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REPORT OF SECRETARY OF BOARD OF AGRICULTURE FOR 1871.

TO THE HON. W. B. VAIL, }
&c. &c. &c., }
Provincial Secretary.

HALIFAX, 7th March, 1872.

SIR,—The Board of Agriculture, originally organized under the Act of 1854, having ceased to exist, in consequence of the formation of a new Board under the Amendment of last Session, I have the honor to submit, in accordance with your request, a statement of the operations carried on from February 1871 to 15th Feb., 1872. Nearly the whole of that time was a transition period in the history of the organization, its affairs were in an unsettled state, the transactions were necessarily of a limited character, and but little more was done than to carry on the routine work of organizing, sustaining and encouraging Agricultural Societies in the various Counties of the Province.

In accordance with the nominations of the Agricultural Societies in the several

Rural Districts, the Board for 1871 was constituted on 22nd March as follows:—

District No. 1—City and County of Halifax.—The Hon. Sir William Young, Knight; Henry Yeomans, Esq., Joseph J. Northup, Esq., William Cunard, Esq.

District No. 2—Counties of Kings, Annapolis and Digby.—Dr. C. C. Hamilton, M. D., Avarad Longley, Esq.

District No. 3—Counties of Lunenburg, Queen's, Shelburne and Yarmouth.—H. A. N. Kaulback, Esq., A. C. A. Doane, Esq.

District No. 4—Counties of Hants, Colchester and Cumberland.—Hon. Alex. Macfarlane, Hon. R. A. McHefhey.

District No. 5—Counties of Pictou, Antigonish and Guysborough.—Hon. John McKinnon, David Matheson, Esq.

District No. 6—Counties of Cape Breton, Richmond, Inverness and Victoria.—Henry Davenport, Esq., George Lawrence, Esq.

Members ex-officio.—Rev. A. S. Hunt, M. A., Superintendent of Education; J.

B. Calkin, M. A., Principal of Normal School.

The general condition of the Agricultural Societies established throughout the Province is highly satisfactory. Although during the year the operations of the Central Board have been in several respects uncertain, from the cause already referred to, yet the usual care has been taken in the inspection of the Annual Reports and Accounts of the several County and District Societies, and of the attested Returns qualifying for the Legislative Grant, which has been rateably distributed among those Societies only that have fully complied with the requirements of the Act.

There is appended to this Report a tabular statement showing the actual condition of Societies that have qualified for the grant during the year. Under each County are given the names of its Agricultural Societies, the names of the principal office bearers, the number of members, the amount of subscriptions actually paid by them during the year as shown by

the attested Returns, and the amount of Grants given. The following summary will show the distribution and strength of Societies throughout the various Counties, viz:—

Counties.	Number of Societies.	Number of Members.	Amount of Sub'sions.	Amount of Grants in aid.
Annapolis,	4	184	\$184	\$223.60
Antigonish,	2	100	101	202
Cape Breton,	4	200	200	233.60
Colchester,	5	299	299	233.60
Cumberland,	4	239	273	233.60
Digby,	3	187	194	233.60
Guysborough,	1	57	57	114
Halifax,	4	277	277.80	233.60
Inverness,	3	125	172.50	233.60
Kings,	1	40	40	80
Lunenburg,	5	332	332	233.60
Pictou,	1	58	58	116
Queen's,	6	408	516	233.60
Richmond,	3	126	126	233.60
Shelburne,	0	0	0	0
Victoria,	6	209	269	233.60
Yarmouth,	2	114	114	228
	2	230	459.50	233.60
Total	57	3245	\$3672.80	\$3543.20

It will be observed that the total number of Societies is 57, the number of paying members 3245, and the amount of subscriptions \$3672.80, showing an increase over the previous year of 8 Societies, 503 members, and \$626.00 in subscriptions. This excess is to be attributed partly to the steady improvement that is going on in those Districts where Agricultural Societies are fostered, and partly to the great preparation made last summer for the purchase of thorough bred stock, many of the Societies having made extra efforts to accumulate funds for this purpose. The grants made to Societies during the year amount to \$3,543.20.

