

viscosus) and yellow-rayed flowers enable it to be distinguished at a glance from all other Nova Scotian plants.

CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

PROVINCIAL LIBRARY HALIFAX, }
25th July, 1878. }

Present: Colonel Laurie, President; Hon. Albert Gayton, Commissioner of Works; David Matheson, Esq., Pictou; Israel Longworth, Esq., Mayor of Truro; Colonel Starratt, Paradise; Professor Lawson, Secretary.

The President stated that the Committee had been called together specially for the purpose of making arrangements for an importation of thorough-bred stock. In order that the Committee might have the necessary information to guide them in making a selection, a circular had been addressed to the Secretary of every Agricultural Society in the Province, asking whether the Society wished to purchase, and if so the kinds, sex, age and price of stock that would be required this season. The replies received were laid before the Committee, read, and an analysis of them prepared. After full consideration the Committee resolved to import the following animals from England, viz.:

- 2 Short-horn bulls.
- 2 do heifers or cows.
- 2 Ayrshire bulls.
- 2 do heifers or cows.
- 2 Shropshire Down rams.
- 4 Shropshire Down ewes.
- 1 Ellesmere sow.

Also the following, either from the United States or England, viz.:

- 2 Jersey bulls.

A sub-committee consisting of the President, the Hon. A. Gayton and the Secretary, were empowered to make the necessary arrangements for the purchase of the animals. The sub-committee were further empowered to purchase, in addition to the above, about twenty Leicester sheep, provided suitable animals could be obtained on terms that would not entail too much loss to the Board,—previous importations of sheep not having usually realized prices commensurate with their original cost.

It was resolved to sell the imported stock at the Provincial Exhibition at Truro, during the first week of October.

With a view to lessen the expense of freight and care on the voyage, the Secretary was directed to correspond with J. J. Inches, Esq., Secretary of Agriculture, New Brunswick, with the view of arranging a joint importation. C. E. Brown, Esq., of Yarmouth, was requested to cooperate with the Committee in the purchase of two Jersey bulls, and four

Jersey heifers, and to communicate with Messrs. Duffins and Anderson on the subject.

The applications of the following new Agricultural Societies were submitted and accepted:—

River Donnis Ag. Soc., Co. Inverness.
Earlton Ag. Soc., Co. Colchester.
Little Harbour Ag. Soc., Co. Pictou.
Pine Tree Ag. Soc., Co. Pictou.

THE Farmers' Clubs of Massachusetts are to hold their first Annual Fair on Columbus Avenue, Boston, from 2nd October to 2nd November. Space for exhibits, 80,000 feet, table room 42,500 feet. There will be a free Bureau for the sale of farms. The funds collected will be spent in Lectures to Clubs that have assisted by exhibiting. Grasses, grains, roots must consist of samples cured, also with the stalk and roots, method of culture, soil, yield per acre, and price at which orders will be filled for seed. Awards to cows are to be made on the best record of milkings for one year, with method of keep &c.

- 1st Premium on all kinds of Grasses of 3 acres, cured in bales 18 x 26 inches; also a sheaf 8 inches diameter with roots.
- 1st " Grass and Vegetable seed, 4 quarts, best selection.
 - 1st " Grains, 4 quarts, with sheaf, including roots, 3 acres.
 - 1st " Potatoes, 4 quarts, 5 acres.
 - 1st " Corn, 4 quarts, and a trace of 12 ears and 6 stalks with roots, 5 acres.
 - 1st " Beet Sugar, and produce from Sugar Beets, with roots.
 - 1st " Roots, 10 cut, 6 with tops.
 - 2nd " To consist of 1 acre, excepting in roots ½ acre.
 - 1st " Butter, kegs of 40 pounds. Lump 10 pounds.
 - 1st " Cheese, 20 pounds, home-made and factory-made.
 - 1st " Fruit, 18 each and 12 varieties.
 - 1st " Fruit, 18 each and 6 varieties.
 - 1st " Best now variety of winter Apples.

For further information address, ALBERT L. MURDOCK, Jamaica Plain, Boston.

Mr. Murdock has kindly sent an invitation to Nova Scotian farmers to exhibit, and if awards are obtained, he will forward some of the best lectures to the Clubs receiving the same.

In an account of Mr. Bowditch's Mill-wood Farm, in the *Country Gentleman*, Mr. Philbrick remarks that Mr. B. considers the GUERNSEY BREED a great help to his butter trade, giving a deeper golden colour to the butter, especially in winter. They are also somewhat heavier than the Jersey breed, and the calves are consequently better for veal.

MACDONALD'S CAVE.—Our readers will find a description of this natural curiosity in another column.

MR. BURRELL of Yarmouth has sold six head of good Ayrshire Cattle this season.

ADDITIONS TO NOVA SCOTIA STOCK REGISTER.

AYRSHIRE BULL CALVES.

CCLXXXV.—ROB ROY. Bred by Henry Burrell, Esq., Yarmouth, N. S. The property of Peter Grant, Esq., Port Hastings. Calved April 1st, 1877. Color white and red.

Sire Lord Dufferin CXCIV. g s Lord Lisgar (693).

Dam Lilly 2nd, CXXX. by Eclipse (137). gr d Scotch Lassie by Prince of Wales (305).

g gr d Spot by Rob Roy, imported, (135).

g g gr d White Lilly by Dundee 3rd, Quebec, imported by W. Simpson.

CCXCIV.—KING HUMBERT. Calved —. Bred by and the property of Jas. Kitchin, River John, Pictou.

Sire Young Royalty CXXXVII.

Dam Park 4th CXXX. by Mars (398). gr d Park 2nd (288) 1702. Bred by Lawrence Drew, Merryton, Scotland.

AYRSHIRE BULLS.

CCXCVIII.—PRINCE CHARLIE, C. R., 1220. Red, a little white on flanks. Calved 24th February, 1875. Bred by A. P. Ball, Esq., Stanstead, Quebec; the property of the Yarmouth County Agricultural Society, N. S.

Sire Pride of Geneva, C. R. 129.
Dam Dutchie, C. R. 439.

CCCI.—TALBOT (605), 1492, American and Canadian Ayrshire Herd Record, page 87. Dark red and white. Calved March 28th, 1872. Bred and owned by N. S. Whitney, Montreal, Que. Owned by Colonel John Saunders, Studholm, King's County, New Brunswick.

Sire George (117), gr s, Colin 2nd (131).
Dam Netty (106), 1680.

AYRSHIRE HEIFERS.

CCXCVI.—LADY MARY. Calved June 15th, 1878. Colour, white and brown, spotted. Bred by and the property of John A. McCurdy, Esq., Onslow.

Sire Bismarck.

Dam Pearl Drop, CXXVII, imported, by Yurdabent.

gr d Rosy, winner of 3rd prize at Strat-haven, 1870.

CCXCVII.—LILLY 5TH. Colour red and white. Calved March 27th, 1878. Bred by, and the property of Henry Burrell, Sr., Yarmouth, N. S.

Sire Wallace CCLXXXIX (Guy Ontario).
Dam Lilly 2nd CXXXI by Eclipse (137).
gr d Scotch Lassie by Prince of Wales (305).

g gr d Spot by Rob Roy (imp.) (135).

g g gr d White Lilly by Dundee 3rd, Quebec, imported by W. Simpson.