

to establish an Agricultural Department recommended in the Report of the Committee last year.

And, finally, that a Bill be introduced to carry into effect the recommendations of the Committee.

Also, a special grant of \$100 to Queen's County.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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ADDITIONAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

They further recommend that a bonus of 10 per cent. of the first cost be paid to any party who will import and keep in the Province of Nova Scotia, for breeding purposes, for at least five years, a horse or horses suitable for agricultural purposes.

Said bonus to be drawn from the Stock Farm Fund by the Board of Agriculture and paid to said parties on the recommendation of a committee appointed by said Board for the purpose of examining the quality of said horses. The Board shall also require an attested account of such first cost before paying the same.

The Norman Percheron horse preferred.

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THE NOVA SCOTIA TILE DRAIN- AGE BILL.

(Ordered to be printed and distributed
during recess.)

An Act respecting Investments in Tile Drainage Debentures.

1. This Act shall be cited as the Nova Scotia Tile Drainage Act.

2. The County Council of any County may pass bye-laws for borrowing for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, a sum of not less than two thousand dollars, and not exceeding ten thousand dollars, and for issuing therefor debentures of the County Council in sums of one hundred dollars each, payable within twenty years from the first day of August in the year in which the money is borrowed, as is hereinafter provided, and bearing interest at the rate of five per centum per annum,

and it shall not be necessary to submit such bye-laws to a vote of the electors of the County before the passing thereof. But no such bye-law shall be valid unless the same is passed at a meeting of the Council specially called for the purpose of considering the same, and not less than four weeks after a notice of the day appointed for such meeting has been published in some newspaper issued weekly or oftener, within the Township, or, if there is no such public newspaper, then in a public newspaper published nearest to the Township or in the County Town, which said notice shall be to the effect of Schedule D to this Act.

3. The debentures issued under any such bye-law may be issued and sold from time to time, as the County Council may require money for the purpose only of lending the same for tile drainage, as hereinafter provided.

4. Said debentures shall be drawn and made payable, as in the form Schedule E, and shall have Coupons attached, and each of such Coupons shall be for the sum of eight dollars, being as nearly as may be the sum required to meet the annual interest of the debenture and the annual sinking fund necessary for the repayment of the Debentures at the expiration of twenty years.

5. Such bye-laws may be in the form of Schedule A to this Act.

6. The County Council of any County proposing to borrow money under the provisions of this Act shall deposit with the Provincial Secretary of the Province, a copy of the bye-laws passed by them, with affidavit of the Warden and Clerk of the County, stating that the said bye-law had passed by the County Council, the date of passing the same, and that all necessary notices required by this Act had been duly given previous to the passing of said bye-law. And the Council may, at any time thereafter, ask for a loan on debentures of such sums as are required,—the advertisement asking for such loan on said debentures to be published for at least thirty days, in a newspaper published in the principal town of the County, and also in one or more newspapers published at Halifax, if no paper is published in the County,—the advertisement to be in the paper published nearest the county. The advertisement to state the actual amount required, and the number of applications for loan under the Act.

7. Any person being the owner in fee of land in the county, wishing to borrow money for the purpose of tile draining the said land, may make application to the County Council in the form of Schedule B to this Act.

8. On such application, the Council may issue debentures for such amount within the sum authorized by this Act,

and by bye-laws of the County Council, and as they may deem expedient and proper, but not exceeding the sum or sums applied for, and not exceeding seventy-five per cent. of the estimated cost of such tile drainage.

9. After any such investment shall be made, the debentures shall not be questioned, and shall be deemed to be valid to all intents and purposes.

10. The Council shall lend the money so borrowed for the purpose of tile drainage, only for the same term of twenty years, in sums of one or more hundreds of dollars (no fractional part of a hundred dollars to be loaned), and to persons only who are owners as aforesaid, but no part of the money so borrowed shall be loaned to any member of the Council, but any person having so borrowed any sum or sums from any Council, shall not thereby, and by reason thereof, be disqualified from being afterwards elected a member of such Council.

11. The Council shall not loan to any person borrowing money under this Act, a sum which shall require the levying of a greater annual rate for all purposes, inclusive of school rates, than three cents in the dollar upon the value of the lot or parcel of land proposed to be tile drained, in respect of which the money is borrowed, as ascertained by the last revised Assessment Rolls of the County, but, in no case shall more than the sum of one thousand dollars be loaned to one person.

12. The Council shall consider the applications in the order they are made, and shall loan the money to the persons whose applications shall have been approved of in the same order.

13. The Council borrowing money under this Act shall employ a competent person as Inspector of Tile Drainage, whose services and expenses shall be charged rateably upon the works carried on under his inspection, and shall be paid by the Council out of the money borrowed.

14. The Inspector shall, on the completion of any drainage works under his charge, report to the Council the number of rods of drain constructed on each lot or parcel of land, the cost per rod, and such other particulars as may be required by the Council, which report shall be entered in a book to be provided by the Council for that purpose, and the money shall not be advanced by the Council until such report of the due completion of the work has been so made.

15. The Council shall impose by bye-law (in the form of Schedule E), levy and collect for the term of twenty years, a special annual rate of eight dollars on each one hundred dollars loaned, over and above all other rates upon the land in respect of which the money is loaned, and such rate shall be collected