The condition of effective Societies during the various years of the Board's existence is here shown in a comparative manner:—

Year.	Number of Societies.	Number of mem'rs.	Amount of Subscrip.	Grants in Aid.
1st year, 1864	37	1744	\$1958	\$3010
2nd " 1865	48	2197	2384	3314
3rd " 1866	52	2543	2850	3566
4th " 1867	58	2833	3051.50	3444.50
5th " 1868	45	2246	2519.75	3232.50
6th " 1869	43	2209	2540.50	3001
7th " 1870	49	2742	3046	3372
8th " 1871	57	3245	3672.80	3543.20

The original intention of the Act of 1854 was, that the annual grant to each Society should amount to double the sum of subscriptions actually paid during the year; but, after the first year, a wide departure from this rule took place, which subsequently increased in consequence of the growth of Societies, whilst the amount of annual grant remained stationary. This year the disparity between the amounts of subscriptions and grants cannot fail to attract general attention. In 1864 the subscriptions amounted to \$1859.00; the grants to \$3010.00. In 1871 the subscriptions are \$3672.80; the grants only \$3543.00. Within less than eight years the subscriptions have doubled, but the grants in aid have not materially increased. The most marked effect

is seen in such counties as Pictou, where there has been unusual activity, and where the Societies have rapidly increased. The River John Society receives only \$19.01, and the Merigomish Society a still smaller sum, \$18.11, amounts that are obviously inadequate to afford substantial encouragement in extensive Agricultural Districts. In several other Districts the grants are nearly or quite as small, and must continue to diminish still further as Societies become more numerous unless better provision is made both by Legislation and an addition to the annual vote.

Last session the Board was charged by the Legislature to make an extensive importation of live stock, and the sum of \$8000.00 granted by a former Government for a Stock Farm, was authorised to be used for this purpose to the extent of not more than \$4000.00 in any one year. At that time it was understood that the amendment of the Agricultural Act then passing through the Legislature, would not affect the constitution of the Board till the close of the year, when it has been customary for societies to make their nominations. The Board proceeded therefore to carry out the instructions of the Legislature, by making arrangements for a large importation of cattle, sheep and pigs. A committee consisting of the Hon. Senator Macfarlane, the Hon. Mr. McHaffey, Joseph J. Northup, Esq., and the Secretary, was appointed to ascertain from Societies the particular kinds of Stock most urgently required, and to make arrangements for their purchase. The committee, after announcing the intentions of the Board, and obtaining suggestions of Societies, determined to make their chief purchases at the Great Ontario Exhibition to be held at Kingston in September last; but as they ascertained that it would not be possible to obtain pigs there of the breed found by experience to be best adapted to this Province, they at once ordered a supply of white Chester pigs from Messrs. Boyer & Co., the celebrated breeders of this kind of stock in Pennsylvania. The committee then applied to the Government for an advance of money to aid in the contemplated purchases at Kingston; but it was found on careful examination of the amendment of last session that its legal effect was to extinguish the then existing Board and unfortunately no provision was made for carrying on the business until a new one could be formed. In these circumstances the committee's operations came to an untimely end. The Pigs, however, had been shipped before the real state of affairs was understood, they all arrived in good condition, were sold by public auction at Halifax, and the cost and proceeds are included in the Treasurer's Accounts.

After some preliminary correspondence

with the Provincial Secretary, the officers of the Board determined under the peculiar circumstances of the case, to call the Members of the late Board together to ascertain their views as to what course should be pursued, and to obtain instructions for closing up the affairs. A meeting was accordingly held on 24th October. A deputation was named to confer with the Members of the Government then in the city. As soon as it was authoritatively settled that the old Board had ceased to exist, the Members of it suggested that, as they had no legal position or authority to act, it would be well for the Government to proceed at once to the formation of a new Board. At the close of this conference, the Honorable Provincial Secretary addressed a letter to the Secretary of the late Board, requesting that steps should be taken for the nomination by Societies of Members to form a new Board under the Amended Act, and that the Members of the old Board should continue to exercise all the powers and functions of a Central Board as formerly, until a new Board could be formed.

