

man (who originally decided for the Kentville site by his casting vote) and his friends feel strong enough to ignore us entirely; and we now leave it to the Central Board to say if they approve of such a course, or think it calculated to promote the object we all so much desire—a successful exhibition in this county the present year.

The rejection of the Wolfville site, on an eminence in the vicinity of the institutions of learning here, and commanding one of the finest views on the continent, which embraces within its range the fairest portions of the Cornwallis, the famed Cape Blomidon, Minas Basin, portions of Cumberland, Colchester and Hants counties, and the renowned Grand Pre, for the unenviable locality near Kentville known as the "Pine Woods" will be found, we sincerely believe, to be a most fatal mistake.

J. L. BROWN,	} Committee.
J. W. HAMILTON,	
H. B. WITTER,	
REUBEN F. REID,	
JAS. S. McDONALD,	

Mr. McDonald likewise read an offer from 21 rate-payers of King's County to conduct a Provincial Exhibition at Wolfville this year, to bear all the expenses, and to offer a prize list of not less than \$5,000, on condition of receiving the Government grant of \$4,000.

We, the undersigned rate-payers of King's, a responsible body within the meaning of Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes "of the encouragement of agriculture," do hereby give notice and guarantee to conduct a Provincial Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition at Wolfville in King's county, N. S., the present year, in accordance with law, and with any rules or regulations the Central Board of Agriculture may make in reference thereto; to bear all expenses of every kind connected with the said Exhibition, and offer a Prize List of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be made up under the direction and subject to the direction of the Board and subject to the approval of the Governor in Council, on condition of receiving the Government grant of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.)

CHAS. F. ROCKWELL,	WM. ROUNSEFELL,
J. L. GERTRIDGE,	C. T. JOHNSON,
EDWD. C. JOHNSON,	S. R. SLEEP,
J. A. ELDERKIN,	REUBEN F. REID,
J. L. BROWN,	JAMES J. ELDERKIN,
JAS. S. McDONALD,	CHAS. ELDERKIN,
S. S. BORDEN,	ALB. D. ELDERKIN,
F. & H. BROWN,	A. H. JOHNSON,
J. L. FRANKLIN,	R. FORSYTH,
D. A. MUNRO,	JAS. S. MORSE,
J. W. HAMILTON,	

Wolfville, King's Co., March 10th, 1877.

After some discussion and explanatory remarks by the delegates and members of the Board—moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Ross, and resolved as follows:—

"In reference to the document presented by Mr. McDonald and signed by 21 gentlemen, offering to carry out the Exhibition in King's county, as the enterprise of a private company, the Board resolve that, as one of the chief objects of these Provincial Exhibitions is to induce the erection of buildings, that may subsequently be used for hold-

ing annual county Exhibitions, the Board do not feel that they would be justified in entertaining the offer without a guarantee that the land and buildings would be secured for public use as county property."

Mr. C. F. Eaton presented a communication from the King's County Exhibition Committee, and also an extract from the minutes of their meeting held on 28th February, which were read by the Secretary as follows:

MINUTE OF COMMITTEE MEETING.

February 28th, 1877.

Whereas, The Central Board of Agriculture, at the meeting on the 20th, requested us to reconsider the matter of site;

And whereas, We have met the Wolfville delegation and considered their proposal;

And whereas, Kentville has supplemented their subscription of \$1000 with an additional subscription of \$1,500;

And whereas, This Committee has considered all these matters;

Therefore resolved, That we confirm the decision made at the meeting of the 7th of February, and sustain the site at Kentville.

The above preamble and resolution passed unanimously.

W. EATON, Secretary.

To the Hon. Central Board of Agriculture:

We, the undersigned members of the King's County Exhibition Committee, having read the five causes of dissatisfaction stated by the Wolfville delegation to your honorable Board, and published in the *Halifax Morning Chronicle* of the 22nd of February, beg to state in reply thereto:

1st—That the site offered by W. H. O. Haliburton, Esq., at the meeting of the 7th February, was not considered "the most eligible and desirable" of the several sites under consideration by the committee—the site chosen at Kentville being preferred.

2nd—That at the committee meeting of the 4th "there was action taken touching the transfer of the land," and the deed of the Mallowney site was ordered to be made out and fully executed by the 14th inst.

3rd—That the new site offered by the Wolfville delegation on the 14th was not the same site offered by W. H. O. Haliburton, Esq., on the 7th, and the committee could not honorably undo on the 14th what they had done on the 7th.

4th—That no member of the Exhibition Committee is a stockholder in the proposed trotting park, nor has said trotting park enterprise exercised any influence in determining the site for said Exhibition, so far as the committee are concerned.

C. F. EATON, Chair-	BERIAH GRAVES,
man,	E. M. JORDAN,
A. McN. PATTERSON,	T. L. DODGE,
JOHN R. PALMER,	WM. MAGEE,
JOHN F. STARR,	W. E. MARSTERS,
WM. C. BILL,	A. A. PINEO,
LEANDER RAND,	J. P. LYONS,
GEORGE KINSMAN,	J. P. BOWERS,
G. W. FISHER,	J. W. MARGESON,
E. C. FOSTER,	E. R. BISHOP.

The above signed 19 are all that were present.

WM. EATON, Secretary.

The meeting was addressed successively by the Hon. R. Robertson, Mr.

Starr, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Longworth, Mr. Starratt and the Chairman. The difficulties with which the Board had to contend in this matter were pointed out. It is their duty to deal fairly with all the counties and with all the sections of a county. In this case the only alternative seemed to be to accept the offer of the King's County Committee who adhered to Kentville, or to throw the Exhibition into other counties for some years, as Cape Breton was already at active work for 1878. An earnest hope was expressed by several of the speakers that the differences in King's, which in some cases arose from misconception, might cease, and that all would unite heartily in assisting to carry out the Exhibition in such a manner that it might be a credit to the county and to the Province.

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

"After fully considering the representations made by the delegates from the Exhibition Committee of King's County, and by the delegates from Wolfville, together with the several documents read, the Board resolve to accept the offer of the King's County Committee (represented by Messrs. Eaton and Starr) for holding the Exhibition of 1877 on the ground at Kentville, belonging to the county, and of which a deed was presented at the last meeting of the Board; that the Exhibition be carried out in accordance generally with the original written offer, dated 25th January, 1877, signed by Messrs. J. E. Starr, C. C. Hamilton, and others; that the prize list be revised by the Board and modified to their satisfaction; that the general Exhibition buildings be erected according to the plan produced to the Board; that substantial covered sheds for horses, cattle, sheep, pigs and poultry be provided, not inferior in comfort and extent to those of the Truro Exhibition of 1876; that the grounds be properly cleared and levelled; that a sufficiency of water be provided; and that the roads, both for cattle and the public, between the railway station and the Exhibition, be put in a satisfactory state, and protected by a strong rail or fence, where necessary, to prevent accidents."

On motion of Mr. Ross, Messrs. Longworth and Starratt, were named as a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

The Board then adjourned till 10 o'clock next morning.

14th March, 1877.

Present—D. Matheson, Esq., V. P., Chairman; Hon. R. Robertson, Commissioner of Works and Mines; Israel Longworth, Esq., Truro; John Ross, Esq., Boularderie; Colonel Starratt, Paradise; Professor Lawson, Secretary.

J. E. Starr, Esq., and C. F. Eaton, Esq., attended on behalf of the Exhibition Committee of King's County, and explained fully the changes that had been made in the prize list, and the reasons why they had not fully carried out the Board's suggestions. Some discussion