

When vacancies occur in the Board from other causes than the annual retirement of Members on the thirty-first day of January, the Governor in Council may at once appoint new members without reference to nominations by Societies.

#### SCHEDULE B AS AMENDED.

*District No. 1* shall include the Counties of Halifax and Lunenburg.

*District No. 2* shall include the Counties of King's, Annapolis and Queen's.

*District No. 3* shall include the Counties of Digby, Shelburne and Yarmouth.

*District No. 4* shall include the Counties of Hants, Colchester and Cumberland.

*District No. 5* shall include the Counties of Pictou, Antigonish, and Guysboro'.

*District No. 6* shall include the Counties of Cape Breton, Richmond, Inverness, and Victoria.

#### MEMBERS OF BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, 1876.

*District No. 1*, Colonel Laurie, *President*.

*District No. 2*, W. E. Starratt, Esq., *Paradise*.

*District No. 3*, Charles E. Brown, Esq., *Yarmouth*.

*District No. 4*, Israel Longworth, Esq., *Truro*.

*District No. 5*, David Matheson, Esq., *Pictou*.

*District No. 6*, John Ross, Esq., *Boularderie*.

*Government Member*, Hon. Robert Robertson.

THE continuous holding of Agricultural Exhibitions for twenty years in the City of Halifax has naturally brought about a reaction in favor of the Country in this Province, just as in Ontario the perambulating of Exhibitions for the same period has led to the proposal to centre them in future, for all time, in the city of Toronto. The long experiences of England and Scotland, as well as of the United States and Canada, afford abundant material upon which to form a judgment in this important matter, but we must defer a statement of considerations and conclusions until next month, merely announcing at present that a candid review of the whole facts available, leads to the belief that the system under which we are at present working, of giving the Exhibition each year to the locality best prepared for it, whether in town or country, is the most judicious. In the meantime let us call attention prominently to the essentially practical fact that there are at present only two Counties in the Province prepared for next year's Exhibition, viz., Colchester and King's. If any other County means to take action, there is no time to be lost, as the Board requires, for the reasons stated in another column, that all applications shall be sent in on or before 31st December.

THE *Colonial Farmer* of Fredericton, after drawing a fine picture of the agricultural energy and prospective prosperity of the rich alluvial plains of the St. John River in New Brunswick, breaks out as follows:—

"Where is the man whom the people of the river counties have entrusted with a representative position during the last dozen years who has done anything worth speaking of to develop the material resources of the Province? Where is he who in the Legislature has ever given the people any reason to think he knew what sort of a country he lived in?"

WE are glad to hear that Mr. C. P. Blanchard's imported Ayrshire Cow "Blyth," had a heifer calf shortly after her return from the Kentville Provincial Exhibition, and the first prize heifer "Beauty" had a bull calf. Both calves are after "Bismarck" and are very handsome.

AMONG the exhibits shown at the Liverpool Exhibition lately, perhaps none, from a purely practical point of view, were so deserving as the specimens of grain raised at Caledonia by David Caffrey, Esq. They would certainly seem to answer in the affirmative the question as to whether the soil and climate of Queens County are well adapted to produce the cereal gramina. The winter rye weighed fifty-six pounds to the bushel; the winter wheat sixty pounds to the bushel, and the black oats forty-four pounds.

A bay Canadian mare, imported with several others consigned to Mr. Noakes, of Liverpool, and now owned by Mr. Farrel, near Chester, took first prize at the Birkenhead show in the jumping class. Her performance over water and hurdles against a dozen of the best English horses, several of them past prize winners, was something remarkable.

WE have received from the Meteorological office, Toronto, (G. T. Kingston, Supt.,) the Sixth Annual Report of the Acting Superintendent, Mr. Carpmæl. This document contains a mass of facts meriting a fuller notice than we can give at the present moment, but we shall endeavour to evolve from its closely packed tables of figures some information that may be of interest to our readers.

AN interesting Article on Pomology, by Charles E. Brown, Esq., Yarmouth, is postponed to next number.

THE Lindsay Central Exhibition on 2nd and 3rd of October, was a magnificent success. On the 23rd there were 25,000 people in the small town of Lindsay, which is attributed to the facilities given by the railways.

#### CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

*Committee Room, Provincial Exhibition Buildings, Kentville, King's County, 3rd October, 1877.*

The Board met by adjournment from the preceding day. Present: Colonel Laurie, President; Hon. Robert Robertson, Commissioner of Works; David Matheson, Esq., Pictou; Israel Longworth, Esq., Truro; Charles E. Brown, Esq., Yarmouth; Colonel Starratt, Paradise; John Ross, Esq., Boularderie; Prof. Lawson, Secretary.

The Board directed their Secretary to apply to William Eaton, Esq., Secretary of the King's County Exhibition Committee for a statement of the amount of prizes actually awarded in the various classes of the prize list.

Several matters were brought before the Board for consideration, but it was agreed to defer any decisions upon them. The Board accordingly adjourned to the following morning at ten o'clock, when the applications of new societies and other business would be taken up.

*Committee Room, Exhibition Buildings, 4th October, 1877.*

Present: Colonel Laurie, President; David Matheson, Esq., Pictou; John Ross, Esq., Boularderie; Hon. R. Robertson, Commissioner of Works; Colonel Starratt, Paradise; Israel Longworth, Esq., Truro; Prof. Lawson, Secretary.

The President read a letter which he had received from Charles Byrne, Esq., F. V. M. S., Veterinary Surgeon, presently residing at No. 7 North Park street, Halifax. Some conversation ensued as to the importance of having a properly qualified Veterinarian resident in the Province, and proposals that had been brought before the Board in former years were referred to. The Secretary was directed to reply to Mr. Byrne, informing him that his letter was laid over for fuller consideration.

Mr. Ross laid before the Board the annual return of the North East Margaree Agricultural Society, showing a paid membership for 1877 of forty-seven members. The return was found to be satisfactory, as was also the return of the Middle River Agricultural Society, County Victoria.

A similar return of the Waugh's River Agricultural Society, County of Colchester, showing a paid-up membership of 43, was submitted by Mr. Longworth.

Colonel Starratt made an explanatory statement respecting a society formed some time ago in Clarence, County of Annapolis, which had, in former years, operated as a branch of the Paradise Society. The Secretary of the Board read the application of the Clarence Society, containing report of their meeting held