The Members of the Board agreed to discharge these functions in the interim in order that the organization upon which so much pains had been bestowed might be sustained, and its benefits continued to the country. It was too late in the season (24th October) to attempt an importation. The re-appointed Board gave instructions that the several Societies throughout the Province should be called upon to make nominations, in order that their successors might be appointed without delay. They also authorized the usual annual grants to Agricultural Societies, and directed a Report to be prepared to the Legislature, closing their proceedings.

The Board appointed under the new Act consists of the following gentlemen:—Annapolis County, Geo. Whitman, Esq., Pictou County, Geo. Whitman, Esq., Pictou Hill; Antigonish County, David McNair, Esq., Cape George; Cape Breton County, John Ross, Esq., M. P. P., Boularderie; Colchester County, Israel Longworth, Esq., Truro; Cumberland County, Hiram Black, Esq., Amherst; Digby County, John Dakin, Esq., Digby; Guysboro' County, George Cameron, Esq., Milford Haven; Halifax County, J. J. Northup, Esq., Michael Tobin, Esq., C. N. Sprott, Esq., D. Archibald, Esq.; Hants County, J. J. O'Brien, Esq., Noel; Inverness County, Geo. C. Lawrence, Esq., Port Hood; King's County, C. C. Hamilton, M. D., Canard; Lunenburg County, Benjamin Zwicker, Esq., Mahone Bay; Pictou County, David Mattheson, Esq., Pictou; Queen's County, ———; Richmond County, ———; Shelburne County, ———; Victoria County, Chas. Campbell, Esq., M. P. P., Baddeck; Yarmouth County, George Brown, Esq., Yarmouth.

This Report is accompanied by the Treasurer's accounts for the year, and relative vouchers, together with a general financial abstract, showing the sources of income and expenditure. The accounts show a balance in Treasurer's hands at 15th February, 1872, of \$5181.19, against which warrants have been issued to agricultural societies for grants for 1871 to the extent of \$3,548.20, so that when these are drawn, the net balance in Treasurer's hands will be \$1637.99. This is exclusive of the stock farm money on deposit at interest, amounting to \$8000 old currency, equal to \$7786.67 new currency. The interest on this amount drawn in September 1871 was authorized by the Legislature to be used to pay liabilities for imported stock.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
GEORGE LAWSON.

FIRST HALF YEARLY MEETING OF
THE CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE,

Organized under Chapter 13 of the
Statutes of 1871.

NEW PROVINCIAL BUILDING,
14th March, 1872.

Present: Charles J. Campbell, Esq.,
M. P. P., John Ross, Esq., M. P. P.,
Joseph J. Northup, Esq., Charles N.
Sprott, Esq., Dr. Lawson.

Moved by Mr. Sprott, seconded by Mr.
Ross, and passed, that Mr. Northup be
requested to act as Chairman. Mr.
Northup thereupon took the Chair.

Documents relating to the formation of
the Board were placed on the table, viz :

1. Letter from the Hon. Provincial
Secretary, of 24th October, 1871.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Halifax, N. S., 24th Oct., 1871.

SIR,—I have it in command to request you to
communicate with the Secretaries of the several
Agricultural Societies in the Province, notifying
them that under the Act, Chap. 13, 34 Vic., it is
necessary that each Society shall elect a Repre-
sentative, in order that the several Counties may
be represented at the Council Board. Halifax
County is allowed by the said Act to elect four
members.

