

forthwith transmit to the Secretary of the Central Board the name and address of the person so nominated.

The Governor in Council shall select six from among the persons so nominated to be members of the Central Board, one being chosen from each of the districts specified in Schedule B, and the preference being given, for each district, to the person nominated by the greatest number of societies. In case of an equality of votes for any number of the persons so nominated for any district, the Governor in Council shall determine who of the number shall be the member.

In case the officers of the Agricultural Societies shall neglect or refuse to nominate any person for appointment to the Central Board, or if the Secretaries of the Societies shall transmit no such name and address, the Governor in Council shall appoint a member of such Central Board for such district.

All members of the Board shall retire annually on the thirty-first day of January, but shall be eligible for re-appointment.

When vacancies occur in the Board from other causes than the annual retirement of Members on the thirty-first day of January, the Governor in Council may at once appoint new members without reference to nominations by Societies.

SCHEDULE B AS AMENDED.

District No. 1 shall include the Counties of Halifax and Lunenburg.

District No. 2 shall include the Counties of King's, Annapolis and Queen's.

District No. 3 shall include the Counties of Digby, Shelburne and Yarmouth.

District No. 4 shall include the Counties of Hants, Colchester and Cumberland.

District No. 5 shall include the Counties of Pictou, Antigonish, and Guysboro'.

District No. 6 shall include the Counties of Cape Breton, Richmond, Inverness, and Victoria.

MEMBERS OF BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, 1876.

District No. 1, Colonel Laurie, *President*.

District No. 2, W. E. Starratt, Esq., Paradise.

District No. 3, Charles E. Brown, Esq., Yarmouth.

District No. 4, Israel Longworth, Esq., Truro.

District No. 5, David Matheson, Esq., Pictou.

District No. 6, John Ross, Esq., Boularderie.

Government Member, Hon. D. McDonald.

We have to thank some kind but unknown friend in Prince Edward Island for sending us a paper that bears internal evidence of having passed through the hands of the Hon. Judge Young. It contains an interesting account of the Government Stock Farm, of which our readers will no doubt be pleased to hear:—

"This farm is charmingly situated on the right bank of the Hillsborough River, which here takes a sudden bend in its odd course of twenty odd navigable miles from Mount Stewart Bridge to its confluence with the York and North rivers, at the "Three Tides" in Charlottetown harbor. It is three miles from the city by the road, and two by the river, upon which it has a frontage of three-fourths of a mile, contains 317 acres, well wooded, gently undulating, and locally known as "Falconwood." Even now may be seen upon it, embowered in trees, what must have been at one time a pleasant country seat, as, indeed, it was that of Sir John A. Macdonald during his stay on the Island some years ago, but now it is falling into decay, its bricks showing need of replacing.

The farm was started some 25 years ago, and has gone on increasing in usefulness and good reputation with results to back it, until to-day it can send stock to the county and inter provincial exhibitions that would carry the palm from all others. This result has not been reached without some delays, disappointments, and much hard work, but within the last few years new "blood" has been infused both in the management and in the stock; and the directors may well feel proud of their efforts, when one of their number was able to go to the World's Fair at Philadelphia, and draw the "Island Garden" into notice by the exhibit of the beautiful animal, Royal Harry, more than was done by all the other exhibits together, as accomplished by Dr. Jenkins not long ago.

The keeper seems to be the "right man in the right place," and courteous to visitors; and, please allow him to throw open the door of the building where the stock is kept this cold weather, and begin the sight seeing. The first is an English draught stallion, Brown Stout; a handsome chestnut weighing 1800 pounds, imported from England with two others in July, 1874, and said to be the best ever imported. The next is Challenger, a prize taker at three English shows; a cart stallion of a rich dark chestnut, sired by Cup-bearer, dam sire Mr. Cottingham's Talbot, of the best Suffolk blood, and truly a beauty, 4 years old, 16 hands high, and 1500 pounds weight. The next animal would delight the eye of many of our New

Brunswick and United States stock raisers, it is Abel, a very dark bay thoroughbred horse, standing 15 hands 3 inches high, weighing 1150 pounds, out of Slayer's Daughter by Spencer, Slayer's Daughter by Fain out of Daughter of St. Nicholas, Spencer by Hotherstone out of Polka and so on, until the sanguinary strain of the celebrated Saladin is found flowing in his veins arching the royal neck and lighting up the expressive eyes.

A most promising young animal next claims the attention, a dark brown Kentucky colt, three years old, imported last year, with some others, by Dr. Jenkins, who made a trip to the "Blue Glass" region for the purpose. This beautiful animal was taken right off the prairie, almost wild, but is now quite gentle with familiar faces, although the bright eyes light up like a deer's when a stranger draws nigh.

There are four brood draught mares, all raised on the farm from imported stock, and it must be remembered that all the stock is duly entered in the "stock" and "herd books," and some of it in those of England and Ontario and the United States. Then came two thoroughbred mares, each of which had a foal beside her; the Kentucky mare had one standing by her (sired by Almonte, the famous trotter, the service being \$125) six months old, very large and with splendid points, a rich chestnut. The other mare, imported from England in 1864, has raised a splendid lot of colts and has one now sired by Abel, the thoroughbred before spoken of.

About a month ago \$1000 worth of young stock was sold, and the opportunity is lost of seeing the result of the past two years' work in a great measure, but by the rules the stock cannot leave the island and the influence will be felt throughout its length and breadth.

Having seen all the horses, we must now proceed to view the bovine element and be introduced to His Grace the Duke of Abercorn. He is of a deep red color, mottled with white, and weighs 1,800 pounds. He has carried off the prizes from many a cattle show. He is a splendid Ayrshire, by far the best in the Province, if not in Canada, and good judges say he would be hard to beat in Scotland. His companion is a short-horn of good pedigree, purchased in Toronto two years ago, for \$175, being then a calf six months old. Then there are six Ayrshire cows and 12 short-horns, and two heifers of the same; and, independent of these, are two short-horn heifers imported from Canada, one at a cost of \$450, when two years old, and the other a calf 7 months old, costing \$325.