on 18th June, and schedule of members forty-one in number, certified at same time.

On motion of Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Ross, the Clarence Society was recognized by the Board as organized under the Act.

The following letter (handed in by Mr. Ross) from Alexander Taylor, Esq., Secretary of the Raddeck Provincial Exhibition Committee, was read:—

To the Secretary of the Central Board of Agriculture, Halifax, N. S.

Sir,—On the subject of holding an Exhibition for the Province, at Baddeck, in 1878,—the Committee appointed here last winter would respectfully beg leave to bring to the notice of the Board that, since they had correspondence with the Central Board in March last, the prospects for successfully carrying out the arrangements for a cieditable exhibition here on this Island are far from encouraging.

The Committee expected that the public generally, and the Agricultural Societies in particular, throughout the Island of Cape Breton, would have manifested a greater interest in the matter,—which want of interest is no doubtdue in great measure to the general depression in trade existing for some time

past.

In view of the foregoing, the Committee regret that they deem it their duty to state to the Agricultural Board that they do not think it would be feasible or advisable to hold the Exhibition here next year, and make this communication to the Board in order that such steps as they deem necessary may be taken, and some other section of the Province more suited under existing circumstances may be selected.

Very respectfully yours,
ALEX. TAYLOR, JR.,
Sec. to Committee.
Baddeck, C. B., Sept. 27th, 1877.

Mr. Longworth introduced to the Board the following gentlemen as a delegation from the County of Colchester, who desired to bring under the Board's notice a proposal for holding the Provincial Exhibition next year at Truro, viz:—Hugh Dickson, Esq., Onslow; John A. McCurdy, Esq., do; Robert F. Sutherland, Esq., Truro; John B. Fraser, Esq., Shubenacadie; Samuel H. Craig, Esq., Truro; Allan Loughead, Esq., do.

The following letter was read from Major Blair, who was prevented attending the meeting:—

KINTVILLE, Oct. 4th, 1877.

To the Central Board of Agriculture:

GENTLEMEN;—On behalt of the Colchester Exhibition Committee I most respectfully beg leave to request that the Provincial Exhibition of 1878 be located at Truro. We feel confident that with contemplated improvements in buildings and sheds, and a constant supply of water from the Truro water works, we can even make it a greater success than the present one now at Kentville. We will guarantee a prize list equal to if not over this year's list.

W. M. Blain, Chairman, Colchester Exhibition Committee. The President, after stating to the deputation that Major Blair's letter was a sufficient guarantee that the Colchester Committee were prepared to carry out the Exhibition, said it would be impossible for the Board to come to any decision at this meeting as to where next year's Exhibition would be held, as it was their desire to give the fullest opportunity to every locality in the Province to set forth its claims. However, the application of the Colchester Committee would be carefully considered with the rest.

The members of the Colchester deputation expressed their views, and thereafter withdrew.

Moved by Colonel Starratt, seconded by Mr. Matheson, and

Resolved, That in consequence of the necessity of giving early information to the public respecting the arrangements for the Provincial Exhibition, and in order to afford ample time for the careful preparation of the prize list, and the erection of necessary exhibition buildings, the Board require all applications from Local Committees, Societies, or other bodies willing to undertake the management of next year's Exhibition (1878) to be sent to the Secretary of the Board not later than 31st December, 1877.

The Secretary read communications from M. J. T. McNeil, Fsq., River Bourgeoise, County Richmond, C. B., dated 16th May and 6th May, giving information respecting the formation of an Agricultural Society there under name of the Richmond Agricultural Society, consisting of 46 members, who had paid \$64.50, and of which the Rev. W. M. LeBlane is President.

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

Resolved,—That the Richmond Agricultural Society be recognized as organized under the Act.

A code of regulations and bye-laws of the Richmond Agricultural Society was likewise submitted. The Secretary was directed to request the Society to modify these in some respects, in accordance with the requirements of the Agricultural Act. In reference to a point in financial management, the Secretary was instructed to afford the necessary information.

A statement from the Secretary of the Kentville Exhibition Committee, of prizes awarded was submitted, but, being incomplete, further information was asked for.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Board resumed business in the afternoon. Present—Same members as during the morning session.

The Secretary read a statement from William Eaton, Esq., Secretary of the Provincial Exhibition Committee, being an estimate of the amount of prizes awarded as far as could be ascertained, the work of the judges not being completed.

The Board, finding the statement submitted to them to be merely an estimate,

could take no action upon it, and directed their Secretary to apply for the statement of prizes actually awarded, and to endeavor to obtain it as soon as practicable, in accordance with the previous resolution of the Board.

The application of the Argyle Agricultural Society, in the County of Guysborough, was submitted, along with Mr. Matheson's report thereon.

On motion of Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Longworth, the Argyle Agricultural Society was recognized as organized under the Act for Encountegement of Agriculture.

Mr. Ross reported that, as requested by the Board at a former meeting, he had made a careful investigation of the affairs and working of the St. Ann's Agricultural Society in Victoria County, whose annual grant for 1876 had been withheld pending the investigation. There was an ir regularity shown by an entry in the accounts: "paid members \$30." On its being explained to the officers that such payments were illegal, they promised to remedy the evil by requiring the money so paid to be refunded to the Society.

In view of the explanations given, the Board resolved that on receipt of an affidavit by the Treasurer of the Society of the repayment by members of the \$30 which they had received—the Society be allowed to draw its proportion of grant for 1876.

The Board passed a vote of thanks to the Exhibition Committee of King's County for their kindness in allowing the use of their Committee Rooms for the Board's meetings.

The Board then adjourned till to-morrow morning (5th) at ten o'clock.

Windsor and Annapolis Railway Station, Kentrille, 5th October, 1877.

Present:—Colonel Laurie, President; Hon. R. Robertson, I. Longworth, Esq., D. Matheson, Esq., John Ross, Esq., Colonel Starratt, Dr. Lawson, Secretary.

The Secretary of the Board presented the following statement of the amount of prizes actually awarded in the various classes as made up finally from the books of the Judges, and certified by William Eaton, Esq., Secretary of the Exhibition Committee:—

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