

J. J. Northup, Peter Ross, W. J. Veith, A. K. Mackinlay, D. Henry Starr, Charles Blackadar, Professor Lawson; and from Milford, Gay's River, &c., Messrs. John Wickwire, William Wardrop, Benjamin Bond, Edward Smith, &c.

The Secretary having announced that the President, Sir William Young, could not be present, Mr. Yeomans moved, seconded by Mr. Northup, that Colonel Laurie be requested to act as Chairman, which was carried by acclamation.

Minutes of last general meeting of the society were read and approved.

The Minutes of Committee of 14th November were likewise read, containing a recommendation to vote \$200.00 to the Provincial Exhibition of 1874, and calling attention to the arrangements necessary for the keeping of the Society's live stock during the present winter and following summer.

The Treasurer presented his financial statement and accounts for the year, showing an actual balance in his hands of \$121.26, with \$25 in hand of the Milford Committee, several subscriptions still unpaid, and a prospective grant for the year of \$200,—so that the probable balance at the beginning of next year will be about \$350.

The Treasurer's accounts were referred to Messrs. Geldert and Starr for examination.

Mr. Silver moved, seconded by Mr. Yeomans, that the Society resolve to vote out of its funds \$200 towards the Prize fund of the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition of 1874, which was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Veith and Mr. Geldert gave in a report upon the Society's Ayrshire Bull, Lord Lisgar, which had been kept on the Peninsula during the summer, and had given great satisfaction. Mr. Smith's bill of \$22 was authorised to be paid. Moved by Mr. Wm. Duffus, seconded by Mr. J. J. Northup, and *Resolved*,—

"Whereas the Central Board of Agriculture have established Stock Registers for thorough-bred Cattle of short horns, Ayrshire, and Devon breeds—the Society respectfully recommend to the Board the establishment of a similar register for Alderneys or Jerseys, in order that a correct record may be kept of the animals of that breed, of which there are now a considerable number in the Province."

The Secretary was requested to bring this resolution under notice of the Board of Agriculture at the earliest opportunity.

Mr. Bond was called upon for a report upon the Society's Bulls and Heifers at Milford and Gay's River. He stated that all the animals were well liked, and the members had profited by them; however, they did not wish to retain the Grade Bull, which is a cross between Ayrshire and Alderney, but would prefer a thorough-bred animal, and they had asked him to apply to the Society for the Ayrshire

Lord Lisgar. A bill for \$15, balance of expenses of keep of animals, was authorized to be paid.

On motion of Mr. Yeomans, seconded by Mr. Bond it was agreed that Lord Lisgar, at present in charge of Mr. Smith, North West Arm, be sent to Milford to remain there for a year under charge of the Local Committee.

Moved by Mr. Geldert, seconded by Mr. Yeomans, that the Grade Bull be sold. Messrs. Veith, Geldert and Wickwire were authorized to effect a sale as speedily and under as favorable terms as possible.

Mr. Bond then presented a scheme for providing for the various animals belonging to the Society for the ensuing year. After being fully discussed in detail, it was moved by Mr. Northup, seconded by Mr. Geldert, and passed, that the various arrangements proposed by Mr. Bond be adopted, and that the offers of the respective parties be accepted.

On motion of Mr. Northup it was agreed to place the whole of the stock under the supervision of the Milford and Gay's River Committee for the year.

Moved by Mr. Geldert, seconded by Mr. Northup, and passed, that the City Committee be authorized, if they see fit, to procure an additional thorough-bred Ayrshire or Alderney bull for the Halifax Peninsula for next season.

Colonel Laurie called attention to the importance of members doing everything in their power to promote the forthcoming Provincial Agricultural Exhibition. Every member of the Society would be expected to do his part, and it was (he said) the interest as well as the duty of every farmer to do what he could to make it successful as an exhibit of our rural industry.

Messrs. Geldert and Starr presented their report upon the Treasurer's Accounts, which they had found correct, the balance in hand being as stated.

The Society then proceeded to the election of office bearers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

President.—Hon. Sir William Young, Knight, Chief Justice of Nova Scotia.

Vice-Presidents.—Colonel Laurie, Oakfield; George Madill, Esq., Milford.

Treasurer.—W. C. Silver, Esq.

Secretary.—Professor Lawson.

Committee for Peninsula of Halifax.—Peter Ross, Esq., Alexander Anderson, Esq., A. K. Mackinlay, Esq., Wm. Veith, Esq., Wm. Duffus, Esq., J. M. Geldert, Esq., Mr. Edward Smith, North West Arm.

Committee for Gay's River District.—Henry Yeomans, Esq., Mr. Benjamin Bond, Mr. William Wardrop, Mr. Wm. McKean, Mr. Samuel Keys, Mr. Isaac Logan.

The Committees were directed to hold regular quarterly meetings, and especially to direct their attention to any available means of promoting the success of the Provincial Exhibition. It is the duty of

the Vice-President in each section to call his committee together.

After the appointment of the office-bearers, the latter proceeded, in terms of the new Act, to nominate a person suitable for appointment to the Central Board of Agriculture.

Moved by Mr. Mackinlay, seconded by Mr. Yeomans, and passed unanimously, That Jos. J. Northup, Esq., be nominated by this Society as a suitable representative for the County of Halifax at the Central Board of Agriculture.

The thanks of the meeting were then given to Colonel Laurie for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of Chairman.

The annual List of Members of the Society is now being made up for the Central Board, and as the Treasurer has to attest the payment of all subscriptions for the year, the list is strictly confined to those who have actually paid. Any members who may not have been called upon by the Collector are requested to send their subscriptions (one dollar) to W. C. Silver, Esq., Treasurer.

GEORGE LAWSON, Sec'y.

THE Digby Central Agricultural Society has filed its Annual Return with the Secretary of the Central Board, showing subscriptions actually paid for the present year amounting to \$116.00.

CHRISTMAS BEEF!—Our attention was called, says the *Sun*, to the Truro Common Hay Scales, yesterday morning, where a number of farmers and others had assembled to see how some fine beeves would turn them. A very large pair of oxen getting fed for Easter by John L. Doggett, Esq., weighed 3470 lbs.—the black and white one weighing 1840 lbs., and the black one 1630. This pair took the first prize for working cattle at the late Colchester Exhibition. They were then the property of Mr. Thos. B. Smith, Halifax Road. They are now fat. We learn Mr. Doggett hopes to be able to put 400 lbs. more beef on them by Easter, when some of our more wealthy citizens may expect to live for a while on the fat of the land. We do not think financially we shall be able to stomach much of it.

The next pair led up were a smaller pair of cattle, in good order—one a brindle and the other a red ox—getting supported by I. Longworth, Esq. These weighed respectively as follows: Aug. 28th, 1410, and 1350: Oct. 25th, 1470, and 1397, and to-day, Dec. 9, 1550, and 1504 lbs. These figures show an increase of weight in the pair, of 294 lbs. in 72 days, averaging a shade over 2 lbs. a day, for each ox, and may prove instructive to feeders.

The next pair weighed are also the pro-