When the Representatives are elected they will
be appointed by the Governor in Council. In
the meantime, and until the New Board can be
organized under the Act of 1871, the present
Board will continue to exercise all the powers
and functions of a Central Board of Agriculture
as heretofore.

I am, Sir, your obdt. servt.,
W. B. VAIL, Prov. Sec.
GEO. LAWSON, Esq., LL. D.

2. Circular addressed to Secretaries of
Agricultural Societies throughout the
Province.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE,
Halifax, 24th Oct., 1871.

SIR,—I am directed to call your attention to
an Act passed during last session of the Provin-
cial Legislature, which requires that each Agri-
cultural Society in the Province shall elect a

Representative, in order that the several Counties
may be represented at the Central Board of
Agriculture. Halifax County is allowed by the
said Act to elect four members.

Your Society is hereby directed to be guided
by this Act in selecting a Representative at your
approaching Annual Meeting to be held on the
first Tuesday in December. A copy of the Act
is appended to this Circular, from which you will
observe that after Representatives are chosen by
the several Societies in your County, it will be
their duty to meet together as soon as con-
veniently may be, and elect one of their number
(except in the County of Halifax, where four
shall be elected) to represent such County at the
Central Board, and the Members so elected shall
be thereupon appointed by the Governor in
Council to such Board of Agriculture.

I have further to inform you, that the Mem-
bers of the Board who were in office at the time
of the passing of the Act of 1871, were this day
requested, by letter from the Provincial Secretary,
to continue to officiate in the meantime and until
the new Board can be organized, and to exercise
all the powers and functions of a Central Board
of Agriculture as heretofore.

I have the honor to be,
Sir, your most obdt. servant,
GEORGE LAWSON, Sec'y.

STATUTES OF NOVA SCOTIA,
34^o Victoria, Cap. 13.

An Act to Amend Chapter 86 of the Revised Sta-
tutes "Of the Encouragement of Agriculture."
[Passed the 4th day of April, A. D., 1871.]

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and
Assembly, as follows :

1. From and after the passing of this Act, the
Board of Agriculture shall consist of twenty-one
persons; four Members to be selected from the
County of Halifax, and one Member from each
of the other Counties of the Province.

2. The mode of selection of such Members
shall be as follows: Each Agricultural Society
in a County shall elect one of its Members to
represent such Society, and such Representatives
shall meet as soon as conveniently may be, and
elect one of their number (except in the County
of Halifax, where four shall be elected) to represent
such County at the Central Board, and the
Members so elected shall be thereupon appointed
by the Governor in Council to such Board of
Agriculture.

3. The Members of the Board shall annually
retire from office, but shall be capable of re-
election.

4. Anything in the Act hereby amended in-
consistent with this Act is repealed.

3. Royal Gazette.

Copies of the Royal Gazette of 21st and 28th
February, 1872, containing notifications that
His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, by the ad-
vice of the Executive Council, had been pleased to
make appointments of Members to the Central
Board of Agriculture, viz.:

Annapolis Co.—George Whitman.
Antigonish Co.—David McNair.
Cape Breton Co.—John Ross, M. P. P.
Colchester Co.—Israel Longworth.
Cumberland Co.—Hiram Black.
Digby Co.—John Dakin.
Guysborough Co.—George Cameron.
Halifax Co.—Joseph J. Northup,
Michael Tobin,
Charles N. Sprott,
David Archibald.

Hants Co.—J. J. O'Brien,
Inverness Co.—George C. Lawrence.
Kings Co.—C. C. Hamilton, M. D.
Lunenburg Co.—Benjamin Zwicker.
Pictou Co.—David Matheson.
Queen's Co.—
Richmond Co.—
Shelburne Co.—
Victoria Co.—Charles Campbell, M. P. P.
Yarmouth Co.—George S. Brown.

4. Letter from the Deputy Provincial
Secretary of 28th February, 1872.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Halifax, N. S., 28th Feb., 1872.

