

Dr. C. C. Hamilton, President of the Fruit Growers' Association of Nova Scotia, attended, by invitation of the President of the Board, to confer as to the arrangements necessary for the Fruit Department.

Jonathan Rand, Esq., of East Cornwallis, attended the meeting, and presented a communication from J. E. Starr, Esq., President, and R. M. Rand, Esq., Secretary, stating that Mr. Jonathan Rand had been elected a representative of their Society "to memorialize the Board to so alter the Prize List as to make it acceptable to the Farmers of this country."

W. B. Bowser, Esq., attended on behalf of the King's County Agricultural Society.

Mr. Rand, Mr. Bowser, and Dr. Hamilton were severally invited by the President to state their views, which they did at some length.

They pointed out a number of instances among the Cattle prizes in which the prizes were too few and too small in amount to afford adequate encouragement. Mr. Rand proposed that the Board should reconstruct the Prize List, and withdraw a number of prizes or so reduce their amounts as to enable them to increase the Cattle prizes in the way desired. Every member of the Board was opposed to this recommendation. Great care had been taken in the construction of the Prize List; it had been founded on the Prize List of 1868, with the advantage of the practical experience of the competitions in the various departments at that Exhibition; suggestions had been advertized for all over the county before the list was printed; every practicable suggestion received had been embodied, and after it had been made as perfect as a Prize List can reasonably be expected to be with the amount of money at the Board's disposal, it had been sanctioned by the Government and issued to the public. After a lapse of three or four months, during which period intending Exhibitors have no doubt been guided by the published list, the Board felt that they could not in fairness make any material alteration. They were glad however, to have any deficiencies pointed out, and duly appreciated the suggestions that had been offered by the gentlemen from Cornwallis and Horton; the only cause of regret was that they had not been made before. There was but one method now open to the Board by which the wishes of the Deputation could be met, viz: to recommend to the Government to authorize extra prizes to be offered in cases where those in the Prize List were really inadequate. Messrs. Rand and Bowser were accordingly requested to prepare a list of such extra prizes for the consideration of the Board.

Mr. Dakin laid on the table letters

with suggestions in reference to Judges that might be selected from his district.

The remaining portion of the morning was spent in planning a scheme of arrangement of the Drill Shed, chiefly with reference to the Flower and Fruit Exhibits, and the Board adjourned at half-past, 1 p.m.

HALF PAST TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.,

Business was resumed. The same members present, together with the President of the Fruit Growers' Association and the Deputation from King's County, who presented their list of proposed extra prizes.

Moved by Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Dakin, and

Resolved,—That the recommendation of extra prizes be received and considered by the Board, with the view of carrying it out as far as practicable.

On motion of Mr. Longworth, seconded by Colonel Laurie, the Board expressed their gratification at receiving the suggestions from Societies in King's County, and their regret that they had not been made at an earlier period, when it would have been possible to carry them out more fully.

The Secretary read the following letter from Peter Jack, Esq., Treasurer of the Prize Fund for plants and flowers.

Halifax, 26th June, 1874.

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of your favor of 25th inst., and have now to inform you, for the information of the Board of Agriculture, that at a meeting of the subscribers to the Flower and Plant Show held this afternoon, the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements with the Board for the Flower and Plant Department, viz:—

A. W. MACKINLAY,
H. HARRIS,
J. W. PITCHIE,
D. ROSS,
WM. BARRON,

I have, &c.,

PETER JACK, Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Longworth, the committees nominated by the subscribers to the Plant and Flower Fund, and by the Fruit Growers' Associations, were received and adopted.

The Board then adjourned.

26th June, 3 o'clock, p. m.,

Business was again resumed. Same members present.

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Dakin, and

Resolved,—That the rule allowing Exhibitors to attach their names to animals after prizes are awarded be extended to all articles exhibited.

The Board proceeded to the consideration of the suggested additions to the Prize List, and prepared a Supplementary Prize List.

Moved by Colonel Laurie, seconded by Mr. Matheson, and

Resolved,—That the Board being of opinion that extra prizes are required in the Cattle de-

partment, in order to insure a satisfactory display of live Stock, request authority to offer such extra prizes, in terms of the supplementary list now prepared.

The Secretary was instructed to print the supplementary list if approved of.

The following members of the Committee of Subscribers to Prize Fund for Plants and Flowers were introduced, viz., Alderman Barron, Messrs. MacKinlay, Harris, Ross: also Dr. Hamilton, President of the Fruit Grower's Association.

The various arrangements necessary for the Plant and Flower Exhibition were discussed, estimates made of space probably required, &c., after which the Committee withdrew.

A letter was read from Mr. R. E. Saunders, 24 Argyle Street, asking permission to sell refreshments at the Exhibition. It was referred to the Committee on Fodder and Refreshments.

A letter from Mr. Frazer having been read, the Secretary was directed to communicate with him.

A letter from Alfred C. Thomas, Esq., Windsor, was read, recommending the testing of ploughs by a Dynamometer. The Board, while sensible of the importance on ascertaining with exactness the draught of ploughs, feel that a crowded exhibition in a city does not offer a good opportunity for such enquiries.

The following letter was read from W. H. Blanchard, Esq.

Windsor, N. S., June 10th, 1874.

DEAR SIR,—I thank you for your post card of the 5th. You can note in the *Journal* that the "Lincoln" lam cut 18lbs., one of the Ewes cut 17½ lbs., and the other Ewe cut 16½ lbs., unwashed wool. I measured a lock of the wool taken off the back (without selection) over 14 inches in length, and of good quality. I regret that we shall not be able to show these sheep at the Exhibition next Autumn, as it will be impossible for us to get the ages in "months and days," as your regulations require. Their teeth show their ages to be between one and two years, but at present I have no more definite information. I trust, however, the Board will alter this rule as respects sheep.

Yours truly,

W. H. BLANCHARD.

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Dakin, and

Resolved—That the rule referred to is meant to apply to animals competing according to age, and as a help to the judges, and that, in the case of sheep, the exact age in days and months will not be expected.

A letter was read from Samuel Chipman, Esq., Cornwallis, in reference to requirements of Horned Cattle competing as thorough bred. The Secretary was directed to communicate with him. Animals with Herd Book pedigrees can alone compete for prizes offered for thorough-bred cattle, those whose pedigrees are imperfect will compete as grades.

A letter was read from Mr Samuel Tindel, Clements, suggesting additional prizes for articles of home manufacture;