

Reports of Agri. Societies.

HALIFAX COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

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Halifax, 1st Dec., 1874.

The annual general meeting of members of the Society was held to-day, in accordance with the Act for Encouragement of Agriculture.

The Secretary stated that the Hon. Sir Wm. Young was prevented by other public business from being present.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Duffus, Col. Laurie, V. P., took the chair. There were likewise present, George Madill, Esq., V. P., Judge Ritchie, Henry Yeomans, Esq., William Duffus, Esq., Col. Milsom, William Wardrop, Esq., Milford, A. K. Mackinlay, Esq., John Wickwire, Esq., Gay's River, Peter Ross, Esq., D. Henry Starr, Esq., Benjamin Bond, Esq., Gay's River, Dr. Lewis, W. C. Silver, Esq., Treasurer, Alexander Anderson, Esq., J. Chipman, Esq., W. J. Veith, Esq., Dutch Village, Professor Lawson, Secretary, and others.

Minutes were read of the Halifax Peninsula Committee of 27th October, reporting that, in accordance with instructions from last general meeting of the Society, they had purchased the young Jersey bull, Lord Seafield, with attested pedigree, for \$150, and that the animal was now stationed at the stables of John Parker, Jr., Esq., where he was well cared for, and might be seen by members. This bull was imported from England by Alex. Anderson, Esq., and is a very superior animal, and will no doubt prove of great value to members. The fees for service were fixed at two dollars to members of the Society, and four dollars to others.

Messrs. Anderson, Duffus, Veith and Geldert were continued as a committee to make any necessary arrangements respecting the Society's live stock on the Peninsula.

W. C. Silver, Esq., Treasurer, presented the accounts for the past year. On motion of Mr. Duffus, Dr. Lewis and Mr. Anderson, were requested to audit the accounts, and they retired to do so.

Mr. Wardrop presented the Annual Report of the Gay's River and Milford Section of the Society, with the list of members who had paid their subscriptions for the year, and the accounts of income and expenditure in connection with the Ayrshire and Devon bulls, cow, heifer, and calf stationed in that district. 125 cows had been served by the Ayrshire bull, and 69 by the Devon bull.

Accounts for balances on expense of keep of animals in Gay's River district for the past year were passed as follows:

J. Wickwire.....	\$14 05
James Bowling.....	7 35
B Bond.....	42 80
H. L. Yeomans.....	20 00
W. Wardrop.....	12 00
Keys & Currie.....	14 00

\$111 70

Resolved.—That in future the fee for service of Bulls in the Gay's River and Milford Districts be One Dollar to Members of the Society,—the Local Committee to make such arrangement as may be deemed advisable with respect to persons outside the Society.

On motion of Dr. Lewis, it was resolved to bring the Ayrshire Bull Lord Lisgar to Halifax on 1st June, to remain to 1st August, also that the Halifax Committee be authorised to purchase another thorough-bred Ayrshire Bull for the Gay's River District. The Gay's River Committee were requested to make the best arrangement possible for the keep of Lord Lisgar during the winter; also to arrange with H. L. Yeomans, Esq., for keep of the Devon Bull.

Moved by Mr. Duffus that the thoroughbred Devon Cow Lady Margaret and her heifer be sold by public auction on Wednesday, 6th January, at two o'clock, at Richmond Depot. Passed. The Secretary was directed to advertise accordingly.

Henry Yeomans, Esq., moved that the thoroughbred Devon bull calf (now five months old) be sold at same time. Passed. Milford Committee to arrange for keep of the animals in the meantime, and for bringing them to Halifax on the day of sale.

Dr. Lewis presented the Auditors' report on the accounts, stating that they were correct and properly vouched, and that the balance in the Treasurer's hands amounted to \$507.34.

Office bearers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—

President—Hon. Sir Wm. Young, Kt., Chief Justice.

Vice-Presidents—Col. Laurie, Oakfield; Geo Madill, Esq., Gay's River.

Treasurer—W. C. Silver, Esq.

Secretary—Professor Lawson.

Directors for Peninsula of Halifax—Hon. Judge Ritchie, Peter Ross, Esq., Alex. Anderson, Esq., A. K. Mackinlay, Esq., Wm. J. Veith, Esq., Wm. Duffus, Esq., J. M. Geldert, Esq.

Directors for Gay's River and Milford—Henry L. Yeomans, Esq., Benjamin Bond, Esq., David Annand, Esq., Wm. McKeen, Esq., Isaac Isoner, Esq., Isaac Logan, Esq.

On motion of Mr. Duffus, the meeting passed a unanimous resolution requesting that the Society's representative at the Central Board of Agriculture should press upon the Board the importance of importing horses of a really high character, as the country was suffering from the

deterioration that had now been going on for many years.

Hon. Judge Ritchie expressed his entire concurrence in the resolution. An importation of horses would prove beneficial not only to farmers, but to the community at large, for although prices are rapidly rising, good horses are now scarcely obtainable in the Province on account of the general depreciation of this kind of stock. It would be well for the Board to recommend the Legislature to take some action in this matter.

Col. Laurie observed that we now require, not only a higher class of horses than any that are to be found in the province, but we also require a higher class of cattle, if continued progress is to be made, and more frequent Exhibitions.

Moved by Mr. Silver, seconded by Dr. Lewis, and

Resolved.—That this Society is of opinion that it is desirable to hold Annual Provincial Agricultural Exhibitions, and that the attention of the Legislature and of the Central Board be requested to the consideration of this subject.

The business of the general meeting being concluded, the President and Directors proceeded to nominate a representative to the Central Board of Agriculture, as required by the Act.

Moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Judge Ritchie, and unanimously resolved, that Col. Laurie, be nominated as the Society's representative at the Central Board.

SYDNEY MINES AND LITTLE BRAS D'OR AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Sydney Mines and Little Bras D'or Agricultural Society was held this first day of Dec. 1874, at Sydney Mines, pursuant to law, R. H. Brown, Esq., President, in the chair.

The following is a statement of the financial standing of the Society, which statement was read and approved of:

To Balance on hand at last regular meeting	\$ 42 35
Cash for service of Theodore.....	4 50
“ Implements and seeds.....	8 50
Amount of annual grant.....	104 00
Subscription of 46 members.....	46 00

\$205 35

By paid for Journals.....	\$ 4 00
Implements.....	32 70
Seeds.....	20 90
Expenses importing implements and seeds.....	4 40
Paid for rope.....	77
Keep of Theodore.....	50 00
Postage.....	0 66

\$121 89

Balance on hand..... \$ 83 46

Stock on hand:

1 Devon bull, valued at..... 90 50

Implements and seeds, valued at..... 4 99

It was moved by Wm. Jardine and seconded by H. M. Lawlor, that the officers for the past year retain their offices for the ensuing year with the exception