SIR,—I have it in command to authorize you
to call a Meeting of the Central Board of Agricul-
ture at Halifax, on Thursday the 14th day of
March next.

Your obdt. servt.,
H. CROSSKILL, Dy. Sec'y.
GEO. LAWSON, Esq., LL. D.,
Sec'y. to B. of A.

The following telegrams were read:—
From D. Matheson, Esq., Pictou: Any
prospect of meeting to-morrow? Yester-
day's train not yet passed Riversdale.
Answer by telegraph.

From Dr. C. C. Hamilton, Wolfville: No
train to-day. Can you postpone
meeting for week? Answer by telegraph
immediately.

From Geo. S. Brown, Esq., Annapolis: Will
Central Board of Agriculture meet
to-morrow as advertized? Answer by
telegraph.

In consequence of the small number of
Members in attendance, caused by stop-
page of trains by the snow storm, it was
moved by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr.
Sprott, and agreed, that the meeting be
adjourned till to-morrow morning at ten
o'clock.

Mr. Northup and Dr. Lawson were re-
quested to telegraph to absent members.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

NEW PROVINCIAL BUILDING,
15th March, 1872.

Present: Joseph J. Northup, Esq., Chair-
man.

Israel Longworth, Esq.
John Ross, Esq., M. P. P.
Charles N. Sprott, Esq.
Charles J. Campbell, Esq., M. P. P.
Dr. Lawson.

Minutes of yesterday's meeting were
read and approved.

The Chairman expressed regret at the
continued absence of Members, in conse-
quence of the snow blockade on the Rail-
ways.

The following letter was read from
Joseph McDonald, Esq., M. P. P.:

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
March 15th, 1872.

DEAR SIR,—I trust the Board of Agriculture,
in the absence of many of its Members, will take
no important step, without at least affording the
Committee of the House of Assembly the usual
courtesy of a conference.

I am led to this as I find that the Representa-
tives from Antigonish and Guysborough have not
yet arrived.

Yours truly,
JOS. McDONALD, of the Com.
JOS. NORTHUP, Esq.,
Chairman of B. of A.

Dr. Lawson stated that he had seen the
Hon. Provincial Sec'y and Hon. Treasurer,
both of whom are of opinion that busi-
ness should not be proceeded with until
a larger number of Representatives of
Counties shall have arrived.

The following telegrams were read :—
From C. C. Hamilton, M. D., Wolfville: No possibility of down train to Halifax. Snowplough not arrived.

From Hiram Black, Esq., Amherst: Will leave in a few minutes for Halifax.

On motion of Mr. Longworth seconded by Mr. Ross, the meeting was adjourned till Monday morning (18th), and instructions given to acquaint distant members by telegram.

SECOND ADJOURNMENT.

NEW PROVINCIAL BUILDING,
 18th March, 1872.

Present: Joseph J. Northup, Esq., Chairman.

Charles J. Campbell, Esq., M. P. P., Victoria.

J. J. O'Brien, Esq., Noel.

Charles N. Spratt, Esq., Musquodoboit.

Benjamin Zwicker, Esq., Lunenburg.

John Ross, Esq., M. P. P., Cape Breton.

Hiram Black, Esq., Amherst.

I. Longworth, Esq., Truro.

Dr. Lawson.

Minutes of meetings of 14th and 15th March were read and approved of.

Mr. Zwicker expressed a wish that the meeting should be deferred till more Counties were represented. Mr. O'Brien also thought that business should not be proceeded with. Mr. Ross concurred. Mr. Black was sensible that the Board should have the full confidence of every County in the Province. The very existence of Societies in his County would depend upon the policy to be adopted by the Board. He therefore felt that the present meeting was too small to undertake the responsible business that must necessarily come before the Board.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Longworth, the Board adjourned till to-morrow (Tuesday) morning 19th, and telegrams were ordered to be sent to absent members.

THIRD ADJOURNED MEETING.

NEW PROVINCIAL BUILDING,
 March 19th, 1872.

