

which was conceded to, and the following resolution was carried unanimously, viz:—

That a paper should be headed Berwick Kentville—Wolville; and the Secretary should call the names of the Committee, and their names should be respectively recorded under the heading that each should vote for, and the locality that took the lowest number should drop out, and the house should be divided on the other two.

This being done, the vote stood—Berwick 9, Kentville 8, and Wolville 4. This vote, according to the last resolution, dropped Wolville out, and the house was divided between Berwick and Kentville, which resulted in a "tie," and the chairman decided the vote in favor of Kentville, with the understanding that Kentville should have a good and sufficient deed covering ten acres of the Mulloney land, properly executed, to lay before the Committee at their next meeting. For further particulars we refer you to the report of the meeting in the county newspapers.

After the meeting of the Committee opened on the 13th instant, Mr. Mulloney presented to the Committee a deed of ten acres of land as was selected by the Committee, which was properly surveyed by E. Cogswell, Esq., and paid for by the inhabitants of Kentville. At this juncture in the meeting, E. R. Bishop, Esq., gave notice that there was in waiting a delegation from Wolville, to make propositions to the Committee relative to a site at Wolville, &c. What took place in the committee room while you were there we need not refer to. We can only say that the Committee sincerely regretted that the very generous offer made by the inhabitants of Wolville through you had not been presented with the same force before, or at the time of the meeting of the Committee, on the 7th inst., as no doubt but the offer from Wolville would have been accepted. But owing to the action that had been already taken on the Kentville site, the Committee felt that they were in honor bound to sustain the action they had taken; therefore the Committee felt that they were compelled to decline taking any action on your very generous offer.

We regret to have to trouble you with so tedious an explanation, but that the whole matter could not be fully explained with fewer words we think you will fully understand.

The Committee hope that you will exonerate them from intentionally and prejudicially setting aside the offer from Wolville, and they feel assured that, although the site for the Exhibition is now fixed at Kentville, all prejudices will be set aside, and that the whole county will use their influence to make the Exhibition of 1877 a credit to the county and a complete success.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the General Committee,

J. E. STARR, } Committee.
E. C. FOSTER. }

King's, Feb. 16th, 1877.

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the subscription lists circulated for the purpose of raising funds to have the Provincial Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition for 1877 held in Wolville, King's County, are genuine; and that the sums subscribed thereon, amounting to \$1682 or thereabouts, are bona fide; and we hereby guarantee the

payment of the said subscriptions to the extent of \$1600 for the purpose and on the conditions expressed in the said subscription lists.

Wolville, N. S., Feb. 13th, A. D. 1877.

JOHN W. BARSS,
JAS. S. MORSE,
FRED. BROWN,
S. S. BORDEN,
JAS. S. McDONALD,
J. W. HAMILTON,
R. F. REID,
JAMES J. ELDERKIN,
J. L. BROWN,
RUFUS FORSYTH.

J. W. Barss, as chairman of the committee, when tendering the above, agreed to add \$400 to the above by a written guarantee, if required, so as to make the amount \$2,000.

To the Honorable Central Board of Agriculture,—

The undersigned humbly submit the following statement:—

The people of Eastern Horton are dissatisfied with the action of the Exhibition Committee with reference to the site.

1. Because the site at Wolville is admitted to be by far the most eligible and desirable of the several sites under consideration.

The Exhibition Committee in their reply to the Wolville Committee acknowledge that had the offer been made on the 7th inst. which was made on the 14th inst., 'no doubt but the offer would have been accepted.'

2. That the meeting on the 11th was an adjourned meeting of the 7th at which there was no resolution passed, nor other action taken touching the transfer of the land, therefore any action taken in the meantime was without warrant or authority.

3. To the objection to the Wolville offer of the grounds and \$1,000 made by Mr. Haliburton, on the 7th inst., not being accompanied with a written guarantee, we reply that neither Kentville nor Berwick offered any such guarantee, nor was any required.

4. That the Wolville offer of the 7th inst., confirmed by the offer of \$2,000 on the 14th inst., and guaranteed by a number of the principal men of the place, was the most liberal offer made from any section.

5. That the proposed trotting park, to be located near Kentville, and towards which it is said \$4,000 of stock is already subscribed, some of the stockholders being members of the Exhibition Committee, this may have had some influence in determining the location.

We, therefore, in view of the feeling of hostility induced by what is felt to be the ill-advised action of the Exhibition Committee, believe that the confirmation by your honorable Board of the Kentville site will seriously affect the success of the proposed Exhibition. We therefore humbly suggest that your honorable Board shall send a Committee of your number to view the several sites, and to their decision the people of this section will cheerfully submit.

J. W. BARSS, H. B. WITTER,
J. L. BROWN, JAS. J. ELDERKIN,
JAS. S. McDONALD, C. FRITZE,
REUBEN F. REID, JAMES S. MORSE,
FRED. BROWN, ALFRED ELDERKIN.
J. W. HAMILTON,
Wolville, Feb. 20th, 1877.

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Colonel Starratt and resolved as follows:

After fully considering the representations of delegates from King's County Committee, and from Wolville, from which it appears that some difference of opinion exists as to the suitability of the site chosen for the Exhibition buildings, the Board resolve to defer their final decision upon the offers received from the several counties till the 13th day of March, in order to afford an opportunity for the King's County Exhibition Committee to reconsider the matter. In the meantime, the Board will consider in detail the prize list offered, and the necessary regulations, so that immediate action may be taken when the Board meets on the date above mentioned.

Committee Room, Leg. Library,
Feb. 22nd, 1877.

Business was resumed by the Board this morning at 10 o'clock.

Present—D. Matheson, Esq., V. P., Chairman; I. Longworth, Esq., Truro; C. E. Brown, Esq., Yarmouth; John Ross, Esq., Boularderie; Col. Starratt, Paradise; Dr. Lawson, Secretary.

It was agreed to hold the next general meeting of the Board, (in terms of the Act) on Tuesday, 13th March, at 3 o'clock p. m., when the Board will decide finally in reference to the Provincial Exhibition of 1877.

Mr. Brown reported that he had communicated with Donald Archibald, Esq., M.P.P., chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly, and it was thought the best time for a conference with the committee would be during the March meeting, when the annual report and accounts of the Board would be in the hands of the members.

A letter was read from Irad Benjamin, Esq., requesting payment of a prize awarded to him at the Provincial Exhibition of 1874. Deferred for inquiry.

The Board then proceeded with the examination of the Draft Regulations and Prize List for the Provincial Exhibition of 1877.

It was resolved that the Exhibition should commence on the 1st day of Oct., instead of the 8th, as suggested by the Committee.

Several changes were suggested on the prizes for cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, roots, vegetables and grains, and on motion of Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Brown, the Draft Prize List was referred back to the Exhibition Committee of King's Co., with the Board's suggestions, so that it may be adjusted and brought before the Board again for final consideration, on 13th March.

A letter was laid before the Board from Messrs. S. Cunard & Co., in reply to an application of the Secretary, stating that Messrs. Allan, Bros. & Co., had authorized them to refund \$243.33 as rebate on freight of cattle received from England