

An effort was made during the last session of the Legislature to obtain a grant towards the funds of the Association. The members think that poultry raising has attained such a position, as one of the important industries of the Province, that it is as deserving of Government recognition as other branches of stock raising, or fruit growing, and it is more than probable that at the next session the Committee will renew their effort, and endeavor to get the Government to give their application a more favorable consideration than it received last year. At this Exhibition the committee introduced the new feature of a professional judge. This added to the expense, but obviated any complaints of partiality or incompetency, and worked so satisfactorily that at the recent Provincial Exhibition the managers engaged the same gentleman, Mr. Abel F. Stevens, of Natick, Mass., to award the prizes in the poultry, and one or two other classes.

The treasurer's account duly audited, showed as follows:—Receipts—Fees and dues from members, \$123.35; in connection with Exhibition, \$254.97; special donations, \$57; sundries, including balance for that year, \$28.64, making a total of \$502.96.

Expenditures—Accounts standing over from last year, \$100.10; exhibition expenses, \$202.30; prizes paid, \$162.66; sundries, \$31.69; balance on hand, \$6.21. Total, \$502.96.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Some important amendments to the Constitution and Bye-Laws, which had been duly approved by the Executive Committee, were submitted for confirmation and adopted:

1st—Change in name from the "Nova Scotia Poultry and Floricultural Association to the "Nova Scotia Poultry Association," with a corresponding change in the objects of the Association.

2nd—Simplifying the amending of the Constitution.

3rd—Increasing the yearly dues to \$1.50.

4th—In addition to two Vice-Presidents already provided for, appointing two honorary Vice-Presidents from each county in the Province.

THE OFFICERS.

The meeting then proceeded to elect
President—Andrew Downa.

Vice-Presidents—Professor Lawson, C. W. Anderson.

Honorary Vice-Presidents—Annapolis, Hon. W. B. Troop, M. P. P.; Col. W. E. Starratt. Antigonish, Angus McGillivray, M. P. P.; W. J. Beck. Cape Breton, Hon. H. F. McDougall, M. P. P.;—Brown, (Sydney Mines). Colchester, Col. Blair, M. P. P.; John Jamieson.

Cumberland, Hon. C. J. Townsend, M. P. P.; Jas. A. Dickey. Digby, Benjamin Van Blarcom, M. P. P.; Wm. Aymar. Guysboro', A. N. McDonald, M. P. P.; Rev. Mr. LeBlanc. Haliuax, W. D. Harrington, M. P. P.; A. McGregor Barton. Hants, T. B. Smith, M. P. P.; W. H. Blanchard. Inverness, D. J. Campbell, M. D., M. P. P.; G. P. Henry. Kings, W. C. Bill, M. P. P.; Henry Lovett. Lunenburg, Edw. James, M. P. P.; E. B. Hyson. Pictou, Alex. McKay, M. P. P.; C. D. MacDonald. Queens, L. S. Ford, M. P. P.; John A. Leslie. Richmond, Alex. McCuish, M. P. P.; Wm. Lovisconte. Shelburne, N. McGray, M. P. P.; Thos. Johnson. Victoria, W. F. McCurdy, M. P. P.; John McLellan. Yarmouth, Albert Gayton, M. P. P.; Hon. L. E. Baker, M. L. C.

Secretary—R. J. Wilson.

Asst-Secretary—Geoff Morrow.

Treasurer—A. Mackinlay.

Committee—G. Piers, F. C. Stevens, T. Goudge, W. H. Gibson, H. Keelie, M. H. Richey, jr., Geo. Ritchie, R. T. Murray.

Auditors—Jas. Gossip, Thos. S. Veale.

The best thanks of the Association were voted to those gentlemen who showed their appreciation of the objects of the Association by voluntary contributions to its funds on the occasion of the deficiency arising from the last exhibition.

A number of new members were elected, and the meeting adjourned.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF THE YARMOUTH COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

[We regret that, in consequence of an accident, we are not able to give our readers the first part of this Report at present.]

Class 6.—VEGETABLES, ROOTS, &c.

Entries, 208; Premiums, 59; Amount, \$44.25.

Committee—Thomas Killam, C. G. Godfrey, George I. Handy.

The Committee report that the show in this department is, in most articles, very superior, being much ahead of anything ever shown here before; the potatoes being particularly fine, and comprising many new and scarce varieties. There are also several species of vegetables shown, which are quite new in this locality, and which the Committee thought, in one or two instances, to be worth a prize, although not in the premium list.

Class 7.—FRUIT.

Entries, 104; Premiums, 72; Amount, \$51.00.

Committee—C. E. Brown, A. J. Hood, T. B. Flint.

Class 7—Fruit—surprised all visitors to-day. Not only strangers, but residents of the County, had no conception of the progress made within ten years.

Four exhibitors showed collections of their own growing, two of 25 kinds, two of 24, mostly well grown apples, free from blemish, and in many cases well coloured, each of which, partly because two weeks later, was superior to the County collection, gathered from all sources, and shown at the Provincial Exhibition at Halifax. Seventy good dozens were shown of kinds named in Prize List and several extra dozens of good varieties.

Red Astrachan is too far gone by October, and should be dropped from the Prize List; also Munson Sweet, which does poorly, while Blenheim Pippin, Chango Strawberry, Early Sweet Bough, Nonpareil, Porter, Talman Sweet and Yellow Bellefleur should be added, good specimens of all these being shown.

Accurate and correct naming are important, and exhibitors should learn the true names of varieties of which they have doubt. In one collection the Gravenstein was represented in three plates by three names, two of them fancy names; the judges did not assume that this was a case of heathen Clinch "the same with intent to deceive," but it necessarily affected the rating of the collection. All through collections and dozens were more or less of errors in naming.

The ten plates of pears shown were apparently grown about town and were of no merit. Early varieties might do better, the Bartlett succeeds fairly; inland many kinds may be grown with good culture.

Twelve plates of plums were shown, several very good; too late for the early varieties.

The exhibit of foreign grapes from vines only two or three years planted in cold graperies was very fine, large and thoroughly ripened bunches being shown of Black Hamburg, Golden Hamburg, Black Prince, Buckland Sweetwater, White Muscat. White Flontigan and one or two others.

One plate of good peaches grown in cold grapery, one dozen of Quinces and three plates of crab apples, all good, complete the Fruit list. The exhibit of Fruit in 1879 should encourage growers to persevere in finding a sufficiently large number of varieties adapted to the County that may be grown with profit, and to compare favorably with the fruit of other counties in Nova Scotia.

Class 8.—FLOWERS.

Entries, 31; Premiums, 20; Amount, \$16.75.

Committee—Lieut. F. Eardley-Wilmot, Mrs. Wm. Law, Mrs. Oscar Davison.