

3. All competitors must, on or before the first day of August next, inform the nearest local society of their intention to put in a claim, that it may appoint competent judges, in all necessary places, first, to be satisfied as to the quantity of wheat growing, and afterwards to ascertain the number of bushels thrashed.

4. Should any one of the societies in the first seven counties be of opinion, that the number of bushels in the 1st rule is fixed too high for their agriculture, such society, on giving information to the Board by the 20th June next, will be allowed to classify their county with the other five, and to contend for the £5, 4, and 3 prizes at 200, 150 and 100 bushels.

5. All claims must pass through the local societies to the Central Board, and be signed by the respective secretaries in addition to the signatures of the particular judges: and they must all be returned by the 1st of February next, in order that the legislature in session may be apprized of the results.

Rules of competition.

1. Any farmer in Nova Scotia may become a competitor.
2. A just claim for these general prizes cannot be invalidated, although the person for the same identical wheat, has gained any of the above county prizes, or even obtained in his own society the premium for the best acre of this grain.
3. As in the county prizes for wheat, all claims for these five must be intimated to the nearest local societies by the 1st of August, must be examined and ascertained by the judges appointed; and must be also returned to the Central Board by the first of February next.

Rules of competition.

1. The seed must be of crop 1823, well saved and fit for sowing.
2. The quantity must be proved by certificates from the local societies.
3. Fair and average samples must be forwarded by the claimants for the inspection of the Directors, who will determine by quality as well as by quantity.
4. For the first prize must be raised at least 400 lbs.—for the second 350, for the third 250, for the fourth 200, and for the last 150 lbs. clean marketable seed.

Rules of competition.

1. The first prize cannot be won by a less quantity than 300 bushels, shelled corn; the second, by less than 250; the third by less than 200; the fourth by less than 180; the fifth by less than 160; the sixth by less than 140; and the seventh by less than 120 bushels.
2. All farmers in Nova Scotia may contend for them; only, as in the case of the wheat prizes formerly described, every competitor must inform the nearest local society of his intention by the first day of August, that competent judges may be appointed to inspect the growing crop and afterwards ascertain the shelled corn; and must also obtain a certificate from the local secretary previous to his applying for the money at Halifax, and must have his claim transmitted either on or before the first February next.

Rules of competition.

1. The site must be approved of by the local society.
2. The mill must be a distinct building, situated on a good stream of water, and must contain the necessary machinery to prepare the flax fit for hackling.
3. When the machinery is fitted up and ready for motion, the claimant must instantly inform the nearest local society, and call without delay respectable witnesses to ascertain the date, as the bounty will be adjudged by priority of competition: but the money is not demandable till a sample of the sketched flax is presented to the Board for their inspection and approval.

Remarks.

1. The expenses must be accounted for by proper evidence and vouchers.
 2. All expenses incurred must be approved of by the Directors.
 3. The secretary is to be entitled to neither more nor less than the actual outlays in the management of the public service.
- N.B. The agricultural minor societies can confine the local premiums (if they so incline) to their own members: but all the other prizes are general, and may be contended for by every farmer in the province.

Halifax, April 10, 1823.

JOHN YOUNG, secretary.