Present: Joseph J. Northup, Esq., Chairman.

I. Longworth, Esq.

Hiram Black, Esq.

John Ross, Esq., M. P. P.

C. N. Spratt, Esq.

Benjamin Zwicker, Esq.

Chas. J. Campbell, Esq., M. P. P.

J. J. O'Brien, Esq.

Dr. Lawson.

Minutes of meeting of 18th March were read and approved of.

The following telegrams were read :—

From D. Matheson, Esq., Pictou: We leave by first train for Halifax, probably Wednesday.

From George Whitman, Esq., Bridgetown: Road blocked since Tuesday. When will Board of Agriculture meet?

From George S. Brown, Esq., Bridgetown: With Dakin and Whitman, I proceed for Kentville this morning by sleigh.

On motion of Mr. Zwicker, seconded by Mr. Black, the Board adjourned to Thursday morning 21st inst., at 10 o'clock, the business then to be proceeded with. Telegrams to this effect were directed to be sent to all absent members.

Mr. Longworth gave notice of motion to set aside a portion of the funds of the Board for importation of Barley and Cocksfoot.

FOURTH ADJOURNED MEETING.

NEW PROVINCIAL BUILDING,
 March 21st, 1872, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Present: Joseph J. Northup, Esq., Chairman.

I. Longworth, Esq.

John Ross, Esq., M. P. P.

B. Zwicker, Esq.

Chas. J. Campbell, Esq., M. P. P.

J. J. O'Brien, Esq.

The Minutes of meeting of 19th inst. were read and approved of.

The following telegrams were read :—

From Dr. Hamilton, Canning: Monday's dispatch received. Will get down by first train.

From George S. Brown, Esq., Kentville: We proceed to Windsor immediately. May reach Halifax in time.

From Geo. S. Brown, Esq., Windsor: Our party arrived here at 2 p. m. (20th). Hope to reach Halifax to-morrow morning, (21st).

From the same: We are told we may probably reach Halifax by train to-morrow morning.

From Dr. Hamilton: Dispatch of 19th received, (20th). No prospect of train to-morrow, (21st).

From George Whitman, Esq., Bridgetown: Will take sleigh to Windsor if Board adjourns till Saturday. Answer by telegraph.

From D. Matheson, Esq., Pictou: Train expected to-day (21st). Don't close order for seeds, stock, &c., until I see you. Will go to-morrow.

Mr. Northup, the Chairman, briefly explained the provisions of the new Act, which requires 21 members as the full complement for the constitution of the Board.

It was moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Ross, and passed, that Mr. Longworth, Mr. Campbell and Dr. Lawson be appointed a deputation to wait upon the Hon. Attorney General to ascertain the legal position of the Board under the new Act.

On motion of Mr. Ross, the Board adjourned until 3 o'clock, p. m.

FIFTH ADJOURNED MEETING.

NEW PROVINCIAL BUILDING,
 March 21st, 1872, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Joseph J. Northup, Esq., Chairman.

Geo. S. Brown, Esq., Yarmouth.

John Dakin, Esq., Digby.

John Ross, Esq., M. P. P., Cape Breton.

Charles J. Campbell, Esq., M. P. P., Victoria.

I. Longworth, Esq., Truro.

J. J. O'Brien, Esq., Noel.

Benjamin Zwicker, Esq., Lunenburg.

Hiram Black, Esq., Amherst.

Dr. Lawson.

Minutes of the various meetings of the Board held on the 14th March and subsequent days were read and approved.

CONSTITUTION OF BOARD.

Mr. Longworth, on behalf of the deputation appointed to wait upon the Attorney General, stated that that gentleman expressed to them his opinion that strictly speaking the Board was not legally entitled to act until 21 members had been appointed in terms of the Act; but that, under the circumstances, strict compliance being impossible, he thought the Board should proceed with their business, and the Government would be prepared to bring before the Legislature a provision for legalizing their acts, as well as to provide against any similar difficulty in future.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

Mr. Zwicker moved that Joseph J. Northup, Esq., be elected President of the Board.

