

CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Committee Room, Council Chamber, }
Halifax, 26th Jan., 1877. }

The Executive Committee of the Board, adjourned from Thursday, met again at 10.30 a. m. to-day, and continued their sittings till evening.

Present:—David Matheson Esq., V. P., Pictou; Israel Longworth, Esq., Truro; Col. W. E. Starratt, Paradise; Dr. George Lawson, Secretary.

The annual reports and attested returns of Agricultural Societies for 1876 were carefully examined by the Committee, for the purpose of ascertaining how far the respective Societies had complied with the requirements of the Act. The results are as follows:

County of Annapolis.

Clements Township Ag. Society. The Member for district No. 2 was requested to obtain the accounts of this Society for the information of the Board.

Annapolis Ag. Society. Passed.
Port Williams Ag. Society. Passed.
Paradise Ag. Society. Passed.
Bridgetown Ag. Society. Passed.

Eastern Annapolis Ag. Society. The Member for district No. 2 was requested to obtain information respecting the organization of this Society, and report to the Secretary of the Board if satisfactory, before the end of January.

Wilmot Ag. Society. Not qualified. Suggested as a branch of the preceding Society.

Antigonish County.

Morristown Ag. Society. Passed.
St. Andrew's Ag. Society. Passed.
Arisaig Ag. Society. Passed conditionally.

Cape Breton County.

Boularderie Ag. Society. Passed. Secretary to request further information respecting horses British Lion and Lion of Canada, and success attending them.

North Sydney Ag. Society. Further information required.

Sydney Mines and Little Bras d'Or Ag. Society. Passed.
Sydney Ag. Society. Passed.

Colchester County.

Onslow Ag. Society. Passed. Further information requested respecting horse Brutus.

Tatamagouche Ag. Society. Passed.
Shubenacadie Ag. Society. Passed.
Stirling Ag. Society. Passed.
Brookfield Ag. Society. Passed. Items of account required.

Lower Stewiacke Ag. Society. Passed.
Earlton Ag. Society. The Committee regret that this society is not found to be qualified, and has failed to do the work contemplated on its formation.

Cumberland County.

Farrsborough Ag. Society. Passed. At-

tention to be called to the requirements of the new Act as to expenditure of moneys in future.

Fox Harbor Ag. Society. Passed conditionally.

Malagash Ag. Society. Passed.
Pugwash Ag. Society. Passed.
Wallace Ag. Society. Passed, with a request for further information as to revenue from animals.

Mnudie and Barronsfield Ag. Society. Passed.

Oxford Ag. Society. Passed.
Middleboro' Ag. Society. Passed.

Amherst Ag. Society. Correspondence on the subject of this Society's returns between the member for District No. 4 and H. Black, Esq., Amherst, was read, also opinion of Hon. Senator Dickey on the recent amendment of the Agricultural Act. Passed.

Digby County.

Digby Central Ag. Society. Passed.
Clare Ag. Society. Passed. Officers' attention to be called to requirements of new Act as to expenditure.

Guysborough County.

Milford Haven Ag. Society. Passed. Further information to be asked for as to revenue from the Society's animals.

Glenelg Ag. Society. Passed.
Guysborough Ag. Society. Passed.

Halifax County.

Halifax County Ag. Society. Passed.
Lower Musquodoboit Ag. Society. Passed.
Upper Musquodoboit Ag. Society. Passed.
Salmon River Ag. Society. Not qualified.

Hants County.

Newport Ag. Society. Passed conditionally, the Member for District No. 4 to make enquiry.

Enfield Ag. Society. Passed.
Upper Nine Mile River Ag. Society. Passed conditionally, Secretary of Board to ask for further information as to returns from wheat sold, and results of cultivation of the "Lost Nation."

Fenwick Ag. Society of Noel. Passed, on condition that fuller accounts, to be furnished before issue of warrant for grant, shall be found satisfactory.

Nine Mile River and Hardwoodland Ag. Society. Secretary of Board to apply for report and accounts.

Windsor Ag. Society. Accounts and prize list to be asked for.

Union Ag. Society of Hants, Maitland, Passed.

Inverness County.

Mabou and Port Hood Ag. Society. Accounts of income and expenditure to be furnished before issue of warrant.

N. E. Margaree Ag. Society. Passed.

King's County.

King's County Ag. Society. Passed.
Union Ag. Society of E. Cornwallis. Passed.

West Cornwallis Ag. Society. Passed.
King's County Ag. Society. Annual report to be asked for.

Aylesford Ag. Society. Passed.
Farmer's Ag. Society of King's County. Passed.

Lunenburg County.

Mahone Bay Ag. Society. Passed.

Pictou County.

Pictou Ag. Society. Passed.
Egerton Ag. Society. Passed. Further information as to revenue from animals to be requested.

Millbrook Ag. Society. Passed.
River John Ag. Society. Passed.
Merigomish Ag. Society. Passed.

Queen's County.

North Queen's Ag. Society. Passed.
Kempt Ag. Society. Not qualified.
Mutual Benefit Ag. Society of Brookfield and Pleasant River. Passed.

Liverpool Ag. Society. On motion of Col. Starratt, seconded by Mr. Longworth, this Society was added to the list of recognized societies and its returns approved. Passed.

Shelburne County.

West Passage Ag. Society. Passed, with an expression of regret that so much money has been expended in the past for seeds and implements, yielding so small return to the Society's funds.

Barrington Ag. Society. Report and accounts to be requested.

Shelburne Ag. Society. Passed.
Clyde River Ag. Society. Reports and accounts required.

Wood's Harbor Ag. Society. Passed, but fuller details of accounts requested.
Cape Negro Ag. Society. Passed.

Victoria County.

Middle River Ag. Society. Not passed. Referred to Member of Board for District No. 6 to ascertain why Society's funds are not expended, and to report to general meeting of Board.

Baddeck Ag. Society. Correspondence with member for District No. 6 read in reference to the formation of this Society. Passed.

Yarmouth County.

Yarmouth County Ag. Society. Passed, but further information and list of Exhibition prizes required.

The following resolution was then passed by the Executive Committee for recommendation to the Central Board:—

"That Societies holding over moneys from year to year, which they do not expend in accordance with the intention of the Act for Encouragement of Agriculture, be required to refund to the Board any annual grants that may have been paid to them, and that application be made to the Government to introduce an Amendment to the Act empowering the Board to recover such moneys."

C. F. Eaton, Esq., attended as a delegate from a Committee of 24 gentlemen, named as an Exhibition Committee, at a public meeting in King's County.

The Committee proceeded to consider the subject of the Provincial Exhibition of 1877, for which provision was made by the Legislature of 1874, an annual grant of \$4,000 being appropriated for the purpose.

Applications for the Exhibition were