

2nd District—Kings, Annapolis and Queens.

Moved by Mr. Starratt, seconded by Mr. Matheson, that the Board having resolved to grant to Queens County its rateable proportion of the fund for a separate exhibition, further arrangements for this district be deferred, and that the time for receiving offers from Kings County and Annapolis be extended for two weeks, viz., till 27th March. Passed.

3rd District—Digby, Shelburne, and Yarmouth.

Moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Longworth, that the offer of the Yarmouth County Society be accepted, the exhibition to be held on the Society's grounds in the town of Yarmouth. Passed.

4th District—Hants, Colchester, Cumberland.

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Col. Starratt, that the time for receiving offers from this district be extended for two weeks, viz., till 27th March. Passed.

5th District—Pictou, Antigonish, and Guysborough.

Mr. Matheson spoke of the favorable circumstances under which the district exhibition might be held at Pictou town, where there was a good building and convenient grounds, and was disposed to move for the acceptance of the offer of the Pictou Society. However, from consultation with prominent gentlemen from New Glasgow and other parts of the district, he found there was a feeling favorable to having an exhibition at Pictou town in a future year. On this account he was rather disposed to favor the application from New Glasgow on this occasion, especially if it should be decided that District No. 4, including the Counties of Hants, Colchester, and Cumberland, should combine with District No. 5, (Pictou, Antigonish, and Guysborough), to hold a joint exhibition.

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Brown, that the offer of A. C. Bell, M. P. P., on behalf of the Exhibition Committee of the New Glasgow Agricultural Society, be accepted. Passed.

6th District—Cape Breton, Inverness, Richmond, Victoria.

Moved by Mr. McKeen, seconded by Mr. Matheson, that the decision upon offers in this district be deferred for two weeks.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Longworth, that the offer of the Baddeck Agricultural Society and Exhibition Committee be accepted. The amendment passed.

The Secretary of the Board was directed to receive offers from the districts to which an extension of time had been

granted up to 27th March, but not later, and to place the same in the hands of the President, or, in his absence, the Vice-President of the Board, and the Hon. Mr. Gayton, who would decide upon the offers received.

Moved by Colonel Starratt, seconded by Mr. Matheson, that in case of all the districts, whether offers have been already accepted or deferred, the prize list must be completed and sent to the Secretary of the Board for examination and approval on or before 15th April. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Matheson, that in event of no application being accepted from the 4th District within the extended time prescribed, the Government be applied to for permission and sanction in order that the 4th and 5th districts be combined this year for the purpose of holding a joint exhibition.

Moved by Mr. McKeen,

In case the Government authorize an importation of stock this coming season, that a proportion of the funds set aside for such importation, in proportion to the number of societies in the Island of Cape Breton be set apart for a special importation for the Island of Cape Breton. Such importation to be made, subject to regulations made by the Board.

Seconded by Mr. Brown. Passed.

The following members of the Board were elected an Executive Committee:—General Laurie, President; I. Longworth, V. P.; D. Matheson, Colonel Starratt—three of whom shall form a quorum.

The Secretary submitted a circular from a special committee of the House of Commons, containing questions in relation to the condition of agriculture and the means being taken to improve it throughout the Dominion. This was read by the President and considered in detail.

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Matheson,

That General Laurie, President of the Board, be requested to attend at Ottawa, and furnish to the committee such information as was required in reference to Nova Scotia, and to explain the views of the Board. Passed.

The Board then adjourned.

We understand that the splendid herd of Ayrshire cattle, so carefully bred for many years by the late Mr. J. A. McCurdy, will be offered for sale by public auction at Brookside Farm, Onslow, on 1st April. Persons desirous of obtaining really good Ayrshire bulls, cows, heifers or calves, should not lose this opportunity. Particulars may be obtained on application to Mrs. McCurdy, Brookside Farm, Onslow.

BYE-LAWS OF BALMORAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

APPROVED BY CENTRAL BOARD, 12TH MARCH, 1884.

1st. This Society shall be called the Balmoral Agricultural Society of the County of Colchester.

2nd. It shall be organized in connection with the Central Board of Agriculture and in accordance with the Act for the Encouragement of Agriculture.

3rd. That the annual subscription fee be one dollar per member, to be paid to the Secretary on or before the first November.

4th. That this Society be managed by a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Directors, to be chosen at the annual meeting on the first Tuesday in December; that the officers and Directors be eligible for re-election.

5th. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, keep strict order and regulate discussions, state and put questions, and shall not permit or allow any improper remarks of a personal character, sign order on Treasurer, and perform such other duties as belong to his office; in his absence the Vice-President shall take the chair, and in the absence of both the Society shall appoint a Chairman *pro tem*.

6th. That the Society hold four regular meetings during the year,—on the first Thursday in March, June, and September, and on the first Tuesday in December, but special meetings may be called when necessary by the President on a requisition of five members of the Society after due notice thereof is given.

7th. The members of this Society agree to be governed by a vote of the majority of the members present at any regular meeting of which due notice is given.

8th. Any person wishing to join this Society may do so on payment of one dollar as annual fee and subscribing the list of members.

9th. That the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined in one person, and the duty of the Secretary shall be to attend all meetings of the Society, keep a constant record of all transactions, collect all monies due and pay them over to the treasurer, notify members of the Society of the meeting, giving time and place of such meetings, posted five days previously, in three or more conspicuous places, submit a report annually of the proceedings of the Society, conduct all correspondence and perform such other duties as belong to his office.

10th. The Treasurer shall receive all monies paid him by the Secretary and hand them over only by an order from