

The amount of the Provincial grant is not to exceed four thousand dollars. The Rules, Regulations and Prize List to be drawn up by Central Board of Agriculture and to be submitted to the Government for approval.

You will have the goodness to take the necessary steps to advertize and otherwise carry out the above decision of the Government.

Your obt. servt.,

W. B. VAIL.

George Lawson, Esq., LL. D., Halifax.

The President stated that public notice of the Exhibition had been given by advertisement in the newspapers, as requested by the Hon. Prov. Secretary, and as required by the Act.

The Board then proceeded to the consideration of the general arrangements necessary for the proposed Exhibition. After calculating the probable expenses and receipts from various sources, it was found that the Prize Fund that could be safely calculated upon by present arrangements was \$4000. However, six thousand dollars would be necessary to secure a fair representation of the agricultural industry of the Province. Should the weather prove fine, and no untoward accidents occur, the receipts will probably enable the Board to offer \$6,000; but, so near the approaching termination of their office, the members of the present Board felt that they could not take the responsibility of drawing up a prize list for that amount without consulting Government, with whom their successors on the new Board would have to deal in carrying out the Exhibition.

It was accordingly moved by Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Dakin, and passed, that a committee be named to wait upon the members of Government—such Committee to consist of Messrs. Matheson, Dakin, Whitman and Lawson.

At one o'clock the Board adjourned.

SECOND MEETING, 2 o'clock.

At two o'clock the Board resumed business.

Mr. Matheson reported that the Committee had waited upon the Provincial Secretary, that the results were very satisfactory, that a distinct understanding had been arrived at in reference to the present Board drawing up the prize list, which was agreed to be done in as careful a manner as possible, and that the amount proposed to be offered by the Board—viz., \$6,000—would be sanctioned, subject to the approval of the prize list by the Government, when completed.

A complaint from Mr. James Graham, having been brought under notice of the Board, in which he alleges irregularities in the financial and other affairs of the Hardwoodland or Nine Mile River Society, in the County of Hants—it was moved by Mr. Archibald, seconded by Mr. Whitman, and

Resolved, That Mr. O'Brien be requested

to enquire into the matter, to obtain such evidence from Mr. Graham as he is able to furnish, to examine the Books and Accounts of the Society, and report to the Board.

The Board then devoted some time to the examination of the Prize List of 1868, and the results of that Exhibition, and on motion of Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Cameron, proceeded to consider in detail the best mode of so distributing the available prize fund for 1874, as to give fair and equitable encouragement to the various departments of Agricultural industry.

Mr. Matheson moved that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of drawing up the Prize List, that members of the Board not on the Committee be requested to send in their suggestions to the Committee with as little delay as possible, and that the Committee be directed to report to the Government so soon as they shall have completed their labours.

Mr. Dakin seconded the motion, which passed. Committee: The President, (Chairman); Messrs. I. Leitchworth, Truro; D. Matheson, Pictou; C. B. Whitman, Bridgetown, Annapolis; H. Black, Amherst, and the Secretary.

The Secretary then read applications from several newly-formed Agricultural Societies, and laid their returns on the table.

On motion of Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, the Richmond County Agricultural Society was recognized as duly constituted under the Statute.

On motion of Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Whitman, the Upper Nine Mile River Society, in Hants County, was recognized as duly constituted under the Statute.

On motion of Mr. Dakin, seconded by Mr. Whitman, the Clementsdales Agricultural Society, in Annapolis County, was recognized as duly constituted under the Statute.

On motion of Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Spratt, the Secretary was directed to regard the Oxford Society, County of Cumberland, as duly constituted under the Act, so soon as the Society complies with the requirements of the Statute.

The Secretary read the following communications:

PROVINCIAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, Fredericton, March 29th, 1873.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of a Resolution passed by the Board on the 11th inst., and have respectfully to request that you will lay the same before the Agricultural Board of Nova Scotia, at your earliest convenience.

I am, &c.,

CHARLES S. LUGRIN, Secy.

To the Secretary, Board of Agriculture, Nova Scotia.

Whereas, In the opinion of this Board, an Inter-Colonial Exhibition of the Arts, Manufactures and Agricultural Productions, would be promotive of the best interests of Agriculture,

and greatly stimulate the Manufacturing and Industrial Interests of the several Provinces; therefore

Resolved, That this Board invite the Board of Agriculture of Nova Scotia, and the Agricultural Department of Prince Edward Island to take the subject of an Inter-Colonial Exhibition into consideration, with a view to effect so desirable an object, at such time during the next or following years, as may be determined upon by Delegates to be appointed by such Boards respectively,—such Delegates to meet at a time and place to be agreed upon, and make such preliminary arrangements as may be deemed necessary; and further

Resolved, That a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Boards of Agriculture above mentioned.

HALIFAX, 3rd April, 1873.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed letter of the 29th March, and accompanying resolutions of the Provincial Board of Agriculture of New Brunswick, in which proposals are made for an Inter-Colonial Exhibition of Arts, Manufactures, and Agricultural Productions.

I shall not fail to lay these Documents before the Central Board of Agriculture of Nova Scotia as soon as this can be done. But as our Statutory Meetings are held only twice a year,—in March and October—it may be some time before an opportunity occurs. In the meantime, I shall adopt means whereby the Members of the Board may be informed of the contents of your letter.

Permit me to assure you that your present communication, and any others that may be received from your Board, will meet with the most careful and respectful consideration.

I have, &c.

GEORGE LAWSON,

Secy, Central Board of Agri. of N. S.

To Charles S. Lugrin, Esq., Secretary Provincial Board of Agriculture of N. B.

Moved by Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Black, and resolved, that the Secretary be directed to convey to the Board of Agriculture of New Brunswick, the thanks of this Board for their communication, and to express to them the satisfaction that it would afford this Board to join in an Intercolonial Exhibition such as that contemplated; but, as the present Board of Nova Scotia is about to be changed, in accordance with an Act passed last session, they feel that they cannot do more than recommend the subject to the favourable consideration of the Provincial Government and Legislature, and of the gentlemen who may be selected as their successors to constitute the new Board. After some detail business the Board then adjourned.

EVENING MEETING, 8 o'clock.

The Board resumed business in the evening. Present: D. Matheson, Esq., V. P., in the chair. Messrs. Black, O'Brien, Cameron, Whitman, Archibald, Chisholm, Dakin, Spratt, and the Secretary.