

connection, to notice the fact that dissatisfaction has been expressed by some Breeders with the stringency of the rules for entry applied by the Board, whilst others think that a still higher requirement than four thoroughbred crosses should be demanded, so as to place our register on a footing of equality with the published Canadian, British American, and American Herd Books. In consequence of this difference of opinion the Board has taken steps to ascertain the views of the Breeders of the several classes of thoroughbred cattle in the Province, feeling that the Breeders themselves are the best judges of the standard required to suit the circumstances of the country, and to maintain the commercial value of our herds at home and abroad.

#### SHEEP AND HORSE PREMIUMS.

The propriety of granting premiums to encourage the importation of sheep, spoken of in last year's report, has again been brought under notice of the Board; also, the subject of premiums on Horses. The Board desire to recommend these matters to the attention of the Legislature, as no importations of either horses or sheep have been made by the Government or Board for some years, and the requirements of our farmers in the way of better sheep and a first-rate class of horses are very generally known and recognized throughout the length and the breadth of the Province. The conditions upon which premiums are given for such importations, should be clearly defined and strictly carried out.

#### PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION OF 1885.

It being the duty of the Board to make rules, regulations, &c., for the Provincial Exhibition, which, in accordance with the Act, will be held during the year 1885, notice was given that the Board was prepared to receive offers from any Agricultural Society or other responsible body, for the holding of the Provincial Exhibition of 1885,—such offers to specify the place and time proposed, the extent of accommodation, and the amount to be offered in agricultural and industrial prizes, and to be accompanied by a list of the committee or society, or other responsible body proposing to undertake the exhibition,—such offers to be communicated to the Secretary of the Board not later than the first day of March. So soon as an offer shall be accepted by the Board, the body undertaking to carry out such Provincial Exhibition, shall immediately submit to the Board a prize list for approval, and shall be subject to such other rules, regulations and instructions as the Board shall hereafter order.

The offers received for the Provincial Exhibition of 1885 will be considered at the meeting of the Board to be held in

March, when the location of the Exhibition will be decided. The Board were desirous, if possible, to give it a Dominion character, and accordingly applied to the Minister of Agriculture to ascertain whether the Dominion Exhibition premium of \$5000 00 would be available for such purpose. The following reply was received:—

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
Ottawa, 6th Jan. 1885.

SIR,—The Minister of Agriculture desires me to inform you, in reply to your letter of the 15th ult., that no decision has yet been arrived at with reference to a Dominion grant in aid to give one of the Provincial Exhibitions a Dominion character in 1885. It is the intention of the Minister to consult his colleagues on the subject; and until that is done he cannot cause a definite answer to be furnished to the questions in your letter.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. LOWE,

Sec'y Dept. Agriculture.

GEORGE LAWSON,  
Sec'y Gen. Board of Agriculture,  
Halifax, N. S.

#### THE PROVINCIAL VETERINARY SURGEON.

Arrangements for local visits of the Provincial Veterinary Surgeon, for 1884, were made and advertised for Windsor, Bridgetown, Kentville, Annapolis, Digby, Yarmouth, Truro, New Glasgow, Pictou and Antigonish,—the terms announced as follows:—

"W. Jakeman, Provincial Veterinary Surgeon, will visit the several localities arranged for, and will be prepared to treat cases of Domestic Animals suffering from Disease or Accident, or requiring operations performed.

"Scale of fees (modified under arrangement with Board):

"Visits, advice and prescription, \$1.00 for first, and 50 cents for each succeeding visit. Medicine extra at reasonable rates.

"Operations from \$1 up to \$5, according to nature and circumstances.

"When called specially to a distance at places or times not advertised, the charge will be \$5 per full day, and actual necessary travelling expenses."

Mr. Jakeman's report of work done during the season is appended hereto.

#### HORSE BEANS.

The Board imported a quantity of Horse Beans from England, in order to introduce this crop effectively into the Province. The English Horse Bean is known to be one of the most nutritious and productive plants in the world, and is known also to be peculiarly suited to the climate of Nova Scotia, although not

by any means in equal degree to the dry climates of the Western States.

Many inquiries having been made respecting the cultivation of English Horse Beans, it may be stated that they can be planted in any of the various ways in which Indian corn is planted,—either as a cultivated drill crop, or sown broadcast or drilled like grain. In the latter case the soil must be well worked, or have been in roots the previous year. The quantity of seed required to the acre will be at least a third more than corn, as the seed is larger and the plants do not spread. A considerable quantity of the beans still remain unsold, price \$3.00 per bushel.

#### GENERAL ABSTRACT OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

Cr.	
By Balance, February, 1884.....	\$ 193 51
Provincial Treasury .....	12248 00
Fees collected for Registrations and Transfers in Cattle Register .....	78 00
Amount reimbursed by New Brunswick Government for Freight of Nova Scotian Exhibits to Dominion Exhibition .....	97 88
Proceeds of sale of bull.....	35 00
	\$12052 39
Dr.	
To Grants paid to Agricultural Societies for 1883 .....	\$6548 00
Prize Funds paid to District Exhibitions:	
District No. 1, Dartmouth.....	444 44
" 2, Annapolis .....	444 44
" 2, Liverpool .....	222 22
" 3, Yarmouth .....	606 67
" 4, Amherst.....	606 67
" 5, New Glasgow .....	606 67
" 1, Baddeck.....	888 88
Printing and Advertising.....	144 00
Secretary's Salary.....	900 00
Travelling expenses of Members of Board .....	441 20
Keep of bull.....	28 75
Horse Beans, \$99.21; less, \$2.50 .....	66 71
Printing and mailing Agricultural Journal.....	384 53
Less Subscriptions and Advertising fees.....	390 50
	4 03
Telegrams and postages.....	22 52
Stationery .....	25 80
Miscellaneous .....	6 20
Balance in Treasurer's hands, 5th March, 1885.....	465 98
	\$12652 39

#### STOCK FARM ACCOUNT.

Deposit Receipt in People's Bank, Halifax..	\$1762 91
Interest from 26th February, 1883, to 31st January, 1885 .....	185 43
	\$1898 34

GREEN & WHINERAY, K 30 Exchange Buildings, Liverpool, 21st February, 1885, report of Apples:—Arrivals still continue showing the effects of being frosted in America, and very few parcels are entirely clear of it—some barrels are almost worthless, and scales have been made as low as 2/- to 4/- per barrel for considerable quantities, and out of shipments where some of the fruit has landed comparatively free of frost. There is a strong demand for anything absolutely sound, and we only want an improved condition in the Apples to see another similar boom similar to what we had in January. In fact this depression would not have taken place if the frost had not made its appearance, as Apples are wanted this spring.