

Kay, Esq., Secretary of the Boularderie Agricultural Society, complaining that the grant to that Society for 1873 had not been received, also, a letter from John Ross, Esq., M. P. P., on the same subject.

The Secretary stated that a warrant for the Boularderie Society's grant of \$110, with a deduction of \$4 for journals, had been sent by mail, in the usual way, on 21st February last; that he had subsequently written to Mr. Ross and Mr. McKay, requesting that enquiry should be made, and had also requested Mr. Woodgate, Inspector of Post-offices, to institute an inquiry as to what had become of the letter, which, he understood, was now in progress. Payment of the warrant was, in the meantime, stopped. On motion of Colonel Laurie, the Secretary was directed to communicate again with Mr. Ross, the member for the district, requesting him to investigate and report, and to caution merchants and others in the locality, to abstain from negotiating the warrant, if presented to them.

The Secretary stated that in accordance with instructions given at last meeting, he had applied to the various railway and steamboat companies for facilities of transit and a reduced tariff at the time of exhibition, and that, as far as heard from, they had cheerfully entered into the views of the Board. It is expected that, in course of a few days, the whole arrangements will be completed, so as to be announced to the public.

The following letter was read from J. Taylor Wood, Esq., manager of the Eastern Steamship Company:—

HALIFAX, June 13, 1874.

DEAR SIR,—

I am requested by the Trustees to acknowledge the receipt of your favor, and to reply that the Company will carry for one rate (returning free) all articles intended for the Exhibition, and all passenger return tickets one fare.

In regard to live stock, until the steamer is fitted to carry it, they cannot make any arrangements.

In any other manner they can advance the interests of the Exhibition, they will be glad to do so.

Yours truly,
J. TAYLOR WOOD.

The following letter was read from P. Innes, Esq., General Manager of the Windsor and Annapolis Railway Company:—

PROF. LAWSON, Secretary of Central Board of Agriculture, Halifax.

SIR,—

I beg to inform you, in answer to your letter of 4th inst., that this Railway will make the following arrangements in connection with the Agricultural Exhibition, to be held at Halifax, in October next, viz:

1st. Will convey to Halifax, live stock and all articles for Exhibition, at the ordinary rates, and take them back free of charge.

2nd. Will issue return tickets at one first-class fare, to exhibitors travelling with their live

stock, from 1st to 6th October, available for return up to 12th October.

3rd. Will issue Excursion Return tickets to the public, from all stations, at one first-class fare, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th October, available for return up to 12th October.

I am,

Yours respectfully,

P. INNES.

The Secretary was directed to communicate again with Mr. Innes, and to state that it would greatly facilitate arrangements if the privileges allowed to exhibitors of live stock were extended to other exhibitors, as, in the Fruit Department especially, it would be necessary in many cases, with a view to proper arrangements, for exhibitors to bring their articles to the city some days previous to the exhibition.

On motion of Mr. Dakin, the Secretary was directed to apply to the proprietors of the "Empress" for facilities similar to those granted by the other companies, in order that farmers in Digby County may have an opportunity of exhibiting.

A communication was read from F. W. Fishwick, Esq., in reference to the "M. A. Starr;" but, Mr. Fishwick being from home, the arrangements were not yet quite complete.

A letter was read from W. H. Balcom, Esq., and one from James Horsfall, Esq., Annapolis, on the same subject. The consideration of these letters was deferred until additional information should be received.

Mr. Matheson announced a contribution of \$15 to the Prize Fund from the Merigomish Society, and the Secretary stated that the Clare Society had likewise increased its donation to \$15.

On motion of Mr. Dakin, seconded by Col. Laurie, it was

Resolved,—That the subscribers to the special Prize Fund for Plants and Flowers be requested to name five members to form a Joint Committee, with a similar number to be named by the Fruit Growers' Associations, to confer with the Board in making arrangements for the Horticultural and Fruit Departments.

The Secretary was directed to communicate this resolution to Peter Jack, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer of the Fund.

At one o'clock the Board adjourned.

EXHIBITION OFFICE, PROVINCE BUILDING,
25th June, 1874, 2½ o'clock, p.m.

Business was resumed. The same members present.

The books and papers of the New Gairloch Agricultural Society having been laid on the table, Mr. Matheson, who had examined them carefully, made a statement of the affairs of the society.

Moved by Mr. Dakin, seconded by Colonel Laurie, and

Resolved,—That the regulations under which the Society is conducted are at variance with the provisions of the Agricultural Act; that the information furnished is not, as yet, sufficient to

enable the Board to judge of the regularity of the Society's proceedings; and that, there is reason to believe they failed, in several respects, to carry out the intentions of the Act. The Board, therefore, request them to furnish full information as to their affairs and accounts; particularly a statement of the number of persons present at the last annual meeting, and the particular place and hour of such meeting; also the Society's original accounts and vouchers for the year from December 1872, to December 1873, with all the separate items of income and expenditure stated in detail, and the date of the receipt and payment of each item; the whole to be certified by the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Directors before a Justice of the Peace.

Further Resolved,—That the proportion of grant not drawn by the New Gairloch Society for 1873 be retained until the required information shall be furnished, and if not furnished before December next (1874), that the amount be distributed ratably among the qualified Societies in Pictou County.

The Secretary read a letter from A. Woodgate, Esq., Inspector of Post Offices, in reference to the last return of the Aylesford Agricultural Society; a statement and affidavit had likewise been sent by Mr. McMahan, the Secretary, which was satisfactory.

Moved by Mr. Dakin, seconded by Mr. Matheson, and

Resolved,—That the proportion of grant to the Aylesford Agricultural Society for the year 1873, which the Society was not in a position to draw at the close of the year, be a first charge on the grant to Kings County for 1874.

The Board then proceeded to the consideration of the plans and specifications that had been prepared for the Horse and Cattle Sheds and Sheep Pens in the General's and Governor's Fields. Several modifications were made. The accommodation for Cattle will be more extensive than at last Exhibition.

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Dakin, and

Resolved,—That the plans and specifications as now amended be approved of, and that the Secretary be authorized to advertise for tenders, to be received up to the 15th July, to be then submitted for decision and acceptance, to the Committee on buildings and erections, who shall not be bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

The Board then adjourned to meet tomorrow, (Friday) morning, at half past 10 o'clock.

EXHIBITION OFFICE, PROVINCE BUILDING.

26th June, 1874.

The Board met this morning. Present: Hon. R. A. McHefey, President; Colonel Laurie, V. P.; David Matheson, Esq., Israel Longworth, Esq., John Dakin, Esq., Professor Lawson, Secretary.

The Secretary stated that, since the adjournment of the Board on the previous evening, he had seen Mr. Innes, of the Windsor and Annapolis Railway, and that he had agreed to extend the time for return tickets at one fare to Exhibitors who might find it necessary to take their articles to Halifax some days previous to the opening of the Exhibition.