

by various speakers, that better breeds of cattle, more careful manipulating of dairy products and improved appliances, would save untold thousands of dollars now lost, and enable cheaper production, while adding to the total of products. A dairy instructor would reach the great majority of the farmers now so desirous of learning the art of producing a better article, and conduce very materially to the amount of revenue derived from exports. Beef-producing was commented on, and its advantages pointed out, especially in this country, possessing advantages of a seaboard, fine climate, and almost entire immunity from cattle disease.

The interest of the meeting did not for a moment flag for three hours and more, and, but for the arrival of six o'clock, the time for adjournment, it is safe to say would have continued with the same enthusiasm for a much longer time. The Members of the Central Board took their leave of the Association, expressing much satisfaction with the work accomplished by it, and speaking hopefully of its future.

At seven o'clock in the evening the association again met, with a fair attendance of members and visitors. The first business taken up was the reading of a most valuable paper by Rev. A. Nicholson, on "Home Butter Making," by an unknown contributor. It was full of excellent points on the subject treated, stated in a terse form, and clothed in eloquent language. A discussion on this paper occupied nearly the whole of the session, Mr. H. Blanchard in particular, by his extensive knowledge of butter making, feeding of stock, and treatment of farm land, taking a leading part.

On the following morning, 11th March, another session opened, at 10 o'clock. The first business was the reading of Professor Barnard's paper,—a most valuable one, dealing with dairy products, first statistically, among other things showing that the contribution of our dairy products to Great Britain was only four per cent. of the total importation of that country. The paper then took up the questions of improved butter making and cheese manufacture, model farming, and the part that governments should take to assist the agriculturists, by giving subventions to agencies having for their object the improvement of all the products of the farm. He believed that by object lessons given by itinerant instructors, as they do in Quebec, the quality of dairy goods would, in a short space of time, take a high place in the markets of the world, and give a ten-fold increased quantity. Altogether the paper, dealing with such practical questions, with the knowledge of a gentleman having had thirty years experience qualifying him for the task, possessed merits of a

high order, and, if the Association could distribute it in a printed form to the thousands of the farmers of Nova Scotia it would be doing a good work. A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be transmitted by the Association, through its president, to Professor Barnard.

The hour having arrived for the election of officers, the President announced his intention of retiring from active work in the Association in future, now that he had brought it into existence and imparted to it a fairly vigorous life. The members expressed deep regret that he had so decided; it was felt that few persons possessed the enthusiasm he had exhibited in the work. Col. Starratt, of Annapolis, was elected President, and Mr. P. C. Black, of Windsor, Secretary-Treasurer for the ensuing year. The following were the Vice-Presidents: Mr. W. M. Blair, M.P.P., Rev. A. C. Macdonald, Mr. McKeen, Mabou, C. B.; Major-General Laurie, Mr. A. McN. Patterson and Mr. C. E. Brown, Yarmouth. A few new names were substituted for some of the old directors, and the whole list represents prominent agriculturists for each county in the Province.

A committee, consisting of the President, Mr. H. Blanchard, and County Judge DeWolf, was appointed to draw up a memorial to the Government asking for a subvention for the purpose of aiding in the printing and distributing of reports and papers of the Association, whose report was received and adopted at the afternoon session. After a hearty vote of thanks to the President, the Association adjourned to meet next year at Kentville in the month of February, the day to be fixed by the executive.

REPORT OF THE PROVINCIAL VETERINARY SURGEON.

Halifax, March 6th, 1885.

Arrangements were made in the year 1883 by the Government and the Central Board of Agriculture, whereby I undertook to make professional visits periodically to the several Agricultural Districts of the Province, so as to treat cases of Domestic Animals suffering from Disease or Accident, or requiring Operations performed,—as more fully explained in my last year's Report.

In accordance with such arrangement, the Central Board of Agriculture prepared a Programme of my District Work for the summer of 1884, and accordingly issued the following advertisement:

CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Arrangement for Local Visits of the Provincial Veterinary Surgeon for 1884.

W. JAKEMAN, Provincial Veterinary Surgeon, will visit the several localities arranged for, and will be prepared to

treat cases of Domestic Animals suffering from Disease or Accident, or requiring Operations performed.

Scale of Fees (modified under arrangement with Board):

Visits, advice and prescription, \$1.00 for first, and 50 cents for each succeeding visit. Medicines extra at reasonable rates.

Operations from \$1 up to \$5, according to nature and circumstances.

When called specially to a distance at places or times not advertised, the charge will be \$5 per full day, and actual necessary travelling expenses.

Mr. Jakeman will visit the several places mentioned in the following list at the dates noted:—

	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Windsor..... (Doran's Hotel.)	25	30	20	10	20	11
Bridgetown..... (Beckwith's Hotel.)	14	11	9	6	3	
Kentville..... (Lyons' Hotel.)		15	12	10	7	4
Annapolis..... (Dominion Hotel.)		16	13	11	8	5
Digby..... (Daley's Hotel.)		17	14	12	9	6
Yarmouth..... (American House.)		18	15	12	10	7
Truro..... (Victoria Hotel.)		9		7	17	16
New Glasgow..... (Nortolk House.)		10	21	20	23	21
Pictou..... (Bevere House.)			22	27	24	22
Antigonish..... (Cunningham's Hotel.)			23	23	25	23

By order of the Central Board of Agriculture.

Visits were paid during the season to the several localities named in the above programme, and, in addition to these visits, I responded to special calls by visiting the following localities:—

Stellarton, County Pictou.
Falmouth, Shubenacadie, Stewiacke, and Maitland, County Hants.
Grand Pre and Aylesford, County Kings.
Cape Breton.
Middletown, County Annapolis.
Springfield and Preston, County Halifax.
Brookfield, County Colchester.

A large number of cases were treated at the several places visited during the season, but none of them were of such unusual character as to call for special remark. The animals of the Province generally are in a very healthy condition.

On March 4th, 1884, by the request of the Hon. Provincial Secretary, I paid a special visit to Kings Country for the purpose of investigating a disease existing there and supposed to be of a contagious character. On examination of the cases I found them to be not contagious, but simply a form of Psorosis,