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REPORT OF SECRETARY OF BOARD OF AGRICULTURE FOR 1871.

TO THE HON. W. B. VAIL, }
&c. &c. &c., }
Provincial Secretary.

HALIFAX, 7th March, 1872.

SIR,—The Board of Agriculture, originally organized under the Act of 1854, having ceased to exist, in consequence of the formation of a new Board under the Amendment of last Session, I have the honor to submit, in accordance with your request, a statement of the operations carried on from February 1871 to 15th Feb., 1872. Nearly the whole of that time was a transition period in the history of the organization, its affairs were in an unsettled state, the transactions were necessarily of a limited character, and but little more was done than to carry on the routine work of organizing, sustaining and encouraging Agricultural Societies in the various Counties of the Province.

In accordance with the nominations of the Agricultural Societies in the several

Rural Districts, the Board for 1871 was constituted on 22nd March as follows:—

District No. 1—City and County of Halifax.—The Hon. Sir William Young, Knight; Henry Yeomans, Esq., Joseph J. Northup, Esq., William Cunard, Esq.

District No. 2—Counties of Kings, Annapolis and Digby.—Dr. C. C. Hamilton, M. D., Avarad Longley, Esq.

District No. 3—Counties of Lunenburg, Queen's, Shelburne and Yarmouth.—H. A. N. Kaulback, Esq., A. C. A. Doane, Esq.

District No. 4—Counties of Hants, Colchester and Cumberland.—Hon. Alex. Macfarlane, Hon. R. A. McHefhey.

District No. 5—Counties of Pictou, Antigonish and Guysborough.—Hon. John McKinnon, David Matheson, Esq.

District No. 6—Counties of Cape Breton, Richmond, Inverness and Victoria.—Henry Davenport, Esq., George Lawrence, Esq.

Members ex-officio.—Rev. A. S. Hunt, M. A., Superintendent of Education; J.

B. Calkin, M. A., Principal of Normal School.

The general condition of the Agricultural Societies established throughout the Province is highly satisfactory. Although during the year the operations of the Central Board have been in several respects uncertain, from the cause already referred to, yet the usual care has been taken in the inspection of the Annual Reports and Accounts of the several County and District Societies, and of the attested Returns qualifying for the Legislative Grant, which has been rateably distributed among those Societies only that have fully complied with the requirements of the Act.

There is appended to this Report a tabular statement showing the actual condition of Societies that have qualified for the grant during the year. Under each County are given the names of its Agricultural Societies, the names of the principal office bearers, the number of members, the amount of subscriptions actually paid by them during the year as shown by