

On a motion of the Organizing Committee in the meeting of 17th March, 1874, the following resolutions were passed by the Commission and Delegates of the union:

1. That the Exhibition be held in the spring of 1876, about the month of April, on a much vaster scale than was taken as the basis for the previous Exhibition in 1865.

2. That besides the usual horticultural productions and appliances, an exhibition of Colonial vegetables be added, which would greatly enhance the importance of the Display, especially to foreigners.

3. For the adequate realization of this idea, to call in the energetic aid of Government to bring together such a collection, and to endeavour to gain the assistance of scientific men, to secure for the collection the intended completeness and importance.

4. To invite foreign Governments to send in, on their own account, similar collections from their respective colonies.

5. To arrange the Display in such a manner as, by combining the Floras of various countries, to offer as clear a view as possible of the vegetation of the whole globe.

6. To give, as accurately as possible, a full survey of the species of plants, and of the varieties proceeding therefrom, as also the modifications to be observed in these varieties, in order to illustrate the progress of Horticulture.

7. To hold a Congress simultaneously with the Exhibition.

8. Moreover the relations were determined between the Exhibition-Commission and the Palace of Industry Company.

9. The financial concerns were regulated, and

10. A provisional plan was projected for erecting extensive supplementary buildings to the Palace of Industry, and for preparing the adjacent grounds.

The Managing Committee was further charged with all the necessary preliminaries for the Exhibition, especially with the drawing up of a Provisional Programme or Prospectus, and also with the care of issuing Bulletins in the Dutch, French, German and English languages, and distributing the same as widely as possible, in order to give the greatest possible publicity to the cause of the Exhibition.

It has been further determined, that the articles to be exhibited shall be distributed under the following Heads, not exceeding ten in number, comprising: Cotton, Madder, Indigo, Gutta-Percha and India Rubber (Caoutchouc), Aetherial Oils, Fatty Oils and Fats, Material for Paper Manufactures, Dutch Cereals, Tobacco and Peruvian-bark.

The Committee opines that the limited number of these articles will conduce to the completeness and perfection of the Display; while not only a number of sorts, probably from various regions, might be required, but that, moreover, the sending of plants of the objects, as also of drawings, tools or implements, books, etc., relating to the articles displayed, might be insisted on.

In this way a collection may be

brought together well worthy the attention of professional men, offering an opportunity of exchanging opinions and diffusing the results of their debates.

Besides the Exhibition of such chief articles, secondary ones might be added such as: Vegetable wax, Cachou, Sarsaparilla, Resins, Copal, Vanilla, Grass-plaiting, (Marrum Grasses), etc., which, though of minor importance, might be made of considerable interest.

THE NEW CHURN.—Our readers will remember the flattering references which we were enabled to make last fall in reference to the United Canada Churn. We are pleased to learn that the number sold in this section of the country has given universal satisfaction, and that the proprietors are now engaged in manufacturing several thousand, for sale in the maritime provinces. The factory of Messrs. Christie Bro's. of this place is now engaged almost entirely in their manufacture and they will shortly be put into the market. The testimonials as to the qualities of this churn are such as to satisfy all of their superiority, and we have no doubt that the sales during the coming season will be very large. Agents will visit the various parts of the provinces shortly, to take orders.—*Amherst Gazette.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, FOR THE YEAR 1874.

HALIFAX, 6th April, 1875.

TO THE HON. P. CARTERET HILL, *Provincial Secretary.*

SIR,—

The Central Board of Agriculture have the honor to submit, for the information of the Government and the Legislature, the Annual Report of their operations for the past year, together with the accounts of income and expenditure, and relative vouchers.

The County and District Agricultural Societies in active operation, and qualified to participate in the Legislative Grant for the year 1874, were 64 in number; paying members 3971; total amount of subscriptions actually paid (as shown by the attested Returns), \$4495.00; total amount of Grants in aid \$5880.00. These numbers of Societies and Members and the amount of subscriptions are larger than in any former year, and, although there is still very much room for improvement, yet an examination of the Reports of societies shows that the agricultural organization is now upon the whole, in a more efficient state than it has ever been before. Since the Returns were made up, at the end of March, additional societies have been formed, or are in course of formation, in the Counties of Cumberland, Col-

chester, Lunenburg and Halifax, and recent correspondence with unrepresented districts in other counties indicates that the increase is likely to continue. This state of things is matter of great satisfaction to the Board, as they feel that the success of their efforts to introduce and encourage improved stock, and more profitable modes of culture, must necessarily depend to a large extent upon the successful working of the local and district societies.

Since the organization of the Board in the year 1864, there has been a steady increase in the number and strength of Agricultural Societies, with the exception of an apparent check in the years 1868-9 and 70, which arose from circumstances that the Board could not be expected to control. The statistical history of our Agricultural Societies is shown in the following statement:—

YEAR.	Number of Societies.	Number of Members.	Amount of Subscriptions.	Grants in aid.
1st year 1864....	37	1744	\$1859 00	\$3010 00
2nd " 1865....	48	2107	2384 00	3314 00
3rd " 1866....	52	2543	2853 00	3506 00
4th " 1867....	53	2333	3051 50	3444 50
5th " 1868....	45	2248	2510 75	3232 50
6th " 1869....	43	2209	2540 50	3001 00
7th " 1870....	49	2742	3046 00	3772 00
8th " 1871....	57	3245	3672 80	3543 00
9th " 1872....	66	3597	4004 50	3304 00
10th " 1873....	61	3586	3929 00	5785 00
11th " 1874....	64	3971	4495 00	5830 00

The number and strength of societies in each County of the Province at the close of 1874, are shown in the following tabular statement, which embraces only those societies whose returns were duly attested before the apportionment of the Legislative Grant for the year 1874:—

COUNTIES.	Number of Societies.	Number of Members.	Amount of Annual Subscriptions.	Amount of Grants in aid.	Amount of Subscriptions to Provincial Exhibition.
Annapolis.....	5	302	\$302 00	\$400 00	\$140 00
Antigonish.....	2	108	249 00	400 00	62 00
Cape Breton.....	2	155	155 00	310 00	76 00
Colchester.....	6	447	450 00	400 00	183 96
Cumberland.....	3	305	397 00	400 00	139 95
Digby.....	4	302	317 00	400 00	45 00
Guysborough.....	3	153	153 00	306 00	49 50
Halifax.....	3	222	250 50	400 00	250 00
Hants.....	7	353	350 00	400 00	160 00
Inverness.....	2	90	80 00	160 00	33 00
King's.....	5	323	443 00	400 00	136 00
Lunenburg.....	1	66	66 00	132 00	26 00
Pictou.....	5	278	280 50	400 00	65 00
Queen's.....	3	128	134 00	268 00	70 00
Richmond.....	..	..	..	..	..
Shelburne.....	4	27	207 00	400 00	55 00
Victoria.....	2	129	129 00	258 00	60 00
Yarmouth.....	2	233	333 00	306 00	65 00
Totals.....	64	3971	\$4495 00	\$5830 00	\$1609 41

In accordance with the arrangements detailed in last year's Annual Report of the Board, a Provincial Agricultural Exhibition was held in Halifax, during the first week of October, 1874. The Exhibition was largely attended by farmers and others from nearly all parts of the Province, the competition in Live Stock and in Fruit was larger than was anticipated, and, although the untoward season caused a marked deficiency in Roots and Vegetables, yet the Exhibition was generally regarded as, upon the whole, a decided success.