

laid before the Committee from Halifax County, on the part of the Halifax Agricultural Society, from Colchester County on the part of the Truro Exhibition Committee, and from King's County on the part of the Committee represented by Mr. Eaton.

The Halifax Committee furnished no details. The Colchester Committee offered a prize list of \$6500, inclusive of the Government grant of \$4000. The King's Committee offered a prize list of "at least \$5000." Their application was signed by Messrs. J. E. Starr, chairman of meeting, C. C. Hamilton, secretary, C. F. Eaton, J. W. Margeson, E. C. Foster, Thos. S. Dodge, John P. Lyons, J. B. Bowser, E. R. Bishop, E. M. Jordan, Johnston E. Patterson, J. L. Fitch, Wm. McGee, A. McN. Patterson, Geo. W. Fisher, G. W. Kinsman, Berwick Graves, Augustine A. Pineo, Wm. E. Marsters.

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Col. Starratt, and resolved as follows:

"The Executive Committee of the Board favorably entertain the offer of the Exhibition Committee represented by Mr. Eaton to hold the Provincial Exhibition this year in King's County, and are prepared to recommend its acceptance by the Central Board of Agriculture; that with a view to their recommendation being acted upon the Executive Committee request the King's County Committee to fix definitely the exact locality, and to prepare their Prize List and Regulations, and plans of grounds and buildings, in order that the whole may be submitted to the Board at their approaching meeting."

The Executive Committee requested the Vice-President to call the annual meeting of the Board for Tuesday, 20th Feb. at 3 o'clock, p. m., during the sitting of the Legislature.

GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD.

Halifax, 20th Feb., 1877.

The Board met at 3 p. m., in the Committee Room adjoining the Legislative Library. Present—Hon. Robert Robertson, Commissioner of Works and Mines; David Matheson, Esq., Pictou; Israel Longworth, Esq., Truro; Col. Starratt, Paradise; John Ross, Esq., Boularderie; Charles E. Brown, Esq., Yarmouth; Dr. George Lawson.

In the absence of Col. Laurie, President, D. Matheson, Esq., Vice-President, took the chair.

Before proceeding with the regular business the Board directed the Secretary to reply to a telegram from W. H. O. Haliburton, Esq., Wolfville, President of the King's County Agricultural Society, stating that they had no objection to receive another delegation from King's Co., and suggesting Wednesday, 21st, at noon, if possible, as the most convenient time.

The Secretary laid on the table the returns of nominations by Agricultural

Societies to the Central Board of Agriculture, and read a communication from the Hon. P. Carteret Hill, Provincial Secretary, announcing the appointment by His Honor the Lieut. Governor of Members to the Board of Agriculture, in accordance with the Act and the nominations of Societies.

The Members of the Board nominated by Societies were as follows:

District No. 1.—Counties of Halifax and Lunenburg.—Colonel Laurie, Oakfield.

Dist. No. 2.—Counties of King's, Annapolis and Queen's.—Colonel W. E. Starratt, Paradise.

Dist. No. 3.—Counties of Digby, Shelburne and Yarmouth.—C. E. Brown, Esq., Yarmouth.

Dist. No. 4.—Counties of Hants, Colchester and Cumberland.—Israel Longworth, Esq., Truro.

Dist. No. 5.—Counties of Pictou, Antigonishe and Guysboro'.—David Matheson, Esq., Pictou.

Dist. No. 6.—Counties of Cape Breton, Richmond, Inverness and Victoria.—John Ross, Esq., Boularderie.

*Provincial Secretary's Office,
Halifax, Feb. 19, 1877.*

SIR.—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th inst., informing me of the names of the gentlemen nominated to the Central Board of Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of the law.

I have it in command to inform you that His Honor the Lieutenant Governor in Council, has been pleased to appoint those gentlemen accordingly; and has further appointed the Honorable Robert Robertson, Commissioner of Public Works and Mines, to be a member of the Board in addition to the said gentlemen so nominated as above.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obdnt. servant,

P. CARTERET HILL.

Professor Lawson, Sec'y Central Board of Agriculture.

On motion of Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Ross, Colonel J. Wimburn Laurie, of Oakfield, was re-elected President.

On motion of Mr. John Ross, seconded by Mr. Brown, David Matheson, Esq., Pictou, was re-elected Vice-President.

On motion of Colonel Starratt, seconded by Hon. Mr. Robertson, Dr. George Lawson was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer.

The Secretary read the Report of the Executive Committee of the Board on the returns of Agricultural Societies; likewise supplementary reports and replies from Societies to enquiries made by order of the committee. The consideration of these documents occupied the Board till 6 p. m., when they adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning (Wednesday) at ten.

Wednesday, Feb. 21.

The Board met at 10 a. m., to-day. Present—D. Matheson, Esq., V. P., in the chair; C. E. Brown, Esq., Yarmouth; Israel Longworth, Esq., Truro; John Ross, Esq., Boularderie; Hon. Robert Robertson, Col. Starratt, Dr. G. Lawson, Secretary.

C. F. Eaton, Esq., and Dr. C. C. Hamilton, having been appointed as delegates from the King's County Committee for the Provincial Exhibition of 1877, Mr. Eaton attended the Board meeting and apologized for the absence of Dr. Hamilton, who, although in the city, was prevented from attending. Mr. Eaton laid on the table a deed to King's County of the Mulloney site of ten acres of land at Kentville for the Exhibition; also plan of the land, plan of the Exhibition building and draft of the prize list. He also gave full explanations respecting the proposed arrangements for the Exhibition, and answered the enquiries of members of the Board.

The Secretary then read the following communication:

To the President of the Central Board of Agriculture:

Whereas, certain misrepresentations have been published and industriously circulated in reference to the Exhibition committee of this county in their selection of a site for exhibition buildings, &c.

We, the undersigned sub-committee, have been requested to prepare and place before your honorable Board a refutation of those misstatements.

A meeting was called by requisition to the Sheriff last October, said meeting was largely attended by the ratepayers, and a resolution passed requesting the Central Board of Agriculture to locate the Provincial Exhibition of 1877 in King's County. The Secretary of the meeting, D. B. Newcomb, Esq., failed to forward the resolution at the time for reasons best known to himself.

A further public meeting was held on the 28th December last, by request of the Central Agricultural Society. As it was a small attendance it was adjourned to the 11th January, when a very large gathering was had from every part of the County.

Samuel Chipman, Esq., occupied the chair, and D. B. Newcomb, Esq., was appointed Secretary. The first thing done was to reaffirm the action taken in October, and the Secretary was directed to forward immediately the resolution asking that the Exhibition be held in King's County in 1877. Twenty-four persons were also appointed as an Exhibition Committee, or responsible body to carry forward the Exhibition.

Berwick was the first to offer ground for Exhibition purposes, consisting of twelve acres near the railway station. Kentville followed with a subscription of \$550, with a promise of being increased to \$800, should the site be selected near Kentville.

Up to this time Wolfville offered nothing, nor yet asked for the Exhibition to be held there. On the 25th January the Exhibition Committee met and appointed their sub-com-