

many improvements have been made. The whole area of \$11\frac{1}{2}\$ acres has been enclosed with high and substantial close fences. It is intended this season to introduce running water into the grounds for the watering of cattle, to erect buildings for protection of machinery, ploughs and other implements, and to form a carriage drive in the lower part of the field for showing horses. An effective and experienced committee has been named to carry out the Exhibition in event of the Board selecting Colchester.

At one o'clock the committee adjourned till 2.30.

*Committee Room, Provincial Library, }  
January 15th, 1878, 2.30 p. m. }*

The Executive Committee resumed business. Present:—Colonel Laurie, *President*; W. E. Starratt, Esq., Israel Longworth, Esq., D. Matheson, Esq., Professor Lawson, *Secretary*.

Of the Colchester Exhibition Committee there were present Principal Calkin and Major Blair.

Messrs. Blair and Calkin presented draft of a proposed prize list and regulations for the Provincial Exhibition, which they submitted in support of their application to have the exhibition held this year at Truro.

After discussing several points in the regulations and principal items of the prize list, it was resolved to defer consideration of exhibition matters till Thursday morning.

The Committee adjourned till Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

*Committee Room, Provincial Library, }  
January 16th, 1878. }*

The Executive Committee of the Board met at 10 a. m. Present:—David Matheson, Esq., *Vice-President*, in the chair; Israel Longworth, Esq., Truro; Colonel Starratt, Annapolis; Professor Lawson, *Secretary*.

The Secretary laid on the table the votes of the Agricultural Societies throughout the various counties of the Province, nominating gentlemen in the respective districts for appointment to the Central Board of Agriculture. Seventy-one Societies, out of the seventy-eight existing in the Province, had made the necessary returns.

On motion of Mr. Longworth, seconded by Col. Starratt, the Secretary was directed to transmit the returns to the Hon. Provincial Secretary, in order to the appointment of members to the Board for the ensuing year by the Governor in Council, in terms of the Act.

The Committee then proceeded to the examination of the annual returns of societies qualifying for participation in the Legislative grant.

#### ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.

Clements Township Agricultural Society—Number of members, 54; subscriptions, \$73.50. Passed, but Secretary directed to require an explanation of the discrepancy between balance in hand shown on accounts for 1876 and that brought forward in 1877.

Annapolis Royal Agricultural Society—Members, 82; subscriptions, \$166.50. Passed, similar enquiry to be made as to balancing of the accounts. An error of 50 cents in summation to be corrected.

Port Williams Agricultural Society—Members, 47; subscriptions, \$47. Passed.

Paradise Agricultural Society—Members, 40; subscriptions, \$40. Passed.

Bridgetown Agricultural Society—Members, 49, subscriptions, \$49. Passed.

Clarence Agricultural Society—Members, 41; subscriptions, \$43. Passed.

Laurie Agricultural Society—Members, \$42; subscriptions, \$42. Passed; but the Secretary was directed to call the Society's attention to the Board's resolution disapproving of the use of grade bulls by societies obtaining Legislative grants.

#### ANTIGONISH COUNTY.

Morristown Agricultural Society—Members, 135; Subscriptions, \$164. Passed.

St. Andrew's Agricultural Society—Members, 44; subscriptions, \$47. Passed.

Arisaig Agricultural Society—Disqualified, not having complied with the requirements of the Act.

Bayfield Agricultural Society—Members, 43; subscriptions, \$43. Secretary directed to apply for copy of the Society's Bye Laws. Passed.

#### CAPE BRETON COUNTY.

Boulardarie Agricultural Society—Members, 42; subscriptions, \$42. The Secretary directed to enquire as to the disposal of seeds purchased by the society, which appear as a charge upon its funds. Passed.

North Sydney Agricultural Society—Members, 56; subscriptions, \$56. Passed. The Board expect that the large accumulated balance in hand will be devoted to the purchase of live stock during the present year.

