

of the Board for the importation of horned cattle, sheep, and pigs, but that no greater sum than \$4000 be used in one year, and the loss only taken from the fund; also that the loss on last year's importation be made up from that fund. There was some difference of opinion in the Committee, but they had further recommended the Government to put in the estimates a sum of \$5000 for the purchase of horses, the proceeds of the sale of which would have to be paid back into the Provincial Treasury.

The Hon. Mr. McHefley stated that he feared the Government could not afford to give \$5000 for horses.

Mr. Ross spoke of the urgent necessity for improved Stock in Cape Breton, and urged the propriety of sending down a portion of the proposed importation for sale in that island.

Mr. Matheson thought that the Board had acted very judiciously and consistently hitherto in these importations, and that the farmers of Cape Breton might rest assured that their interests would be attended to by the Board in future, as they had been in the past. It would be unwise at present to come to any detailed arrangement or resolution that might hamper the Board, and it was matter for serious consideration in what form special encouragement should be given to Cape Breton and other outlying sections; but no doubt some equitable and just arrangement would be made.

Mr. McDonald took an enlarged, and what seemed to members of the Board to be a judicious view of the matter. He thought that it was the duty of the Board to see that no section of the country was neglected. He was opposed, however, to sectional legislation; it was unfair he thought that Cape Breton should have special favors; it was not justice to Cape Breton that was wanted, but justice to the whole Province, and he hoped the Board would see its way to give satisfaction to the country at large.

Mr. Kaulback thought the great objection to allowing animals to be sacrificed at nominal prices in Cape Breton was that animals that cost so little would not be properly cared for and valued.

Mr. Northup suggested the propriety of allowing a discount equivalent to expense of transit to all distant sections. The great advantage of having sales at Halifax was that when the animals were kept together, intending purchasers might make a better selection of what was really suitable for their purposes, instead of being obliged to take the animals sent by the Board to their particular section.

Mr. Matheson suggested the propriety of selling the animals at Pictou, where they would probably be landed. This view was not concurred in, as it would be inconvenient to the farmers of the Western counties, and the attendance at

the sale would not be so large as at Halifax.

Moved by Mr. Kaulback, seconded by Mr. Longley, and resolved—That the Hon. Mr. Macfarlane, Hon. Mr. McHefley, Joseph Northup, Esq., and the Secretary, be requested to ascertain from Societies the kinds of stock most urgently required, and to make arrangements for the necessary purchases, so soon as funds were available.

In reference to Cheese Factories, Mr. Longley stated that Mr. Weeks, Secretary of the Dairymen's Association, Syracuse, New York State, was prepared to furnish information as to Managers of Factories open to engagement. The wages would be higher this year than formerly. Persons establishing Cheese Factories should write to Mr. Weeks. Mr. Longley stated farther that there were now 500 Factories in New York State, 150 new ones having been established during the past year.

There was placed on the table a sample of "Excelsior Oats." This is a beautiful heavy white oat, remarkably thin-skinned and well adapted for meal. Messrs. Avery, Brown & Co. have imported a quantity and offer it at \$5 per bushel or \$1.50 per peck.

Dr. Hamilton brought under notice the following potatoes:—Bresee's King of the Earlies or No. 4; Bresee's Prolific; Peerless or No. 6, and Excelsior. He had raised a small quantity of Bresee's Prolific, and for yield and soundness it certainly excels any other potato. The Surprise Oats proved ten days earlier than the Norway, which latter is a great producer, yielding 22 or 24 fold with ordinary culture. W. M. Rand, of Canard, has 100 bushels for sale at \$1.00 per bushel of 34 lb., delivered at his place. Several members made enquiries as to where Surprise Oats could be obtained in the Province.

The meeting then adjourned.

GEORGE LAWSON, Sec'y.

#### COUNTY OF HALIFAX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

*Agricultural Room, New Provincial Building, March 21, 1871.*

A meeting of the members of the old Western Halifax Agricultural Society was held to-day. Present:—the Hon. Sir William Young, Knight, President of the Society; the Hon. W. A. Henry, Mayor of the City; Hon. Judge Ritchie, Colonel Laurie, Colonel Milsom, Joseph J. Northup, Esq., Henry Yeomans, Esq., William Duffus, Esq., James Stanford, Esq., Charles Hamilton, Esq., J. P., Windsor Road, A. K. Mackinlay, Esq., North West Arm, Alex. Anderson, Esq., W. C. Silver, Esq., F. W. Fishwick, Esq., John Parker, Jr., Esq., Thomas Leahy, Esq., J. M. Geldert, Esq., D. Hullisey,

Esq., Beaver Bank, P. Monaghan, Esq., William Stevens, Esq., Four Mile House, Alfred Saunders, Esq., Seedsman, Alfred Byers, Esq., Andrew Downes, Esq., Wm. Longard, Esq., William Veith, Esq., Thomas Byers, Esq., William Richardson, Esq., George Madill, Esq., Gay's River, Dr. Lawson, Mr. Hutton, Jr., Horticultural Gardens, Mr. Stevens, Jr., Bedford Basin, Messrs. Blackadar, McLeod, and others.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Henry, seconded by Henry Yeomans, Esq., the Hon. Sir William Young was called to the chair.

The chairman stated that the object of the meeting was to revive the Society and reorganize it on a more extended basis. In addition to the members on the Peninsula and in the Sackville district, applications had been received from forty farmers in the Gay's River district, who proposed to unite with the Society. The large and respectable meeting that had assembled was, therefore, in a favorable position for taking effective action. He then read the following resolutions which would be submitted to the meeting:—

1. That the Western Halifax Agricultural Society be revived and re-organized as a County Society.

2. That Agriculturists and others residing in any part of the city or county of Halifax, not within the limits of any other existing Society, be eligible as members.

3. That the annual subscription be one dollar.

4. That the Society be in future called the County of Halifax Agricultural Society.

5. That application be made to the Board of Agriculture to recognize the Society in its new form as entitled to participate in the annual legislative grant for Encouragement of Agriculture.

These five points were debated at length. The only one on which there was much difference of opinion was the third, His Worship the Mayor and several other gentlemen being of opinion that the subscription should be at least \$2, while Colonel Laurie and Mr. Hamilton argued that \$1 was sufficient.

After a full expression of opinion, it was moved by Joseph J. Northup, Esq., and seconded by the Hon. Judge Ritchie, that the resolutions be adopted as the basis of constitution of the re-modelled Society. The motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The Secretary then recorded the names of the members of the Society, all present giving in their adhesion.

The Society then proceeded to the election of office-bearers:—Mr. Northup moved that Sir William Young be elected President, which was seconded by Colonel Laurie, and passed with acclamation.