

but the Board felt that they could not recommend an increase in this department.

Several matters of detail were adjusted and remitted to the Committee on Finance and Tickets to be carried out.

On motion of Mr. Longworth, seconded by Dakin, the thanks of the Board were voted to Dr. Hamilton for his valuable assistance in the preliminary arrangements for the Fruit Department.

The application made to the Dominion Government for facilities of transit on the Government Railways has been replied to favourably by telegram, and details will be published as soon as received.

The following communication has been received from Thomas Bolton, Esq.:

HALIFAX, June 27, 1874.

DEAR SIR,—

Herein please receive an extract from a letter received this morning from Mr. Hales, Sec'y of the P. E. Island Steam Navigation Company, in reply to the application forwarded in reference to reduced rates of fare for articles and passengers on the Company's steamers for the Provincial Exhibition.

I am,
Yours respectfully,
THOMAS BOLTON.

(Extract from Mr. Hales' letter, dated)

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., }
June 24th, 1874. }

"Your favor of 19th inst. to hand, covering application from the Board of Agriculture. In reply, the Directors wish me to state that they are willing to carry any packages addressed to them for exhibition free of charge; but do not think it desirable to reduce their rates for passengers, as experience has shown they always lose thereby—regular passengers making use of it, and thus take away any advantage extra number might be supposed to produce. They will issue throughout the month, return tickets, available for one week, at one and a half fare for each person. Lower than this, they do not intend reducing, except in the case of delegates to conventions, &c., that is when duly accredited.

(Signed) FREDK. W. HALES."

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GEORGE LAWSON, Secy.

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION, 1874.

List of Supplementary Prizes recommended by Central Board of Agriculture, and approved of by Provincial Government.

Class 2.—Cattle.

SECTION.	
34.	Best thorough-bred Durham Bull Calf. \$12 00
2nd	do do do do 10 00
64.	Best thorough-bred Durham Heifer Calf 12 00
2nd	do do do do 10 00
94.	Best thorough-bred Ayrshire Bull Calf 12 00
2nd	do do do do 10 00
124.	Best thorough-bred Ayrshire Heifer Calf 12 00
2nd	do do do do 10 00
154.	Best thorough-bred Devon Bull Calf... 12 00
2nd	do do do do 10 00
184.	Best thorough-bred Devon Heifer Calf. 12 00
2nd	do do do do 10 00
214.	Best thorough-bred Alderney Bull Calf. 12 00
2nd	do do do do 10 00
244.	Best thorough-bred Alderney Heifer Calf 12 00
2nd	do do do do 10 00
274.	Best Grade Bull Calf..... 10 00
2nd	do do 5 00
274.	Best Grade Cow, 5 years old or upwards 20 00
2nd	do do do do 15 00
294.	Best Grade Cow under three years.... 15 00
2nd	do do do do 12 00
334.	Best pair of Fat Oxen, four years old and under five..... 30 00
2nd	do do do do 20 00
354.	Best pair Working Oxen, under 5 years 30 00
2nd	do do do do 20 00

THE following lucid and suggestive description of the use of Vases for Flower Garden Decoration in the United States may be useful to our gardening readers. We find it as a communication from Mr. W. Falconer, Massachusetts:—the London *Gardeners' Chronicle*:—Although our summer climate is considerably warmer than that of England, yet a few hints on the above as treated here may not be unsuggestive to some of your readers. Well, to begin; the intense heat of our summer's sun demands that our vases must be made of as non-conducting materials as can be effectually used; hence we employ wood or earthenware, and the latter the most extensively. Our terracotta or earthen-ware vases are of neat but plain patterns, and made with a greater view to the well-being of the plants to be grown in them than to their own ornamentation. This is a good

action, as the drooping plants with which they are partially filled greatly conceal their form. They are made so as to rest comfortably and solidly on walls or on level and firm isolated positions on the lawn; and as our gales are sometimes very severe, the vase stems are short and strong so as to prevent the whole from being readily upset.

The bowl and base portions may either be permanently affixed, or in two separate pieces, in which latter case the two parts must be so constructed that they can be fitted strongly and trustworthily together. Most of our vases are in two pieces, and there was no trouble in keeping them together till last year, when a very severe wind storm overturned some of them, whereas had they been in one piece this might not have been the case. In order to obviate a similar recurrence of the same misfortune this year, we have laid a piece of wood flat or horizontally in the bowl and fixed it firmly to another similarly placed piece of wood in the hollow of the stem, with strong copper wire. The bowls of our vases are 16 inches wide and 13 inches deep, and have a hole 3 inches in diameter in the bottom for the egress of water, which passes down through the hollow of the stem, and thus escapes. In all, these vases are only 22 inches high, and when filled are easily moved about by two men. I have a great partiality for these readily portable ones, as large and unwieldy vases are not only clumsy and unmanageable in themselves, but they are susceptible of injury on account of their bulk, and should any mishap overtake the plants in them in summer they would look very ragged indeed, even although replenished afresh.

Our wooden vases are entire, in one piece, and are somewhat wine-glass shaped. They are made of deal boards ornamented on the exterior with varnished wood chips and pieces of contorted branches, and have good means of drainage. As the wooden vases are not nearly so accommodating for general purposes as the earthen-ware ones, we have only a few of them. These, however, differing materially from the others, prevent monotony; besides, they are in tasteful places at the angles of cross-walks in the pleasure grounds, in shady places near shrubberies, and other positions where the earthen-ware would be entirely out of character.

Iron vases we consider decidedly bad, hence we use none of them. In sunny weather the iron becomes so hot that it is insufferable to the touch of the hand, and as the plant roots invariably make for the outer edge of the pot or vase in which they are growing, they are in this case burned and rendered entirely useless. The heated iron also communicates the heat so greatly to all the soil that the