

issued by the late Board, with a request for their replies at an early day, with a recommendation of this Board that they will take the same interest in the exhibition evinced by the societies that have reported, it being understood by the Board and the Legislature that the subscriptions of societies, to be deducted from their next year's grant, will, to some extent, modify the great expenditure the Province has to provide for to carry out the arrangements of the exhibition."

Secretary of Board was requested to communicate with Chairman of Agricultural Committee of House of Assembly, inviting them to meet the Board on Thursday evening, or at any more convenient time.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Longworth, it was resolved to continue the *Journal of Agriculture* as heretofore. In seconding the resolution, Mr. Longworth suggested that Secretaries in the country might take more interest in promoting the circulation of the *Journal* among the members of their Societies.

Moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Colonel Laurie, that application be made to the Government for the use of a room in the public buildings, suitable as Secretary's office, for the transaction of Exhibition business, during the summer and autumn.

The Board then adjourned, to meet tomorrow (Thursday) morning, at ten o'clock at the Governor's Field.

GOVERNOR'S FIELD, HALIFAX, }
Thursday morning, 10 a.m., }

Present: Hon. R. A. McHaffey, President; Colonel Laurie, V. P.; G. S. Brown, Esq.; David Matheson, Esq.; John Dakin, Esq.; I. Longworth, Esq.; John Ross, Esq.; Professor Lawson, Secretary.

The Board proceeded to inspect the General's Field, the Governor's Field, and the Drill Shed, with the view of ascertaining what alterations and constructions would be required for the Provincial Exhibition, to be held in October next.

After settling various matters of detail the Board proceeded to the meeting place in the Province Building.

Mr. Longworth, on behalf of himself and Mr. Brown, the auditors, presented a report upon the Treasurer's Accounts, made up to the 13th March, in which they stated that the account had been found correct and properly vouched; that at that date certain societies had not drawn grants to the amount of \$3391.49; that after providing for this amount of grants, a balance of \$2074.57 remained in the Treasurer's hands to credit of Board. The stock farm grant and interest to 17th March inst. amounts to \$8267.37, and is invested in Merchants' Bank, to credit of Board under two deposit receipts.

Mr. Matheson gave a detailed state-

ment of operations of the New Gairloch Society, in consequence of which he had requested the Secretary to withhold the grant to the Society for the past year. The final consideration of this matter was deferred meantime.

The Board adjourned, to meet again at 7 o'clock evening.

THURSDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock.

The Board met in the Legislative Library. Present: Hon. Mr. McHaffey, President, in the chair. Col. Laurie, D. Matheson, Esq., John Dakin, Esq., G. S. Brown, Esq., I. Longworth, Esq., John Ross, Esq.

Moved by Colonel Laurie, seconded by Mr. Dakin, and

Resolved, That the Board fully endorse the action of the Representative of District No. 5 in the matter of the New Gairloch Society; that the Secretary be directed to write to the Secretary of the Society requesting that the books, accounts and bye-laws of the Society, from the commencement of its operations, be transmitted to the Secretary for investigation by the Board; that in the meantime the proportion of grant be withheld, until the matter shall be finally disposed of by the Board.

At this stage of proceedings the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Assembly attended the Meeting, by invitation of the Board. There were present: Messrs. Archibald, Chairman; Rettie, Gayton, Ross and Landers.

The President, Mr. Brown, Colonel Laurie, Mr. Longworth and Mr. Ross explained the position of the affairs of the Board.

Mr. Rettie suggested that in the present favorable position of the finances of the Province, it would be a good time to make an effort to establish a Stock Farm. The Chairman stated that the Board were directing their attention mainly to the Exhibition this year, and did not contemplate any action at present in reference to a Farm. Mr. Brown stated that the \$8000 would be sufficient only for the purchase of a Farm. The purchase of live stock would require twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars more.

Arrangements were made for the formation of Executive Committees for carrying out detailed work connected with the Exhibition.

The Secretary read the following letter

BELLEVUE HOUSE, 19th March, 1874.

SIR,—I am desired by Lieut. General O'Grady Haly to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 14th inst., soliciting the use of the "General's Field" for the purposes of the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition.

In reply, I have the pleasure to inform you that His Excellency accedes willingly to the request of the Central Board of Agriculture, and I am desired to add that it will afford the General very great pleasure to contribute in

any way to the success of the Exhibition, in which he takes great interest.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. H. O'GRADY HALY,

Captain and A. D. C.

Professor Lawson, Dalhousie College, Halifax.

On motion of Mr. Dakin, seconded by Mr. Matheson, the Board adjourned to meet again to-morrow (Friday) morning, at ten o'clock, when the chief business will consist of arrangements respecting the Exhibition buildings for cattle and horses.

PROVINCE BUILDING, Friday, }
20th March, 1874. }

The Board met this morning. Present: Hon. R. A. McHaffey, President; D. Matheson, Esq.; John Dakin, Esq.; Israel Longworth, Esq.; G. S. Brown, Esq.; John Ross, Esq., M.P.P.; afterwards Col. Laurie, Vice President; also the Secretary.

The morning was chiefly occupied in detail business, passing accounts, &c.

At eleven o'clock, Mr. McInnis, of the firm of McIntosh & McInnis, builders, attended by invitation of the Board, and gave full explanations as to the best mode of constructing cattle sheds and other buildings, probable expense, etc. It was finally arranged to construct two series of double stalled cattle sheds, in suitably sized sections, in the central area of the Governor's Field, with continuous driving space around the whole field for exhibiting draft, carriage and riding horses in action. The horse sheds will be constructed along the South side of the Governor's garden fence; the sheep pens along the South fence of the Governor's field. A shed specially constructed for showing off the fat cattle (which are expected to form a prominent feature of the Exhibition) will be run through the centre of the General's field. These are the general arrangements contemplated at present; but will be modified to suit the number of entries and other circumstances not yet ascertained.

The Drill Shed Building will be fitted up with suitable tables and stands for Fruit, Plants, Flowers, Grain, Roots, Home Manufactures, Implements, Dairy Produce, &c. A gallery overhead will be erected for the Band. The Poultry will be shown in an open shed to be constructed across the Drill yard, each exhibitor bringing his own pens in which to exhibit, as on last occasion.

The Hon. Mr. Troop, Speaker of the House of Assembly, appeared before the Board, and represented the views of some of the leading agriculturists of Annapolis in reference to the forthcoming Exhibition. He suggested the propriety of circulars being sent by the Board for distribution by Secretaries of Societies urging the necessity of farmers in every district raising cereals and roots, and feeding stock, so as