

Name and address of person from whom the horse has been or is proposed to be purchased _____

Amount of proposed purchase price, or attestation of price paid if horse already purchased _____

State in what part or parts of the Province the horse is intended to be used, and the price to be charged for service of mares _____

I, _____, do solemnly declare that the several statements of fact in the above schedule are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I make this solemn declaration, consistently believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of Her Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act for the suppression of voluntary and extra judicial oaths."

Sign _____

Address _____

Date _____

Declared to before me _____, J. P.

Place and date _____

(Circular.)

SHEEP.

CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, }
Halifax, N. S., May, 1882. }

At the recent meeting of the Provincial Legislature, the Committee on Agriculture recommended as follows, and their recommendation was approved by the House of Assembly:—

"There is, however, a very urgent want of improvement in our flocks of sheep, which cannot be supplied without importation.

"We recommend, therefore, that grants be made to such Society or Societies in each district as may subscribe and pay up a fund for making such importation.

"That these grants shall be fifty per cent. of the amounts so paid up, providing however, that no district shall receive more than one hundred dollars for each county contained therein.

"That the bona fide paying up and expenditure of such money shall be certified by affidavit of the President or Presidents of such Societies, and that the sheep so imported shall be sold at public auction within the district, and to the members of such Societies as make the importation."

The Executive Council of the Province at a meeting held 28th April, 1882, passed the following minute, which was approved by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor:—

"That the Board be informed that the Government will be prepared to carry out the recommendation of the Committee on Agriculture, adopted by the House of Assembly at its recent session, in regard to the importation of sheep."

In accordance with the above report and minute, the Board are prepared to receive applications from Societies in the several Agricultural Districts of the Province for grants in aid for importation of sheep,—such applications to give the names of the Societies uniting in the importation, the amount subscribed and paid up, and the amount expended; all duly declared to before a Justice of the Peace by the President or Presidents of such Societies.

For further information, application may be made to members of the Board of Agriculture in the several districts, or to the Secretary.

By order of the Board of Agriculture.

GEORGE LAWSON, Secretary.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR IMPORTATION OF SHEEP.

We _____ President of the _____ Ag. Society, and _____ President of the _____ Ag. Society, &c., said Societies all being within District No. _____ of the Province of Nova Scotia, do hereby declare that said Societies have subscribed and paid up a fund for importation of sheep, such fund amounting to \$ _____; and that for the purchase of such sheep there has been expended from such fund the sum of \$ _____. And that it is our intention that such sheep shall be sold at public auction within the district, and to the members of such Societies as make the importation.

Place and date _____

We, _____ do solemnly declare that the several statements of fact in this declaration are correct to the best of our knowledge and belief, and we make this solemn declaration, consistently believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of Her Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act for the suppression of voluntary and extra judicial oaths.

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Declared to before me _____ J. P.

Place and date _____

The *Western Chronicle*, of Kentville, speaks thus of the recent importation and sale of Polled Angus Cattle by the Central Board of Agriculture:—"The Lidding was lively and the competition keen. The cattle brought extraordinarily high prices; the cow "Fame" and bull "King of Diamonds" fetching \$435 and \$460 respectively, while the two remaining cows, "Milly" and "Honesty," brought \$335 and \$350. The yearling bull "Jock o' Benton," \$335, and "Marksman," that had been sick during the voyage and while in quarantine, and that looked small and seedy, was knocked

down for the sum of \$225, making the handsome sum of \$2140 for the six. We will venture to say that these are the highest prices ever paid in Nova Scotia for cattle stock of any breed. A higher compliment could not be paid to the wisdom of the Central Board of Agriculture and to the Government. Our readers will remember that the first agitation made on the subject of importing this breed of cattle was through the columns of the little *Farmer's Manual*, published by us, which commenced in January, 1880, and died peacefully on the 1st January, 1882. Although the little monthly edition did not amount to much, it was the beginning of what we believe will prove to be one of the best moves in regard to cattle breeding ever started in this Province. The best evidence is the evident favor attending, and the high prices received for, the first importation. The *Western Chronicle* immediately took up the question, and assisted all in its power. Many whom we saw at the auction eager to bid for the black-skinned Moolys spoke very much in their disfavour two years ago, and said that the Short-Horn was good enough for them. Their change of opinion has its strongest argument in the fact that they were willing and anxious to pay a higher price for the Polled Angus than any Short-Horn had ever reached in this Province. Dr. Lawson himself must have been highly astonished at the corroboration of our opinions, which he quite strenuously combated, both in the *Journal of Agriculture* and from the stand, two years ago. [This last statement is not correct. No Angus man will ever be found to say a word against Angus doddies,—"hawks dinna peck out hawks' eyene."—*Ed. J. of A.*]

We hope our friends are not forgetting the District Exhibition that we are to hold in Truro during the coming fall. We also hope that our contemporaries in the counties of Cumberland and Hants are now doing their best to make the Exhibition in this district not only a success, but the most successful of all the District Exhibitions that will be held in the Province. We expect, and the General Committee might naturally expect the same, that all the newspapers in District No. 4, will do all in their power to advertise and forward the interests of our Exhibition. A word here or there might rouse up some lazy exhibitor, and induce him to come and join in the general competition, that without doubt will rebound with credit to the three Counties that are now thrown into competition. As the General Committee is located in Truro to a large extent, and the executive officers are all here, we hope, that our contemporaries in the towns