

proceeds of the sales will be found in detail in the Treasurer's Account. The following synopsis will show the gross expenditures and returns:—

NOTE OF COST AND PROCEEDS OF CATTLE AND HORSES.

Paid for Horses: Letter of Credit on New York for \$4500 00.....	\$4522 50
Loss cash returned by Messrs. Matheson and Archibald...	532 00
Net cost of Horses.....	3390 50
Paid for Cattle, Sheep and Pigs, Exchange for.....	£1690 1s. 10d.....\$3000 09
Less Cash returned by Secre- tary.....	1303 51
Net cost of Cattle, Sheep and Pigs.....	6696 49
Total cost of both importa- tions.....	\$10686 99
Total proceeds of sale.....	5817 50
Loss.....	\$4869 49

The above loss, together with expense of stabling in Halifax, advertising sale, and minor expenses not yet fully settled, will be covered by the vote of \$5000, made by the Legislature last year, and interest on the Stock Farm Fund, which latter can thus be replaced to its original amount of \$8000.00 so soon as the proceeds of the sale are realized.

In accordance with the Act of last session, the Board have made necessary preliminary arrangements for a Provincial Exhibition of Agricultural Products and Industries, to be held in the autumn of the present year. They have accepted an offer from the Colchester Exhibition Committee, who undertake to carry out the Exhibition at Truro, in terms of the Act, and to the satisfaction of the Board, and to provide accommodation for the Live Stock and other exhibits at least equal to that afforded at the Provincial Exhibition held in Halifax in 1874. It is hoped that the Prize List and Regulations will be ready for circulation before the close of the present session of the Provincial Parliament.

By order of the Central Board of Agriculture.

J. WIMBURN LAURIE,
President.
GEORGE LAWSON,
Secretary.

We had an opportunity recently of visiting the Poultry Yards at Sunnyside, Dutch Village, where Mr. Andrew MacKinlay has established a Poultry Breeding establishment. Several kinds of thorough-bred Birds are kept, and the Partridge Cochius are certainly the noblest specimens of Poultry we have seen for many a day. The Pekin Ducks are young and promise to be very fine. The light Brahma flock has been reinforced by a Rooster of great pretensions from a celebrated Breeder in the United States.

CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

*Committee Room, Provincial Library,
20th March, 1876.*

The Board met this morning in accordance with order of the Governor in Council.

Present—Hon. Daniel McDonald, M. E. C., Antigonish; Colonel Laurie, Representative of Agricultural District No. 1; W. E. Starratt, Esq., Representative of Agricultural District No. 2; C. E. Brown, Esq., Representative of Agricultural District No. 3; Israel Longworth, Esq., Representative of Agricultural District No. 4; David Matheson, Esq., Representative of Agricultural District No. 5; John Ross, Esq., Representative of Agricultural District No. 6.

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Ross, and passed unanimously, that Colonel Laurie be elected President.

Moved by Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Longworth, that John Ross, Esq., be elected Vice-President, which was about to pass, when Mr. Ross objected. He thanked the Board for their intention, which he regarded as a compliment to Cape Breton as well as himself, but on account of the distance he thought he would not be an efficient Vice-President, and moved the election of Mr. Matheson.

Mr. Brown seconded the nomination of Mr. Matheson as Vice-President, and expressed his coincidence with Mr. Ross's view. The motion was unanimously passed.

On motion of Mr. Starratt, seconded by Mr. Ross, Professor Lawson was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer.

The committee appointed to propose amendments of the Act for Encouragement of Agriculture reported, and most of the forenoon was spent in discussing the working of the Act, and suggesting necessary changes.

Mr. Brown stated that as the railway will shortly bring Digby and Yarmouth into closer contact, it will be well to modify District No. 3, so as to make it consist of Digby, Yarmouth and Shelburne, transferring Queen's county to District No. 2, which includes also King's and Annapolis, and associating Lunenburg with Halifax county as District No. 1. Mr. Brown moved accordingly that the committee incorporate this change in the schedule to the Act, which was seconded by Mr. Ross, and passed.

The amended Act was referred back to the committee for the incorporation of this and other changes suggested.

Mr. Longworth submitted papers in reference to the Ayrshire Stock Register, and Messrs. Matheson, Starratt, and Brown were requested to examine the Register and report to the Board:

The Board then adjourned till half-past 2 o'clock.

Committee Room, half-past 2 p. m.

Business resumed. Present: Colonel Laurie, President, Messrs. Matheson, Brown, Longworth, Starratt, Ross, and the Secretary.

It was resolved to invite the Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly to a conference with the Board tomorrow morning at eleven o'clock, or at any time more convenient for them.

The Board discussed in detail the subject of stock importations, and arrived at the conclusion that the importation this year should consist chiefly of Short Horns and Ayrshires, with a few Devons, and a fair selection of pigs and sheep of different breeds. Estimates of probable cost and proceeds were made up.

The Board then adjourned till tomorrow morning.

Tuesday, 21st March, half-past 10 a. m.

Present: Colonel Laurie, President, D. Matheson, Esq., V. P., I. Longworth, Esq., C. E. Brown, Esq., W. E. Starratt, Esq., John Ross, Esq., Professor Lawson, Secretary.

Mr. Longworth reported the proposed Amendment of the Agricultural Act, which, on motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Starratt, was finally adjusted and approved of, with a view to be submitted to the Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly.

The Secretary submitted a communication received this morning from the Secretary of the Sydney Agricultural Society, which had been in rather an inactive state, but has lately been revived with prospect of usefulness. By invitation of the President, T. E. Mosely, Esq., M.P.P. attended the meeting, and explained the position of affairs to the Board, and the causes of delay in completing the Society's returns, which had been forwarded in December, but sent back to Cape Breton for completion, whereby the society's grant was not included in the report of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Brown, resolved that in view of the explanation, the balance of unappropriated grant (\$40.00) in Cape Breton county be appropriated to the Sydney Society.

Mr. Starratt introduced to the Board Leander Pand, Esq., of Cornwallis, who made a statement in reference to the recently formed Farmers' Agricultural Society, of North-east Cornwallis. The President explained that the action of the Board in regard to that society had been taken after very careful consideration, and was founded upon the opinion of the Hon. Attorney General. Mr. Brown and other