representative at the Central Board of Agriculture.

And also that any County having but one, and that a County Agricultural Society, be entitled to draw the whole Sum granted to such County.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

AN article on "Artificial Fertilizers" is necessarily excluded this month, but will appear in next number. Meantime we commend to the attention of our readers a communication from Shubenacadie on this subject, copied from one of the city papers.

A respected clergyman, who is Secretary of an Agricultural Society, protests in very strong terms against the Board requiring an oath to the accuracy of the Returns made by Societies. The Board simply carries out a requirement of the Statute that experience has shown to be not only wise and judicious, but ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

We have had a great many enquiries as to whether the Board intend to make any Importations of Horses or Cattle or Seed Grain this Season. The only answer we can give is that all such matters will come up for discussion at the March meeting of the Board, and Societies and parties interested should lose no time in offering their suggestions. The desire of the Board is to assist Societies and Improvers, and to encourage their exertions in every practicable way.

We can afford a fresh corroboration of the views advocated by Mr. Jack in reference to the Public Garden. A letter addressed to "Dr. Lawson, Professor of Botany, Dalhousie College, Kingston, Canada," has just reached us from England, by way of Ontario. It is from a leading London Nurseryman, who uses the names of Mr. Max Leichtlin and Mr. Boissier by way of introduction, and offers the choice of his extensive collections of Hardy Plants in exchange for native and cultivated Hardy Plants of this country.

We are informed by the Secretary of the Windsor Society, that Mr. Robert Bacon, of Windsor, has sold the Horse "Marquis of Lorne," to Mr. Alex. Ross,

Secretary of the Millbrook Agricultural Society, in Pictou County. The stock got by the Marquis, in Hants, has given much satisfaction, some of his Colts commanding high prices. We may mention that two days after hearing of the sale of the Marquis of Lorne to Pictou County, we received an application from a gentleman officially connected with a Board of Agriculture in another Province, who had seen the Marquis at the Provincial Exhibition, and had determined, if possible, to purchase him. Fortunately animals imported by the Board cannot be sold out of the Province.

THE people of Colchester have shown great good sense, as well as enterprise, by their recent action in reference to Agricultural Exhibitions. They met and talked matters over, and naturally arrived at the conclusion that, to carry out an effective system of periodical Exhibitions, there must be permanent Exhibition Buildings. That being settled, the necessity for further discussion ceased. They proceeded to draft a scheme whereby the necessary accommodation might be secured. It is proposed, that the townspeople of Truro provide a suitable tract of land, and that, for the erection of the buildings, a loan of \$4000 be raised on the security of the County Revenues. The whole plan is in a nut shell, and must commend itself to every intelligent man in the County. Let every Agricultural Society in the Province thank Colchester for taking the lead and showing the way in this matter. In order that other Counties may, without delay, read a lesson out of the Colchester book, we reprint the following details from the local luminary:—

At a Meeting held on the 14th Jan'y., 1875, in the Court House in Truro, at which the Sheriff presided, and which was largely attended by Justices and others from all parts of the County, a Committee was appointed to consider and devise the best means to secure the erection of suitable Exhibition Buildings for Agricultural purposes. Said Committee therefore met and decided to have an Act drafted to be sent to the Local Legislature, which Act was read before the County Sessions, and a petition is now about to be circulated for signatures, requesting the Legislature to pass the said Act.

We have not the space to give the Act in full, but give the spirit of it as follows: The Act first recites the action of the large meeting at which the question of

holding an Exhibition next Fall was discussed, and appointment of a Committee to consider the propriety of purchasing grounds so that permanent buildings could be erected.

The Committee appointed concluded that if the people of Truro were sufficiently interested to furnish the grounds required, the County should be asked to provide the funds to put up the buildings, &c.

The Act provides that when a tract of land located not more distant than two miles from the Court House is provided by the people of Truro, and a conveyance made in trust for the purposes of the Act, the Governor in Council, on the recommendation of the Custos, Sheriff and County Treasurer, Officers of the County, shall appoint five Commissioners to take a Deed of said lands and hold the same in trust for the County of Colchester for the purposes contemplated by said Act.

The said five Commissioners are empowered to raise by loan on the security of the County Revenues and property, a sum not to exceed \$4,000, to be expended in the erection of suitable Buildings for Agricultural and Industrial Exhibitions on the lands so conveyed to them.

The said loan to be raised by tender at the lowest rate of interest at which it can be obtained, and to be secured to the tenderers by Debentures signed by the Custos of the County and the County Treasurer, and countersigned by the Clerk of the Peace.

The said Debentures to bear interest at the rate specified therein, the interest to be paid half-yearly, and the principal in instalments of one-fifth each year, until the whole is paid.

The amount required to meet the payment of Debentures, and interest to be added yearly to the other amounts, ordered to be assessed at the January sessions, and collected as other County assessments.

The Commissioners to let the Erection of the said Buildings by tender and contract, and to return an account of their doings, with an account of the expenditure of all monies disbursed by them to the Court of Sessions at their first meeting after such work is completed by them.

The Court of Sessions to make Rules and Regulations for the use and custody of said Buildings and lands, and to appoint five persons annually, three of whom shall be farmers, commissioners to take charge of the said property.

The Act to be of no effect unless the Buildings are erected within three years from the passing of the same.

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