

county expect the larger sum, and their arrangements would be cramped if it were not received.

Mr. Brown stated that he understood the societies in Yarmouth County also expected the \$400.

Mr. Matheson spoke in the same terms for Pictou, and several other members expressed like opinions.

On motion of Dr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, Messrs. Ross and Dakin were requested to wait upon the Provincial Secretary, to ascertain what amount of grant would be available.

Dr. Hamilton moved appointment of Committee to examine returns from societies, with power in special cases to extend the time of receiving returns till 1st December:—Dr. Hamilton, Mr. Matheson, the President and Secretary.

Mr. Longworth called attention to the subject of a Provincial Exhibition, which he thought now desirable. The full consideration of this matter was deferred till more pressing business was disposed of.

The formation of new Societies was authorized as follows: One in N. E. Margaree, County of Inverness; one at Whit-Point, Aspy Bay, County of Victoria; one at Maitland, and one at Newport, County of Hants.

The Board then adjourned till seven o'clock in the evening.

#### SPEAKER'S ROOM, 7 P. M.

The Board resumed business at 7 o'clock. Present: Mr. Longworth, V. P., in the chair; Dr. Hamilton, Messrs. Matheson, Ross, Archibald, Brown, Dakin, McNair, Cameron, Zwicker, Whitman, Black, Sprott, Lawrence, O'Brien, and the Secretary.

Minutes of morning meeting were read and approved of.

The Secretary gave an explanation of the circumstances attending the death of imported horse Netherby Junior. He stated that great difficulty was found in securing sufficiently close cars for the horses during their transit by rail, and Netherby Junior suffered from the exposure. The following report was read from Mr. Hugh McNicholl, 3 Argyle Street:—

HALIFAX, Oct. 16th, 1872.

To Joseph J. Northup, Esq.:

SIR,—Having been instructed by you, on behalf of the Board of Agriculture, to attend the Stud "Netherby Junior," lately purchased in Canada, I beg to report that the death of said animal was caused solely in consequence of inflammation arising from a heavy cold on his journey from Canada. The horse being heavy, and in high condition naturally occasioned congestion of the lungs, to which I attribute his death.

Both lungs upon minute examination

after death, were found to be in a highly congested state.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) HUGH McNICHOLL.

Dr. Hamilton made the following motion:—

Whereas, the Act for Encouragement of Agriculture provides for the holding, every third year or oftener, in some central and suitable locality, a General Provincial Exhibition, and no such Exhibition has been held in the Province since 1868; and whereas such Exhibitions are now considered a necessity in all farming countries,

Therefore Resolved, That this Board take the necessary steps, in accordance with the Act, and make arrangements for the holding of a Provincial Exhibition during the month of October, 1873, in some central part of the Province.

Resolved also, That the Board apply to the Legislature at its next session for the necessary funds to enable the Board to carry out the contemplated Exhibition.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Zwicker, and passed in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Brown, a new society was ordered to be formed at Pugwash.

Dr. Hamilton moved that the Board establish an official Stock Register for Nova Scotia, and that the Secretary act as Registrar.

#### MEETING OF EASTERN COUNTIES FRUIT GROWERS.

(From the Truro Sun.)

SIR,—Pursuant to due notice given through the press, a public meeting was held in the Court House at Truro, at one p. m., this 24th day of October inst., to form a Fruit Growers Association for the Eastern Counties of Nova Scotia. A large number of gentlemen, who take an interest in the subject of fruit culture, were in attendance. Among them I noticed Colonel Laurie, Sheriff Blanchard, John B. Calkin, Major Wm. Blair, Col. Archibald, David Muir, M. D., L. J. Walker, W. B. Alley, L. J. Crowe, Geo. Campbell, Wm. Kent, J. F. Blanchard, Major H. Yeomans, Andrew Moore, John P. Davison and John Black, representing Halifax, Hants and Colchester. The meeting was called to order by Colonel Laurie being appointed Chairman and the subscriber Secretary.

On taking the chair, Colonel Laurie, in the course of a forcible speech adapted to the occasion, alluded in glowing terms to the remarkable success that had attended the labors of orchard-men in the Western Counties, whose fruit, especially apples, ranked in England among the finest in the world. He did not see why like good results should not follow similar

labors in the Eastern Counties, and considered that the time had fully come when such labors should be set on foot, and if success did not follow, it would only be spending a little money and a little time in a cause of so much importance, that he thought all would agree with him that the experiment should be tried, even at the risk of failure. He did not anticipate failure, and, though the East might never rival the West, believed great improvement in Fruit culture would take place in the East if the subject were better understood, and an active Association in operation. He said that Fruit culture is a higher branch of farming, and the difference between a common farmer and a Fruit Grower was the same as between a stone mason and a sculptor; that instances of the capabilities of the Eastern Counties for raising fruit were not wanting, and mentioned the names of gentlemen in different parts, whose names, as fruit growers, were well known. He gave the names of gentlemen at the Albion Mines, Pictou, Antigonish, Amherst, and other places, with whom he had conversed on the subject of the formation of an Association for the Eastern Counties, all of whom spoke hopefully to him about it, and thought a subscription list for such an undertaking would be well received in their localities; and concluded by hoping that gentlemen present would take steps to form the proposed Association, and have an annual fruit show in this part of the Province under its auspices, which at the outset he thought had better be held in connection with some County Agricultural Exhibition, and intimated that he understood such an exhibition would be held annually at Truro; and, with the railway facilities for approaching Truro from the Counties interested in this movement, considered that this place would be looked upon as a common centre for the principal operations of the Association to take place, though this would be a matter for the Association itself to arrange.

John B. Calkin, Esq., then addressed the meeting, and spoke of the profitability of fruit growing, and the desirability of farmers experimenting in planting fruit trees. Suggested that test of membership to contemplated Association should be the planting of a certain number of trees. That in planting trees several kinds should be tried, so that success might be ensured with some sorts, and recommended dwarf apple trees, which matured earlier and took up less ground than the larger trees, and were growing in the estimation of orchard-men in some parts of the Province. Having made some other pertinent remarks, Mr. Calkin moved that a Fruit Growers' Association be formed for the Eastern Counties, to be styled "The Eastern Counties of Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association,"