

your district, and to exert your influence in inducing as many as possible to aid in promoting its success by taking part in it as exhibitors and visitors. I trust that you will especially give your aid in the department in which you are more immediately interested.

The Dominion Exhibition is under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor-General and other distinguished personages, and will be conducted by a Committee consisting of the Mayor and members of the City Council of Halifax, the Central Board of Agriculture of Nova Scotia, and gentlemen of prominence in the several industries. Cash prizes to the extent of fifteen thousand dollars will be awarded for horses and other live stock, machinery of all kinds, manufactures, forest, mining, farm and fishing products, fruits and flowers. There is no charge for entry of exhibits, nor for space.

The Committee are determined that, on their part, no effort nor resource at their disposal shall be spared to make this Exhibition a success, creditable to the city where it is to be held, and to the agriculturists, mechanics and manufacturers of the Dominion, who are to display the results of their labors. They trust to the hearty co-operation of every class of industrial producers throughout the Dominion. Halifax, the ocean terminus of the railway system of Canada, is easily reached, both by land and water, at all seasons of the year, and arrangements are being made whereby passenger and freight rates for the Exhibition will be greatly reduced, and every facility afforded to visitors. The city presents many attractions to strangers in its magnificent harbor, filled with shipping from all parts of the world; the Royal Dockyard and West India fleet; the Citadel and fortifications; the Public Gardens and the Park; the various manufactories; the Polo ground; the Academy of Music and Lyceum, and many other resources which will be made fully available to the entertainment of visitors during the Exhibition,—whilst the magnificent hill and lake and shore scenery of the Province, including the fertile land of Evangeline, is now easily accessible, being brought by rail within a few hours' ride of the city. Special attractions in the city and excursions to the surrounding country will be organized, opportunities afforded for Deep Sea Fishing by steam launches, and for Lobster Spearing by torch light on Bedford Basin. Gold Mines in full operation are within an hour's drive of the city, and Coal Mines within a few hours by rail.

Sub-Committees have been appointed for the purpose of securing the comfort of exhibitors and visitors. The hotels and boarding houses of the city will provide

ample accommodation at usual rates. Fodder, etc., will be sold on the grounds to exhibitors of live stock at lowest contract prices. There will be abundant supplies of water for both stock and machinery. Refreshment stalls will be established on the grounds, under strict rules, where meals can be obtained at all times, and, generally, everything that can be devised will be done to promote the convenience and comfort of visitors of all classes.

Intending exhibitors are invited to communicate without delay with Professor Lawson, the Manager. Prize Lists and Blank Entry Papers may be obtained on application to Mr. W. McKerron, Secretary.

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient servant,
STEPHEN TOBIN, Mayor of Halifax,
Chairman of Committee.

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 37 REVISED STATUTES, OF THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

(Passed 14th April, 1881.)

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly:

1. The Central Board of Agriculture shall be authorized to draw from the Provincial treasury every year the sum of Four Thousand Dollars for Agricultural and Industrial Exhibitions, to be held every year alternately in the following manner, namely (1) Agricultural and Industrial Exhibitions to be held in any County in the Province selected by the Central Board, and to be called Provincial Exhibitions. (2) Agricultural and Industrial Exhibitions to be held respectively in any one of the Counties of each District into which the Province is now, or hereafter may be, divided, selected by the Central Board, and to be called District Exhibitions. The said sum of Four Thousand Dollars shall be paid by the Central Board to any Agricultural Society or responsible body as a prize fund, every alternate year as above provided, for the purpose of the Provincial Exhibition, and every other year to similar Societies or Bodies within each Agricultural District as a prize fund for District Exhibitions respectively in proportion to the number of Counties embraced in such District. Such Exhibitions shall be carried out, and all the expenses thereof borne, by such Societies or Bodies, under such Rules as the Board may from time to time prescribe, and the Prize List for such Exhibitions shall be made up under the direction and subject to the approval of the Board and of the Governor in Council.

2. The Board shall be authorized to pay annually out of the money drawn from the Provincial treasury for the purposes of the chapter hereby amended,

such sum not exceeding in all Nine Hundred dollars, as they shall deem proper, for the salary or salaries of the Secretary and Treasurer of such Board.

3. Chapter 12 of the Acts of 1875 is hereby repealed.

4. So much of the Chapter hereby amended as is inconsistent with this Act is hereby repealed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report:—

Having met with the Central Board for joint consideration and exchange of opinions, we have discussed the interests of Agriculture, present and future, and the question of the reduction of the expenses of the Board so far as consistent with the interests. We have also examined and considered the Report and Financial Statement of the Central Board. Also, the feasibility of establishing a School or Chair of Agriculture; and the relative advantages of Provincial and District Exhibitions. Also the question of continuing the present grants to Societies.

As a result of our labors, we beg to make the following recommendations:—

That the salary of the Secretary of the Central Board be reduced from twelve hundred to nine hundred dollars.

That a grant of six thousand five hundred dollars be made to Agricultural Societies, and that the recommendation of last year to reduce the grant for each County to three hundred and fifty dollars be not agreed upon.

That four thousand dollars be granted for Exhibition purposes.

That seventeen hundred dollars be granted for the expenses of the Central Board.

We also recommend that while the Provincial Exhibitions continue under the same regulations as at present, to be held every second year, in the alternate years District Exhibitions be held in the several Districts into which the Province is divided for Agricultural purposes.

That during the recess the Government may collect, through the Board of Agriculture, such information as to the readjustment of these Districts as will enable the proposed District Exhibitions to be conducted with the greatest convenience and advantage.

That in future a fee of fifty cents be charged for each registration in the Nova Scotia Herd Book, and twenty-five cents for each transfer.

Also, that the Prize List of the Provincial Exhibitions be in future published not later than the month of February in the year in which the Exhibition is to be held.

Also, that the Government should collect information bearing on the proposal