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Omnium rerum, ex quibus aliquid acquiritur, nihil est agriculturâ melius, nihil uberius, nihil homine libero dignius.—Cicero : de Officiis, lib. I, cap. 42.

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CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

SPEAKER'S ROOM, June 18th, 1880.

The Board met at 10 o'clock, a. m. Present—Hon. H. F. McDougall, Christmas Island; David Matheson, Pictou; John Ross, Boulardarie; Chas. E. Brown, Yarmouth; Israel Longworth, Truro; Jonathan Raud, Canning; Prof. Lawson, Secretary.

The Secretary laid on the table a note from Oakfield stating that in consequence of the burning of the Wellington Tannery, Col. Laurie, the President, was detained for a short time, but would reach the city by an early train. In his absence, Mr. Matheson, V. P., took the Chair.

The Secretary read a letter from Rev. Alex. J. Mackichan, Presbytery Clerk, Barney's River, County Pictou, requesting report made to the Board in 1872, in relation to the New Gairloch Society. Mr. Longworth stated that, having been applied to, he furnished the report as requested.

The minutes, constitution and bye-laws of the newly-formed New Glasgow Agricultural Society were read. The Chairman stated that the Society was a vigorous one, and gave promise of success and much usefulness in the district. The office-bearers are: D. C. Fraser, President; Daniel McGregor, V. P.; E. Cameron, Secretary; Henry Townsend, Treasurer; Directors—James Hudson, William McDonald, D. R. McPherson, Alexander McKay, Colin Fraser. The Board in examining the bye-laws, found

a few slight changes necessary in order to bring them into strict accord with the terms of the Agricultural Act. Bye-law 10th was disallowed as *ultra vires*. Bye-law 13th was disallowed as unnecessary under the Act. To bye-law 16th the addition is required of the words: "and approved of by the Central Board."

Moved by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Longworth and passed, that the New Glasgow Agricultural Society be recognized as organized under the Act for encouragement of agriculture, and the constitution and bye-laws be approved of and sanctioned.

The Richmond Agricultural Society's bye-laws, submitted to a previous meeting, having been again read and considered, it was moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Brown, and passed, that all those portions of the bye-laws having reference to the imposition of fines be expunged, as, in the opinion of the Board, not justified by the Act. Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Hon. Mr. McDougall, the Richmond Society's bye-laws, so amended, were approved of and sanctioned.

The Board then proceeded to the examination of applications for registration of thoroughbred cattle in the new register, when Pedigrees of 18 Jerseys were submitted by Mr. Brown. Having been found correct, on motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Hon. Mr. McDougall, these were accepted and authorized to be recorded, viz:—Pioneer, imported; Dick Swiveller 3rd, imp.; Bruno, imp.; Past Tyler, imp.; Tyler, imp.; Yarmouth, imp.; Darling, Plantagenet, Prince of Leo

Farm, Knight of Leo Farm, Brantiza, Nabritza, Azinbar, Bartizan, Bon Hampton of Hillcrest, Bilaptaur, Zabriuta.

The Board then adjourned.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Business resumed. Present—Colonel Laurie, President, in the Chair; David Matheson, Vice-President; Hon. H. F. McDougall, Israel Longworth, Jonathan Raud, John Ross, Prof. Lawson, Secretary.

The Secretary read the following documents in relation to the proposed Exhibition in Cape Breton Island:

1. Extract from Report of Committee on Agriculture adopted by the House of Assembly:—The Committee would also recommend the following special grants, providing that the Government may have at its disposal the necessary means:

For Exhibition in Cape Breton.....\$1,500.

" Building in Queen's..... 300

These special grants are not to be given but in proportion to like sums subscribed respectively and paid.

2. "Copy of Minute of Council of 1st June, 1880, approved by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor:

"The draft of prize list of the Provincial Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition of 1880, prepared by the Exhibition Committee of King's County, as approved by the Central Board of Agriculture, having been considered, it is recommended that the same be approved.

"The subject of the proposed Agricultural Exhibition in the Island of Cape Breton, having been considered, it is recommended that the management, conduct and regulation of the same be placed under the charge and direction of the Central Board of Agriculture,