

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

HALIFAX, March 22nd, 1865.

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Agriculture, provided by the Act, was held this day in the Speaker's Room. Present: Hon. A. McFarlane, President, in the chair; Capt. Hugonin, Joseph Northup, Esq., George S. Brown, Esq., M. P. P., Hon. R. A. McHefley, W. H. Harris, Esq., Pictou, Hon. J. McKinnon, Hon. Wm. McKeen, Dr. C. C. Hamilton, M. P. P., Avar Longley, Esq., M. P. P.

After some routine business, the President called attention to the difficulties connected with the holding of a Provincial Exhibition, as contemplated, in 1866, and in consideration of the whole circumstances, it was deemed advisable to postpone the proposed exhibition till the autumn of 1867. By this means the agriculturists of the Province will be better able to prepare for the exhibition, societies may be organized in localities where they do not now exist, and greater efforts made to represent the agricultural resources of the Province in a creditable manner.

The first number of the *Journal of Agriculture*, published under authority of the Board, was laid on the table, accompanied by estimates of the expense of publishing the same monthly. The Board agreed to recommend to the Legislature to amend the Act so as to permit a monthly issue of the journal, and requested the President and Secretary to attend to some other slight alterations required to facilitate business, and render some provisions of the act more explicit.

The Board took into consideration the impracticability of holding exhibitions in large counties, where all the societies of the county are at present required to combine for that purpose. It was resolved that the Board, when necessary, should grant special permission to individual societies to hold separate local exhibitions.

Dr. Hamilton moved that extra prizes be given by the Board to a county society holding an exhibition, where the society consists of not fewer than 100 members, each paying at least \$1 annually; and similar prizes to a county exhibition where two or more societies (comprising all those in the county) combine to hold such exhibition.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Harris and agreed to.

The Secretary submitted correspondence in reference to the Goodrich Seedling Potatoes, and a supply of samples was ordered, and arrangements made for growing them in those parts of the Province adapted for potato culture.

It was resolved to announce to societies that all certificates of payment of annual subscriptions, entitling them to participate in the Government grant, must be lodged

with the Secretary of the Board not later than 1st September. Societies not sending in their certificates at that date will lose their allowances for the year.

The Secretary was instructed to visit the counties of Pictou, Kings, Annapolis, and Lunenburg during the ensuing season.

After several other matters of detail were arranged, with a view to the business of the Board, likely to require attention during the summer, the Board adjourned.

DOMESTIC RECEIPTS.

SECOND SERIES.

CORN MEAL CRUMLERS.—Beat 4 eggs light, and pour on them one quart of sour milk (1 sweet milk, cream of tartar must be used); add half a teaspoonful of salt, and a small teaspoonful of soda; stir them all together, and then stir in sifted corn meal enough to make a very stiff batter. Have ready a frying pan, half full of hot lard, into which drop the batter from a spoon; when nicely browned, turn them over, and when done, lay them on a colander to drain, and send to the table hot.

TEA CAKE.—Mix 2 cups cream, 3 cups sugar, 5 eggs, the whites beaten to a stiff froth, 1 teaspoonful soda, flour to make about as stiff as pound cake. Salt and spice to the taste.

NUMBER CAKE.—Ingredients: 1 cup of butter, 2 of sugar, and 3 eggs. Beat the eggs and sugar together, then add one grated nutmeg and one teaspoonful of saleratus. Stir with sufficient flour, roll them, cut in rounds, and bake in a quick oven.

SCALDED GINGER CAKE.—Put 1 pint of molasses and 2 spoonfuls of butter in a pan, heat to boiling, then pour it on to 1 quart of flour. Stir it well and when cool add 2 eggs well beaten, 1 tablespoonful of soda dissolved in two large spoonfuls of brandy, and one of ginger. Add enough flour to make it thick enough to roll; work it out thin, and bake in square tins.

HUCKLEBERRY GRIDDLE CAKES.—Stir in one even teaspoonful of soda to two quarts of sweet milk, one teaspoonful of salt; one pint of ripe huckleberries with flour to make a thick batter; bake on a griddle as other cakes.

CREAM PIE.—Mix together 1 egg, 1 cup sugar, a piece of butter as large as an egg, 3 cups flour, 1 teaspoonful cream tartar, 1 teaspoonful soda, 1 cup sweet milk. Pour this on tin plates and bake light brown. When cold, split them open and put in the custard, made as follows: Take 2 eggs, 1 cup sugar, 1 cup flour, 1 pint milk, flavor with lemon. Beat the eggs, sugar and flour together; boil the milk, and while boiling stir in the mixture, letting it cook a few seconds. The above quantity will make three common sized pies.

POTATO GRIDDLE CAKES.—1 qt. of milk, 6 cold boiled potatoes grated, 2 eggs, and flour sufficient to make a batter.

VINEGAR PIE.—Mix 2 cups of vinegar, 1 1-2 of sugar, 2 tablespoonfuls of flour, and a piece of butter the size of a walnut. Prepare a paste to receive these ingredients, and bake the same as any ordinary pie.

JELLY CAKE.—Take 1 cup of sugar, 4 eggs, 1 lb of flour, one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in a tablespoonful of sweet milk, and 1 teaspoonful cream of tartar mixed in flour. Bake in one long tin, then spread with jelly, roll up, and cut in slices.

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