Mr. Dakin seconded the motion.

Mr. Ross spoke of the propriety of the nomination, with which he entirely agreed. No one had shown more interest in the Board, or taken more pains to promote its prosperity than Mr. Northup, and therefore he thought that the Board would be fortunate if they could secure his services in the capacity of President. Mr. O'Brien spoke in similar terms, and expressed his entire concurrence. Mr. G. S. Brown said the proposal met with his cordial approval. Mr. Northup thought it would be better to delay the appointment of a President, as several gentlemen were still expected; but the members generally were desirous of proceeding at once to business.

G. S. Brown, Esq., having been moved into the chair, put motion to the meeting, which was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Northup then took the chair as President of the Board. He expressed his warm interest in its welfare, and his willingness to do everything in his power to promote its prosperity; but, he said, that he depended upon the aid of the rest of the members, and from what he had already seen of them he had no doubt but that the organization would prove of

great value in promoting the Agricultural prosperity of the Province.

Mr. Brown remarked that it was desirable to have the officers of the Board in the central part of the Province. He would, therefore, move that Israel Longworth, Esq., be elected Vice President.

The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Brien, and unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Longworth expressed his deep sense of the unexpected compliment, and his desire to discharge the duties as faithfully as possible.

Mr. Longworth moved that Dr. Lawson be elected Secretary, which was seconded by Mr. Zwicker, and passed unanimously.

Mr. Brown moved that Dr. Lawson be likewise requested to act as Treasurer for the present year, which was seconded by Mr. Longworth and unanimously agreed to.

INVITATION TO AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

A letter having been read from Joseph McDonald, Esq., M. P. P., the Board resolved to invite the Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly to a conference to-morrow (Friday) morning at half-past 10 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Zwicker, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, the Hon. the Speaker of the House of Assembly was invited to the Board meeting in reference to the formation of Farmers' Clubs throughout the Province.

IMPORTATION OF GRAIN AND GRASS SEED.

Mr. Longworth moved the following resolution:—

Whereas it is an important duty of the Board of Agriculture to bring to the notice of the farmers of Nova Scotia the known improvements that have taken place in the Agriculture of other countries from a proper selection of grain and grass seed for cultivation. And whereas the sowing of mixed and inferior seed grain, is not only a source of great loss to the husbandman, but a serious drawback to the prosperity of the country where grown. And whereas barley and grain are among the principal seed crops; and whereas the Chevalier and Annat barley are the two kinds held in the highest estimation for feeding and commercial purposes in Berwickshire and neighbouring counties in Scotland, and *Dactylis glomerata*—orchard grass or cocksfoot—is very much thought of and extensively used in Britain and America as a grass to mix with red clover and early grasses for hay and pasture; and it being considered exceedingly desirable that the capabilities of the Province for stock feeding and grazing should be increased, that the superior excellence of the improved breeds of cattle imported by the late Board, and which it is to be hoped this Board may be enabled to make more numerous by fresh importations, may be maintained.—

Therefore Resolved, that the Board import for sale to members of Agricultural Societies, the ensuing spring, at cost and charges, 50 bushels of Chevalier barley, 50 bushels of Annat barley, and 25 bushels of orchard grass.

Mr. Black seconded the resolution. A discussion took place on the relative merits of various grains, in which Mr. Black, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Ross and other

members took part. It was stated that the Cocksfoot grass produces a very speedy aftermath.

The President called attention to a very productive barley, Hallett's Pedigree, that had been grown successfully by Mr. Thomas, of Windsor, and of which seed might be obtained in the Province by any societies desiring it.

Mr. Longworth's resolution was put to the meeting and passed unanimously.

FUNDS REQUIRED FOR 1872.