Sydney Mines and Little Bras d'Or Agricultural Society—Members 49. Subscriptions, \$49. Passed.

Sydney Agricultural Society—Members, 46. Subscriptions, 46. Passed; but enquiry to be made as to the very large expenditure of \$225.82 for seeds, without adequate returns being shown in accounts.

The Committee adjourned to 4 p. m.

Meeting of Executive Committee resumed at 4 o'clock. Same members present. Examination of returns of societies resumed.

#### COLCHESTER COUNTY.

Onslow Agricultural Society—Members 129. Subscriptions \$129. Passed.

Tatamagouche Agricultural Society—Members 49. Subscriptions \$49. Passed, with recommendation that this society should in future keep bulls of such a character as to repay the expense of keep.

Shubenacadie Agricultural Society—Members 41. Subscriptions \$41. Passed.

Stirling Agricultural Society—Members 43. Subscriptions \$43. Passed. Explanation required of difference in amount between balance at close of 1876 and beginning of 1877, also error of \$1 in summation to be corrected.

Brookfield Agricultural Society—Members 43. Subscriptions \$43. Passed.

Lower Stewiecke Agricultural Society—Members 41. Subscriptions \$41. Passed. Secretary to ask explanation of balance shown in 1876 as \$71.24, in 1877 as \$8.66. Passed.

Waugh's River Agricultural Society—Members 51. Subscriptions \$61. Passed.

#### CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Parrsborough Agricultural Society—Members 110. Subscriptions \$110. Passed.

Scotia Agricultural Society of Fox Harbor—Members 64. Subscriptions \$64.

Malagash Agricultural Society—Members 43. Subscriptions \$43. Passed. Explanation to be asked for why balance at end of 1876 does not correspond with that at beginning of 1877.

Pugwash Union Agricultural Society—Members 48. Subscriptions \$43. The Secretary to ask for principal items of income and expenditure. Passed.

Wallace Agricultural Society—No return. Secretary directed to apply for necessary papers at once.

Middleboro' Agricultural Society—Members 60. Subscriptions \$103.50. Attention to be called to irregularity of attestation. Passed.

Minudie and Barronsfield Agricultural Society—Members 42. Subscriptions \$42.

Amherst Agricultural Society—Members 44. Subscriptions \$44. Passed, conditionally, on return being attested.

The Secretary presented the Report of the Provincial Exhibition, held at Kentville, King's County, Oct. 2nd to 5th, 1877, together with the Prize List, which he had just received from W. Eaton, Esq., Secretary of the King's County Exhibition Committee.

The Report is as follows. The detailed Prize List was ordered to be printed in the Annual Report of the Board:—

#### REPORT OF THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION HELD AT KENTVILLE, KINGS, CO., OCT. 2ND TO 5TH, 1877.

*To the Court of Sessions and the people of  
Kings Co.:*

THE General Provincial Exhibition Committee appointed at a meeting of the people of King's County, convened at the request of the Central Agricultural Society of King's, in the Court House, Kentville, Jany. 11th, 1877, beg leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee, consisting of the following persons representing the various sections of the County, viz:—C. F. Eaton, C. C. Hamilton, John E. Starr, J. W. Margeson, J. P. Lyons, George Kinsman, E. C. Foster, G. W. Fisher, A. A. Pineo, W. E. Marsters, A. McN. Patterson, J. B. Bowser, E. R. Bishop, E. M. Jordan, J. L. Dodge, John R. Palmer, A. Walker, W. H. O. Halliburton, Leander Rand, Johnston Patterson, Berial Graves, William Magee, Leonard Fitch, Wm. C. Bill—created a responsible body in accordance with the act regulating Agricultural Exhibitions of the Province of Nova Scotia, immediately after their appointment held their first meeting at Kentville, when C. F. Eaton, Esq., was chosen Chairman, Wm. Eaton, Esq., Secretary, and L. De V. Chipman, Esq., Treasurer.