

further consideration of this matter was deferred till the next meeting of the Board,—the enquiry for information to be, in the meantime, continued.

The Chairman stated that the Short-horn cattle recently imported were in fine condition, and every necessary arrangement had been made for their comfort and careful feeding and grooming. Since they arrived the cow and two heifers had calved, so that there are now seven males and five females.

Moved by Hon. Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Longworth, and passed, that, as the imported cattle would presumably be relieved from quarantine about the 24th of February, arrangements be made for their sale by public auction on Thursday the 24th of March, at Richmond Depot, City of Halifax; the Board to meet on the Tuesday preceding, viz., 22nd March, at 10 A. M.

The Secretary was directed to attend to the necessary arrangements for releasing the animals from quarantine, to print catalogues and to advertise arrangements for sale as soon as they could be completed. Terms of sale to be as follows:—Approved joint notes at nine months, discountable at any Halifax bank, and payable to the order of the Board of Agriculture, to be taken in payment of cattle. Four per cent. discount to be allowed for cash at time of sale. Purchasers living twenty miles from a railway to be allowed five per cent. discount, if animals forwarded without delay to their destination. Purchasers in Cape Breton to be allowed ten per cent. discount on same terms. No delivery of animals to be given, or transfers of pedigrees made, till terms of sale are complied with.

SPEAKER'S ROOM, Feb. 4th, 1881.

Present—Same members.

Messrs. McDougall and Matheson, with the Secretary, having been requested to wait upon the Government in reference to the Provincial Exhibition of 1881, reported that they had an interview with the Hon. Mr. Creelman, and represented to him the desire of the Board to ascertain whether, in the event of the Dominion Government giving a grant for a Dominion Exhibition to be held this year in Nova Scotia, the Provincial Government would allow the Provincial grant to be given to the same committee, or other responsible body, so that the Provincial Exhibition might be combined with the Dominion Exhibition.

Hon. Mr. Creelman received the proposal favorably, and promised to bring it under the notice of the Government at the earliest opportunity.

Messrs. Longworth and Ross reported that they had examined the Treasurer's accounts for 1880, and found the same properly vouched and correct,—the bal-

ance in the Treasurer's hands at date being \$448.55.

The following letter was read from His Worship Mayor Tobin of Halifax:

MAYOR'S OFFICE.

Halifax, N. S., December 20th, 1880. }

SIR,—The City Council of Halifax, being in negotiation with the Dominion Government, with a view to holding the Dominion Exhibition in the City, and having received assurances that this arrangement will be carried out, I have the honor to request, on behalf of the said City Council, that the Central Board of Agriculture of Nova Scotia will grant to it the Annual Subsidy given by the Provincial Parliament, in aid of our Exhibition, in order that the Dominion and Provincial Exhibitions may be combined. The Council will be prepared to offer a large prize list in the agricultural as in the other departments of industry, and will use every effort to make the contemplated Exhibition a credit to the Dominion, to the Province, and to the City Authorities who undertake the responsibilities of its management.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

STEPHEN TOBIN,

Mayor of Halifax.

Prof. Lawson, Secretary Central Board of Agriculture.

Moved by Hon. H. F. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Ross, and

Resolved, That, in the event of satisfactory arrangements being made for holding the Dominion Exhibition in Nova Scotia this year, the Executive Committee of the Board will be prepared to accept the offer contained in the letter of His Worship Mayor Tobin, of 29th December, 1880, so that the Dominion and Provincial Exhibitions may be combined. In order to avoid any risk of delay, the Secretary is directed and authorised to act for the Board in carrying out necessary arrangements for effecting this object, until the new Board shall be organised.

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Rand, and

Resolved, That if any circumstances should arise to prevent the Dominion Exhibition being held in Nova Scotia, the Executive Committee of the Board will, in that case, accept the offer of the Colchester Committee, founded on the application of the Provincial Agricultural Society, for holding the Provincial Exhibition this year at Truro.

The Secretary was directed, if it were determined to hold the combined Exhibitions at Halifax, to urge the Committee to prepare the Prize List at once, and to call the Board to receive it without delay.

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Ross, and

Resolved, That Messrs. Matheson and McDougall, with the assistance of the Secretary, be requested to prepare the Annual Report to the Legislature for the past year.

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Rand, and

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorised to draw from the public treasury the usual amount necessary to meet the Grants to Societies for the year 1880, and to issue warrants for the same.

Several legal points having arisen, the Secretary was directed to submit them for the opinion of the Hon. Attorney General Thompson, and to be guided thereby.

The Committee then adjourned.

We are glad to find that the Province has had a recent accession of new Ellesmere blood, Captain J. R. Hall, of Wilmot Springs, Annapolis County, having imported a few pigs purchased from Mr. G. Lake, of Downs House, Gt. Gtys, who supplies the following details of ancestry: "Stella, the grand dam of your pigs, was bought by me of the Rev. W. R. Bowditch, Vicar of St. Andrew's Wakefield, (a successful exhibitor of pure Yorkshire pigs). That gentleman bought the sow of the breeder, Mr. Bewick Royds, a gentleman well known in Yorkshire. Stella was served by Cupid, a fine boar bred by Mr. Bowditch. The dam of your pigs was served by Sidney, bred by the Earl of Ellesmere, of whom I bought him. The brother of the boar won a first prize for the Earl. The above are pure White Yorkshire Pigs."

WILMOT SPRINGS, Jan. 20, 1881.

I notice your advertisement in *Agricultural Journal* regarding pigs. I have an Ellesmere boar I brought from England, with written pedigree, fifteen months old. My sow I brought at same time, will have pigs last of March. I took first prize at Kentville this season with sow and boar. I was to see the Earl of Ellesmere's herd of hogs in November, at his place, out of Liverpool. I would part with my boar as he will soon have to be changed. I also have another boar, looks just like him, out of a Chester sow, a very fine animal, you could not tell him from thorough-bred hog, which could sell for fifteen dollars; my old hog would sell for fifty dollars. Is there any herd book for hogs? If so I would like to have mine registered. [Replied to by letter.]

J. R. HALL.

THE export of Hay from Canada to the United States has been very large this season, probably on account of the deficient crop in the States. According to the *Country Gentleman*, in the last four months of 1879, 382 car loads paid duty, shipped over the Central Vermont Line from Canada. In the last four months of 1880 there were 1553 car loads, an increase of 300 per cent. The demand for hay is increasing at Halifax to supply vessels carrying live stock to England. Best quality \$18 per ton. Latest quotations on Toronto market are \$10 to \$13.50, and yet hay costs less to produce it in Nova Scotia than in Ontario. Farmers go west.