

you conveniently can after the Annual Meeting what sum they have determined to subscribe, so as to enable the Committee to proceed with the necessary preparations. The money will not be collected until the close of next year, when the amount of each Society's subscription will be deducted from its Annual Grant, payable at the end of December, 1874.

Waiting you reply,
I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
GEORGE LAWSON,
Secretary.

HALIFAX, 5th November, 1873.

SIR,—The new Agricultural Act having effected a change in the mode of nominating Candidates to the Central Board of Agriculture, I have been directed to call your attention to its provisions, and to request that you will inform the Officers of your Society that they are required, at next Annual Meeting, namely, on the first Tuesday of December ensuing, to be guided by the new Act in nominating a Candidate to the Board.

You will perceive that it is the duty of the Officers of your Society, immediately after their election at the Annual Meeting in December, to nominate a person suitable for appointment, and you, as Secretary of the Society, are required to transmit forthwith to the Secretary of the Central Board the name and address of the person so nominated. It is necessary that there should be no delay in doing this, as the names of Candidates nominated by Societies have to be submitted to the Governor in Council, for the selection from among them of one for each District to be a Member of the Central Board.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
GEORGE LAWSON, Secretary.

EXTRACTS FROM ACT OF 1873.

1. The Governor in Council shall annually appoint a Central Board of Agriculture, consisting of seven persons, of whom one shall be selected from among the Executive Government of the Province, and the remaining six shall be selected from among the six districts mentioned in Schedule B., in the manner hereinafter provided. Five of such Board shall be a quorum, and they shall be a body under the name of the Board of Agriculture.

2. It shall be the duty of the Officers of every Agricultural Society, immediately after their election at the Annual Meeting in December, to nominate a person suitable for appointment to the Central Board, and the Secretary of every Society shall transmit to the Secretary of the Central Board the name and address of the person so nominated.

4. The Governor in Council shall select six from among the persons so nominated to be members of the Central Board, one being chosen from each of the districts specified in Schedule B., and the preference being given, for each district, to the person nominated by the greatest number of Societies. In case of an equality of votes for any number of the persons so nominated for any district, the Governor in Council shall determine who of the number shall be the member.

4. In case the Officers of the Agricultural Societies for any district shall neglect or refuse to nominate any person for appointment to the Central Board, or if the Secretaries of the Societies shall transmit no such name and

address, the Governor in Council shall appoint a member of such Central Board for such district.

5. All members of the Board shall retire annually on the thirty-first day of January, but shall be eligible for re-appointment.

6. When vacancies occur in the Board from other causes than the annual retirement of Members on the thirty-first day of January, the Governor in Council may at once appoint new members without reference to nominations by Societies.

SCHEDULE B.

The City and County of Halifax shall comprise District No. 1.

District No. 2 shall include the Counties of Kings, Annapolis, and Digby.

District No. 3 shall include the Counties of Lunenburg, Queens, Shelburne and Yarmouth.

District No. 4 shall include the Counties of Hants, Colchester and Cumberland.

District No. 5 shall include the Counties of Pictou, Antigonish, and Guysborough.

District No. 6 shall include the Counties of Cape Breton, Richmond, Inverness and Victoria.

THE Union Agricultural Society of East Cornwallis has sent in its Return for 1873, of one hundred and five paid up Members.

COLONEL LAURIE has parted with his Ayrshire Cow and Heifers, in order to limit his attention exclusively to Devons, of which he has a nice herd growing up. His Ayrshire Cow "Pink, 47 N. B.," has been sold to James Clark, Esq., Tatamagouche; the Ayrshire Heifer "Myra, 46 N. B.," to Rev. H. Pryor Almon, Windsor; Ayrshire Heifer "Nora, 48 N. B.," also to Rev. H. Pryor Almon. The Ayrshire Heifer "Ceres, 49 N. B.," was run over and killed by a railway train in August, 1873. Pink's Calf (not registered) died, poisoned, at the age of ten weeks.

AGRICULTURAL matters are looking up on the North East Branch of the Margaree River, Inverness County, Cape Breton. Mr. John A. Ross writes to us that at a recent meeting 50 members had joined the Society, and there is "the expectation that a good many more will join shortly."

WE have received a carefully prepared Report of the Annual Agricultural Exhibition held at Yarmouth, but unfortunately cannot find room for it in the present number.

THE Moreton Lodge Farm, near Guelph, so well known as the field of labour of Mr. Stone, the celebrated breeder of Herefords and Cotswolds, has been purchased by the Ontario Government as a site for an Agricultural College. Buildings on the farm are to be immediately altered to serve for accommodation of 25

students. The prospectus will be issued forthwith; and the first session's work will commence in January, 1874.

THE Colchester County Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition has been more than usually successful this year, partly no doubt from the Eastern Fruit Growers' Association joining with the Agricultural Society. The following information we have obtained from the columns of the *Truro Sun*:—

The Exhibition was held at Truro, in the Drill Room and the grounds adjacent, and is admitted on all hands to have been a decided success. The weather was all that could be wished for, fine over-head with a bracing breeze, making everything pleasant outside. The entries of stock were more numerous than last year, and in most classes a decided improvement. Fat cattle and swine, we think, were not any improvement. If we mistake not, the Swine showed a falling off from last year, and Fat Cattle, although the specimens shewn, particularly one pair of Oxen owned by G. Phillips of Onslow were excellent, yet very few were on the ground. The thorough bred stock exhibited were very fine, as also a large number of graded stock of various ages, being the result, principally, of the importation of Pure Breeds, by the various Agricultural Societies in the County, particularly that of Onslow. In the matter of Horses, although some fine specimens were on exhibition, Colchester cannot as yet boast much, yet we are bound to admit an improvement, even in this department, especially among the younger specimens. Sheep were an improvement both in number and quality, upon former years. By this we mean the few preceding Exhibitions held in this County. Years ago, we learn, the sheep were just as good if not better than at present.

Poultry were far in advance of anything shewn before, and although the collection was not uncommonly large or varied, the exhibit was very creditable and shews more interest taken in this branch.

The cereals were very good and a larger number of specimens were shewn than usual, and so far as we could judge were all very fine, in many cases magnificent. Cabbage and cauliflower, indifferent. Nothing better, however, could be expected, since the advent of the worm, that has taken charge of that department of agriculture during the last few years in this vicinity. Some excellent specimens of Indian Corn were shewn. Onions and Tomatoes were not so good as last year. Some really beautiful Bouquets of flowers were shewn. A good many specimens of Butter were exhibited which maintained the well merited reputation of Colchester women as Butter makers.— Cheese was exhibited only by the Onslow