

Mr. Longworth spoke on the subject of Agricultural Education. He referred to the manifest interest in this subject, as shown by the proposals of King's College in Sackville, the address of the Chairman of the Agricultural Committee at the opening of the Legislature, and the favourable notices in the papers. As the town of Truro contributes more to the support of the Model School than the Government does to the Normal School, it is but reasonable, if anything is to be done in the way of Agricultural Education, to make provision for it in the Normal School.

Mr. Ross spoke likewise in support of the establishment of a Chair of Agriculture in the Truro Normal School, and he hoped that whilst provision would be made for the Agricultural Education of the Province, the interests of Cape Breton would not be overlooked.

Colonel Laurie called attention to correspondence (laid on the table by the Secretary) with Agriculturists in New Brunswick, proposing a joint model Farm and Agricultural College. He pointed out the inequalities of advantages necessarily falling to different localities.

Mr. Spence spoke of giving choice to Cape Breton societies to expend any grant for exhibition in the Island, either for that purpose or for the purchase of thoroughbred cattle.

Hon. Mr. McDougall thought that as the people were prepared for the exhibition on the Island this year, attention should not be diverted from it.

Mr. Ford referred to his own county where lumbering had left the people no option except to go into farming or leave the country, and it was greatly for the interest of the country to improve agriculture, to give the people means of comfortable living, and retain them at home.

Mr. McGillivray spoke of the great importance of teaching the elements of Agricultural Chemistry in the schools, and would impress upon the Government the desirability of continuing and supporting the Board in its highly beneficial arrangements. Distant sections should receive special consideration.

Col. Blair thought there should be an importation of stock of **DESIRABLE QUALITY**. We must work not for the present so much as for the growing Agriculture of the future.

Mr. Morrison referred to the fact that Agriculture was taught in the Normal School when started, and, as salaries had been increased, arrangements might be made to have it taught now, without increased expenditure. Cape Breton was not reconciled to the loss of the exhibition last year.

Mr. Matheson referred to Guysborough County, which he represented, as equally out of range of exhibitions and other

general operations of the Board and Legislature, as any other County, and equally deserving, on this account, of special provision. The Board had exercised their judgment in the way of appropriations to societies. There was now a great improvement.

Mr. Ford said that the grant for Agriculture should, if possible, be increased, so as to give increased encouragement to every district in the Province, and in such a way as to give as equitable encouragement as possible, and, whether in Queen's or Guysborough, effective encouragement.

Colonel Blair said, in reference to the Normal School, that the Superintendent of Education and the Principal of the Normal School, had both informed him that the officials have at present all the work they can possibly do.

The President thanked the Committee for their attendance, and the meeting then adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Board resumed business at 2 o'clock, p. m. Present: the same members of the Board as were present in the morning.

Dr. C. C. Hamilton and W. Starr, Esq., attended as a delegation from the Exhibition Committee of King's County, who presented the draft of the Prize List prepared by the Committee for the Provincial Exhibition of 1880, to be held at Kentville.

The Board proceeded to examine the Prize List and Regulations.

Moved by Mr. Brown, that the time for holding the Exhibition be fixed for the first week in October. Seconded by Mr. Matheson.

Moved by Mr. Rand, that the time proposed by the Exhibition Committee, commencing on the 27th September, be adhered to. Seconded by Mr. Longworth.

The amendment was put to the meeting, and passed.

Moved by Mr. Longworth, that the Regulations be modified, so that imported stock, other than that kept for breeding purposes, may be entered for competition, if in the Province, and owned by the exhibitor for a year previous to exhibition. Seconded by Mr. Brown and carried.

The following resolution was passed: Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Brown, that in that portion of the Prize List relating to thoroughbred cattle, the several breeds, other than Short-horns, be placed on the same footing, as regards number and amount of prizes offered, as already fixed for Ayrshires.

25th March, 10 a. m.

Present—Col. Laurie, President; D. Matheson, John Ross, C. E. Brown, I. Longworth, Hon. H. F. McDougall,

Jonathan Rand, Dr. Lawson. Dr. Hamilton attended on behalf of the Exhibition Committee of King's County.

Col. Blair reported that the Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly were not yet prepared for a final conference with the Board.

Moved by Mr. Brown, that the Herd Prizes for the respective breeds be raised to \$50, \$40 and \$30 for Short-horns, and for the others to \$50 and \$40. Seconded by Mr. Matheson.

Moved in amendment, by Mr. Longworth, that the Herd Prizes remain as in the Prize List submitted by the Committee. Seconded by Mr. Rand.

The amendment was put, and lost.

The motion was then put, and carried.

On motion, resolved, that in class II., the prizes for section 69, changed to 4 and under 5 years, be \$10, \$8 and \$6, and that an additional section be added, \$10, \$8 and \$6.

The Board adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock, p. m.

Business resumed.

Dr. Hamilton and Mr. R. W. Starr again attended on behalf of the Exhibition Committee of King's County. The Board proceeded with the further examination of the Prize List.

A sample of Fish Guano, manufactured by Mr. Oakes, at Digby, was placed on the table, and examined by the members.

Moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Ross, that a Committee of five, of whom three shall be a quorum, be now appointed, to transact all business in the intervals between regular meetings of the Board, such Committee to report any action by them at the next ensuing regular meeting of the Board, for approval. Passed. Committee: Col. Laurie, D. Matheson, Hon. H. F. McDougall, I. Longworth, Jonathan Rand.

On motion of Mr. Matheson, resolved, that all members of the Board be notified of meetings of the Executive Committee and of the probable business.

Moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Longworth, That, in entering animals whose owners have furnished the required information and declarations, and have, in other respects, fully complied with the requirements of the Board, the Secretary shall re-number all animals of each breed consecutively, as they are entered in the New Register, and shall issue new certificates for such, and deliver the same to the owners of the cattle on their giving up the old certificates. Passed.

A letter, (23rd March,) from Pine Tree Agricultural Society, Co. Pictou,