

tion are authorized to offer a prize list of \$5,500. If the decision of the General Board, however, is to be narrowed down and made to depend upon a question of \$500, more or less, then, in such case, the delegation will personally guarantee such additional \$500, so as to raise the prize list to \$6,000.

16. The delegation further state that facilities equal to those granted on the Intercolonial Railway last year, will be granted for the transit of passengers and exhibits over the Windsor and Annapolis line, from Halifax and from Annapolis. The delegation remark with satisfaction that the Dominion Government have restored the Windsor Branch under the lease to the W. & A. Railway, and have thus removed the burdens and restrictions from which the people of this section of country suffered so seriously, and which militated so adversely to the success of the last Exhibition held at Kentville.

17. The delegation further add that there are seven large and commodious hotels now in operation in Kentville, with whom arrangements have been made for a low uniform boarding charge per diem. The lodging committee, guided by their past experience, will leave nothing undone to provide suitable and reasonable accommodation; and the running of morning and evening trains east and west of Kentville will enable visitors to go to and return from the neighbouring towns and villages, and thus obviate all danger of overcrowding or inconvenience at Kentville. In short, all the arrangements are in the hands of an able, competent and efficient committee, and are of a nature that cannot fail to make the Exhibition a success in every respect.

18. Finally, the delegation rely that the Central Board, true to their function as a representative body, will give effect to the deliberate opinions and recommendations contained in their own report above quoted, and, by deciding that the next Exhibition shall be held in Kentville, satisfy the just and reasonable claims and expectations of the farmers and agricultural population of King's and Annapolis, and western Nova Scotia generally. If from any special or local motives these claims are ignored, the delegation beg to represent that, in their opinion, a serious blow will be struck at the future success of Agricultural Exhibitions in the Province; and they fear that the sense of injustice will be so great and general that the agriculturists of this district—not the least important in the country—will withdraw their countenance and support from such Exhibitions.

L. DEV. CHIPMAN,
JOHN W. BARSS, } Committee.
C. C. HAMILTON, }

In explanation of the offer made by the county of Colchester of the sum of \$6,500 as a prize list for the Agricultural Exhibition to be held the present year, we, the delegates to the Executive Committee of the Central Board of Agriculture, beg to state that it is understood that \$6,000 of the sum named shall be devoted to the agricultural department, asking permission, if we can see our way clear, to supplement this sum in order to the encouragement of an industrial exhibition.

W. M. BARR.

J. F. BLANCHARD,

Halifax, Feb. 3, 1880.

Delegates.

In offering a prize list of \$6,000 on behalf of King's County, for the Provincial Agri-

cultural and Industrial Exhibition if held in Kentville this year, the delegates from said County beg to have it understood that \$5,500 of the \$6,000 shall be devoted exclusively to agricultural prizes, and that \$500 shall be given to industrial exhibits. If the Central Board consent, however, we propose that the whole sum, \$6,000, be applied entirely to the agricultural exhibits, with the understanding that any further sum that may be contributed beyond the \$6,000, from any source, shall be given to the encouragement of the industrial department. King's County being an agricultural County, we feel that great prominence should be given to that department, should the Exhibition for 1880 be held at Kentville.

J. W. BARSS,

C. C. HAMILTON,

L. DEV. CHIPMAN.

Halifax, Feb. 2, 1880.

Delegates.

Moved by Mr. Eaton, as follows:—

“Resolved, That, having given very full consideration to the several applications for the Provincial Exhibition of 1880, and, whilst fully appreciating the public spirit shown by Halifax and Truro in making such liberal offers for the encouragement of agriculture, this Committee is of opinion that the interests of agriculture will be best served by holding the Exhibition of 1880 at Kentville, and accordingly accept the offer of the King's County Exhibition Committee.”

Moved by Mr. Matheson, that the offer of the City Council of Halifax be accepted. This motion was not seconded.

Mr. Longworth addressed the Committee. He said that Colchester has made very strong representations with a view to receive the Exhibition, chiefly on account of its central position, rendering it convenient not only for agriculturists of Pictou, Cumberland, and other important Counties, but also for breeders of stock in New Brunswick and the Western Provinces, who might desire to take part as in former years. At one time no Provincial Exhibition was possible, except in the city where the wealth of the Province was centered. Matters are different now, since wealth has increased in the country and great improvement in agriculture has taken place. Last year's Exhibition having been held in the city, it is due to agriculturists to hold this year's in the country. He would prefer to have it in Colchester, but thinks it important not to alienate the western section or create antagonism in the city, but that all the Counties and the city should unite to render those Exhibitions really *Provincial*. He concluded by saying: “I do not think it would be for the interest of the Province at large to have the Exhibition at Halifax or even at Truro this year for the reasons stated, and therefore I second Mr. Eaton's resolution.”

Mr. Matheson remarked that the selection of King's County would ignore the whole of his district, Pictou, Antigonish and Guysborough. The votes of the Societies through out the Province, as

elicited by the Halifax Society, showed that Halifax was the most convenient place. It is true that Truro would be more convenient than Kentville for the Eastern Counties, but they prefer Halifax. The Halifax Exhibition was not so large in cattle as it should have been. This he attributed to farmers refraining from bringing to the city any animals or produce that were not of the very highest character. He thought the Board should not bind itself to any definite routine of places, but be free each year to accept the most advantageous offer, taking all things into account.

Mr. Eaton read a private letter from a member of the Board, Mr. C. E. Brown, Yarmouth, expressing his view that Halifax should not be selected for this year's Provincial Exhibition or any year's when another locality is ready to carry it out. The city is abundantly able to carry out an Exhibition from its own resources and gate money. Let her hotel keepers, merchants and wealthy men subscribe a prize fund or guarantee one. \$4,000 should be raised in the city society in an hour or two if the right men took it in hand, and let the Government grant go to the weaker counties.

Mr. Eaton's motion was then put by the Chairman and passed.

A CORRESPONDENT, who is Secretary of an Agricultural Society writes:—“Will you be so kind as to publish in the *Journal of Agriculture* your views or opinion as to the best way of keeping bulls in a Society to make them self-supporting, and be of the best service to the Society. By so doing you will greatly oblige.”

[We have not room this month, but will refer to the matter in next number. Meantime we shall be thankful for the suggestions of those who have had experience.—ED. J. OF A.]

The Exhibition Committee of King's County are busily engaged in preparing their Prize List and Regulations for the Provincial Exhibition. Any exhibitor who has experienced disappointments in past years in consequence of faulty Prize Lists or mal-arrangements of Committees had better offer suggestions now.

During the last few years we have run our eye over not much less than a thousand columns of *Comfrey Literature*. We this month print the most sensible article that has yet appeared on the subject. We can all understand *Comfrey* now, know how to plant, water, cultivate, feed and dry. Our correspondent has our best thanks, and many of our readers will give him theirs.

[Unfortunately the article referred to is crowded out, but will appear in next number.]