

ed shall be thereupon appointed by the Governor in Council to such Board of Agriculture.

3. The Members of the Board shall annually retire from office, but shall be capable of re-election.

4. Anything in the Act hereby amended inconsistent with this Act is repealed.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
24th October, 1871.

A special meeting of the members of the Board of Agriculture was held to-day. Present: Hon. Alex. Macfarlane, President; Hon. Sir Wm Young, Knight; Hon. R. A. McHefley, M. E. C.; Hon. John McKinnon, Antigonish; Rev. A. S. Hunt, M.A., Supt. of Education; Dr. C. C. Hamilton, Cornwallis; Joseph J. Northup, Esq., A. C. A. Doane, Esq., Tusket; G. C. Lawrence, Esq., Port Hood; Avar Longley, Esq., Paradise; D. Matheson, Esq., Pictou; H. Yeomans, Esq.; H. A. N. Kaulback, Esq., Lunenburg; Professor Lawson, Secretary.

The President stated that he had called the Members of the Board together in consequence of communications had with the Provincial Government. An Act had been passed last session amending the Agricultural Act, and the legal effect of the amendment was found to be to abolish the then existing Board, without any provision being made for the business being carried on until a new Board could be organized. Under the circumstances, it was thought proper to call the members together to consider what course ought to be pursued. Sir Wm. Young and other gentlemen present gave their views; they approved of the arrangements made by the President in calling them together, and expressed their great regret at the unfortunate state of affairs; they also spoke of the inconvenience and loss that would be sustained by our Agricultural Societies, now in so flourishing a condition, if the organization were allowed to drop even for a single season.

The following gentlemen were named as a deputation to wait upon the members of the Government, viz: Sir William Young, Hon. Mr. Macfarlane, Mr. Northup, and the Secretary.

The Board then adjourned.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

An adjourned meeting was held at 2 30 p.m.

The deputation appointed to wait upon the Government reported to the meeting the result of their conference. The Government requested that the Secretaries of Agricultural Societies be notified to elect a representative in order that the several counties may be represented at the Central Board. When this is done the Governor in Council will appoint.—But in

the meantime, and until the new Board can be organized under the Act of 1871, the present Board will continue to exercise all the powers and functions of a Central Board of Agriculture as heretofore.

The minutes of the last half yearly meeting of the Board were then read, and approved of.

On motion of Dr. Hamilton, the Secretary was directed to send a copy of the new Act to the Secretary of each Agricultural Society in the Province, and to request them to make nominations to the Board, in terms thereof, at the annual meetings of the societies to be held on the first Tuesday of December.

On motion of Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Longley, the 25th November was fixed as the final date for receiving returns of subscriptions paid from societies desiring to participate in the grant for the present year. Returns of exhibition funds qualifying for the 25 per cent. premium formerly announced are also to be sent in on or before 25th November.

On motion of Sir Wm. Young, Mr. Northup, Mr. Yeomans, and the Secretary were requested to act as a committee in examining the attested returns of societies.

The annual reports of societies are to be sent to the Board as soon as convenient after the annual meetings in December.

Mr. Matheson brought under notice of the Board a sample of superphosphate manure prepared at Brockville, which is said to be of superior quality, and is offered for sale to farmers by Mr. F. W. Henshaw, 10 St. Sacrament street, Montreal.

It was resolved to re-commence the publication of the Journal of Agriculture immediately.

The President stated that it was a source of great regret that no importation of Cattle could be made this season in consequence of the change in the constitution of the Board. But a lot of fine Chester Pigs had been ordered from Pennsylvania before the officers of the Board received information from the Government of the real state of affairs, and these are now ready for sale.

EXHIBITION OF THE YARMOUTH COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Exhibition of the County Agricultural Society was held on Thursday, 5th inst., on the Parade Ground and in the Court House, under the most favorable conditions, a beautiful day, with a cloudless sky, and just enough wind to float at length the gay string of flags, with which from a lofty staff, the Managing Committee—Messrs. Benj. Killam,

L. E. Baker and C. B. Doane—had crowned their ample preparations. These were complete in every particular, and so well adapted to the needs of Exhibitors and Committees, that every thing was well placed for inspection and security, while the work of the day, when once begun, went on smoothly. Some thought it was not enough that the Managing Committee had made such convenient arrangements, but that it was also their duty, to receive and locate the several hundred animals and articles, as they were brought along. In time the Special Committees will learn their part; a simple precaution would be that at least two of them should be near residents.

In all classes of Live Stock, except Horses, the advance upon any previous Exhibition was well marked, and showed great improvement during the year. The show of Horses was a disgrace: there are not fewer than 150 Horses owned by the Members of the Society, but the owners, as regards the Exhibition, were mostly Horses on the 5th.

Whilst an unpropitious season might partly account for a poor show of Vegetables, Roots, &c., it should be more justly accredited to negligence or carelessness; for instance, there was not a single entry of cauliflowers, and yet the very next day a whole load was in the market from one grower, a Member of the Society, who has grown about 5,000 this season. So of many other items. One would have thought that among the sixty or seventy Schools in the County, some one or two Teachers might have wished to show specimens of penmanship; that the manufacture of Leather and its products being a leading industry in the County, there would have been a few entries in these Classes; that with the most complete Blacksmith's Shop in the Dominion, we might have had a sample of the work turned out; in short, it would seem as if an immense number of our people either do not take or read a paper, or do not know enough to embrace the annually-recurring opportunity of establishing and spreading a reputation.

"Open to the Province" brought only a single entry, a casual traveller, who won a premium. Until a Railroad reaches us, the cost and trouble of sending for Exhibition can only be counterbalanced by a Premium List in proportion.

It is said that some of the old Members have refused to join the Society this year, on account of the adoption of a By-Law that, "No Exhibitor shall draw, in Premiums, more than five times his subscription or entrance fee, balance to revert to the Treasury." It is also said that some of the Members objected to and refused to pay the 25 cents admission to the Court House. The withdrawal of all who belong to these two classes will be a blessing to any Society, we don't want