

followed. The delegates expressed the opinion that the prizes offered should be such as to specially induce exhibitors in the County to bring forward their animals and produce, whilst members of the Board held that in dealing with a Provincial Exhibition the prizes should rather be such as to invite competition from other and even distant counties. The Board felt that they were responsible to the Province for the prize list, and any needed modifications would require to be made. The detailed revision of the prize list by the Board is not yet completed.

The draft prize list was accompanied by the following memorandum:—

The amount of prizes as per accompanying draft of prize list is as follows:

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| Class 1—Horses - - - - -     | \$ 826 00 |
| 2—Cattle - - - - -           | 2168 00   |
| 3—Sheep - - - - -            | 240 00    |
| 4—Swine - - - - -            | 253 00    |
| 5—Poultry - - - - -          | 74 00     |
| 6—Roots and Vegetables - -   | 156 00    |
| 7—Grain - - - - -            | 165 75    |
| 8—Dairy Produce - - - -      | 85 00     |
| 9—Woollen, Flax, &c - - -    | 281 00    |
| 10—Agricultural Implements - | 402 00    |
| 11—Fruits - - - - -          | 545 50    |
| 12—Flowers - - - - -         | 50 00     |

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WILLIAM EATON, Secretary.

Kentville, March 10th. 1877.

Mr. Ross presented the following communication, which was read to the meeting:—

To the Secretary of the Central Board of Agriculture for the Province of Nova Scotia, Halifax, N. S.:

SIR,—

At a public meeting held in the Court House, Baddeck, on the 27th ultimo, a resolution was unanimously passed, "That every effort be made by us to induce the Central Board of Agriculture to arrange to have a General Exhibition for the Province held at Baddeck in the Autumn of 1878."

At the above mentioned meeting a Committee was appointed to correspond with the Central Board with a view to the above object.

The meeting expressed a strong desire to have the Exhibition held at Baddeck, and from correspondence read on that day to the meeting, received from several Agricultural Societies in the Island of Cape Breton, we have no doubt but that the Societies would feel gratified to have the Exhibition on the Island, and take a large interest in having it carried out successfully.

The Committee would respectfully beg leave to bring to the notice of the Board the claims of the Island of Cape Breton in this matter:

First—That heretofore no Exhibition has been held on this Island

Second—That our Island, from its large mineral and other resources, contributes largely to the revenues of the Province.

Third—That from our isolated position, our Island has not been able to participate in the Exhibitions held in Nova Scotia proper, and consequently little or no advantage has to them been derived therefrom.

Fourth—That from the increased interest lately manifested among our people in Agricultural matters, much benefit would result from holding a Provincial Exhibition on this Island.

The meeting expressed their willingness to comply with the requirements of the Board to entitle us to an Exhibition here, and the Committee would respectfully request the Board to inform them what those requisites would be.

Yours, &c.,

ALEX. TAYLOR, JR.,  
Secretary to Committee.

Baddeck, C. B., March 7th, 1877.

Moved by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Longworth, and resolved, that the Secretary be requested to reply to Mr. Taylor, Secretary of the Baddeck Committee, explaining the requirements of the Act in reference to Exhibitions, and stating that the Board are pleased to hear of the preliminary steps taken towards an Exhibition in Cape Breton, which they hope will be carried out to a successful issue. The Board cannot bind their successors to any action in the matter, but would recommend to their favorable consideration any application that may be received embracing a satisfactory guarantee for the successful carrying out of an Agricultural or General Industrial Exhibition in Cape Breton Island.

The Board then adjourned till 3 o'clock.

March 14, 3 P. M.

Business was resumed at 3 o'clock. Same members present. D. Matheson, Esq., V. P., in the chair.

The Chairman announced that he had made arrangements for the Board to meet with the Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly to-morrow (Thursday) at 10 a. m.

The Secretary read the following from G. W. Dupe, Esq., in reference to the establishment of a Bone Mill in Halifax:

HALIFAX, N. S., March 13, 1877.

To George Lawson, Esq., Secretary of Central Board of Agriculture:

DEAR SIR,—

I beg to call to your notice that I have purchased and am now erecting up in city a large and powerful Bone Mill, together with other machinery, for the purpose of opening a regular Bone Factory to produce Bone Manure, and I intend to use my endeavors to bring it well before the Farmers, Florists and all Gardeners. I propose to grind pure raw Bone, with warranty to every bag or barrel, in three grades, half inch, fine, and meal, and finding it has been the custom of the Legislature to grant a subsidy to persons erecting Bone Mills, I now beg you and the honorable Board of Agriculture to report and ask the present House of Assembly, now in session, to grant me a sum to enable me to bring it well before the public, and the Farmers in general. The said grant I will use in publishing and agents throughout the Province.

Respectfully your obdt. servant,  
G. WM. DUPE.

After some discussion, during which the facts were elicited that Col. Laurio's Bone Mill at Wellington had ground up more bones than could be sold, that there was an ample supply on hand, but that possibly renewed efforts to press upon farmers the great value of ground bones might induce larger sales, the Board agreed to defer a decision on Mr. Dape's application until they should have a conference with the Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly as to what funds would probably be placed at their disposal this year.

Mr. Longworth read the following card from E. Blanchard, Esq.:

ELLERSHOUSE, March 8, 1877.

DEAR SIR,—

I observe in the *Journal of Agriculture* that changes in the Prize List have been suggested in several departments, including poultry. It may be that the Board have corrected what was admitted to be an error in the list of 1876, in which Bull and Partridge Cochins were classed under the same head.

Yours faithfully,

EDWARD BLANCHARD.

The Secretary read a communication from W. A. Hendry, Esq., Halifax, in which he pointed out the great facilities for live stock raising in Nova Scotia, and gave an outline of a scheme for organizing an association in the Nova Scotia Agricultural Association. The special object of the Association will be the managing and working of a stock and dairy farm in such a manner as will best advance the agricultural interests of the Province of Nova Scotia. The Model Farm to consist of at least a thousand acres, managed by a Superintendent, under the direction of five gentlemen to be elected by the shareholders. Capital £5000, in shares of £50 each. An annual sale will be held regularly after the second year's operations of the Association. The subject is submitted for the consideration of the Board, in the hope that they may be induced to take an active part in starting the scheme. If the Board would do so, say become interested to the extent of one-third or one-fourth, Mr. H. has no doubt at all that one hundred gentlemen in Halifax, if properly approached, would readily take an interest to the amount contemplated. The details of the scheme are as follows:

Dr. Lawson, Secretary Board of Agriculture:

Last fall when in the United States I travelled as far west as Ohio, principally along the Pennsylvania Central, through some of the finest and most advanced agricultural districts of North America, and had an opportunity of seeing some of the finest stock farms I ever saw. I think our facilities for stock raising are as good as Pennsylvania, considering that root crops can be grown far better here than there, or, indeed, in any part of the United States from Maine to Ohio, which is as far as my visit extended. It occurred to me that capital judiciously invested