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Omnium rerum, ex quibus aliquid acquiritur, nihil est agriculturâ melius, nihil uberius, nihil homine libero dignius.—Cicero: de Officiis, lib. I, cap. 42.

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CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

HALIFAX, 29th Jan., 1884.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Central Board of Agriculture was held this day. Present: David Matheson, President; Israel Longworth, Vice-President; Colonel Starratt, Paradise; C. N. Sprott, Musquodoboit; Prof. Lawson, Secretary. The Secretary laid on the table the annual reports of the agricultural societies throughout the province for the year 1883, and stated that considerable progress had been made in the printing of them, so that the report of the Board to the Legislature may be ready for presentation at an earlier period of the session than in former years. He also presented the attested lists of membership of the several societies, qualifying them for participation in the Legislative grants. The examination of the reports and returns of societies will probably occupy the Board for several days.

30th Jan.

The Executive Committee met at 10 o'clock, a. m. Present: D. Matheson, President; Israel Longworth, Vice President; Col. W. E. Starratt, Paradise; C. N. Sprott, Musquodoboit. A note was read from Attorney-General White apologizing for his absence.

The President submitted correspondence in reference to the Jersey bull "Litchfield 15th, and the committee authorized the bull to be sent to River John for

the winter and spring, under suitable arrangements.

Colonel Starratt laid on the table a petition to his Honor the Lieut.-Governor, now being signed by the agriculturists of District No. 2, comprising the counties of Queens, Kings, and Annapolis. It sets forth the neglect of Sheep Husbandry, one of the most important industries of the province; that the development of woollen factories ensures our farmers a home market for wool at remunerative prices; that the district in question is peculiarly adapted for the production of wool and mutton; that the bonus given in 1882 for sheep importation was inadequate; and lastly, the petitioners pray the Government (through the Central Board), to make a large importation of Shropshires and Leicesters during the coming season; also an importation of pigs.

The examination of the reports, attested returns, and accounts of the agricultural societies organized under the Act was continued.

The Committee adjourned to Thursday morning at 10.30 o'clock.

31st Jan.

The Committee met to-day, and concluded examination of reports and returns of societies.

The Committee having examined the votes of the officers of societies nominating to the Central Board,—on motion of Mr. Sprott, seconded by Mr. Longworth, the Secretary was directed to

send the returns to the Provincial Secretary, with statement of same, as follows:

	Nominated by officers of
Dist. 1.—Gen. Laurie.....	4 Societies.
David Archibald..	2 "
Chas. N. Sprott..	1 "
C. E. Goddard....	1 "
Dist. 2.—Col. W. E. Starratt..	11 "
Jonathan Rand..	6 "
No return.....	1 "
Dist. 3.—C. E. Brown....	6 "
No returns.....	2 "
Dist. 4. J. Longworth....	16 "
Allen Haley, M.P.P.	1 "
J. Hiram Black..	1 "
No returns.....	2 "
Dist. 5.—David Matheson..	8 "
Jas. Kitchin.....	2 "
A. C. Bell, M.P.P.	1 "
C. B. Whidden, M.P.P.	1 "
No return.....	1 "
Dist. 6.—John McKeen....	16 "
Jacob S. Hart....	2 "

Applications for recognition from several new societies were presented.

The recommendations of the societies in the several Statutory Districts relative to the locating the District Exhibitions of 1884 were read and referred to the General Meeting of the Board to be held early in the month of March, during the sitting of the Legislature.

Moved by Col. Starratt, seconded by Mr. Sprott, that the President and Vice-President be a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts and report same to the Legislature.

The Committee then adjourned.