The Board then proceeded to consider the amount of funds that would be required to carry on the affairs for the present year. In order to raise the allowances to Societies to \$400 for each county, there will be required.....\$7000.00

And for working expenses of the Board, importation of grains, implements, feeding of stock, and miscellaneous expenses. . 3000.00

Total.....\$10,000.00

If an importation of horses is to be made, additional funds will be required, as the Stock Farm money will be needed for cattle and sheep.

On motion of Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Zwicker, the Board adjourned till to-morrow, Friday, morning at 10 o'clock.

SIXTH ADJOURNED MEETING.

NEW PROVINCIAL BUILDING,
22nd March, 1872, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Present: Jos. J. Northup, Esq., President.
John Ross, Esq., M.P.P., Cape Breton.
Hiram Black, Esq., Amherst.
Israel Longworth, Esq., Truro.
J. J. O'Brien, Esq., Noel.
Geo. S. Brown, Esq., Yarmouth.
John Dakin, Esq., Digby.
Benjamin Zwicker, Esq., Lunenburg.
Dr. Lawson, Secretary.

Minutes of meetings of the Board and adjournments of the 14th, 15th, 18th, 19th, and 21st March were read, and on motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Longworth, were approved of.

FINANCE.

The Board proceeded to consider the financial condition of the organization, to determine what steps should be taken to carry out the purposes for which it had been formed, and what funds would be required for the present year. The importation of stock was a first necessity, and the \$8000 of Stock Farm money would probably not be more than sufficient to purchase horned cattle and sheep, without reference to any other stock. Colchester alone requires about seven thoroughbred bulls this season.

Moved by Mr. Dakin, seconded by Mr. Longworth, and Resolved unanimously, That application be made to the Legislature to use the Stock Farm money, amounting to \$8000, with interest there-

on, for the importation of live stock this season.

RESOLUTION TO INCREASE GRANTS TO SOCIETIES.

Moved by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Brown, and passed unanimously, That provided the annual Legislative grant to the Board be increased this year to \$10,000, the government be requested to introduce an amendment to the Act, authorizing the Board to increase the proportion of grant to societies to the sum of \$400 for each county, but that no society receive more than double the amount of subscriptions duly attested as raised and paid within the year.

CONFERENCE WITH AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

At half-past ten o'clock the Board were joined by the following members of the Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly:—W. Allison, Esq., M. P. P., Chairman, S. H. Holmes, Esq., M. P. P., Joseph McDonald, Esq., M. P. P., John Ross, Esq., M. P. P.

The President expressed to the Members of Committee the gratification the Board had in meeting with them; they had but one common object in view, and he trusted their joint labors would be for the welfare of the Province at large.

Mr. Longworth reviewed the labours of the late Board, and spoke of the great benefit that had been obtained from a comparatively small expenditure to the Province of some five or six thousand dollars a year. He quoted several practical evidences of the advances made of late years in the improvement of stock and the higher prices obtained for marketable animals from butchers and others. Still it is only in the more highly favored counties that these benefits have hitherto been realized, and it should be the object of the Board to extend them to every County in the Province. It will require much larger importations than hitherto before we can convert the 120,000 milch cows and 330,000 sheep of the Province into superior animals. It is the paramount duty of the Legislature to see that judicious importations are made. They will increase the comfort of our people, will increase the public revenue, encourage immigration, and keep the farmers sons at home, instead of allowing them to go away to enrich other countries by their industry.

Mr. McDonald agreed with everything that had been said as to importation of stock, but, as losses were considerable, thought the stock should be sold as soon as possible after landing.

Mr. Zwicker also addressed the meeting as to what was required for the present year.

Mr. Black said that all national prosperity rests on agriculture, and he was anxious to see progress of a more decided

kind in our Province. The grants made for agriculture in New Brunswick were much larger than ours; our annual grant to be equal to that of New Brunswick with respect to population should be \$15,000. The New Brunswick Societies in the larger Counties receive \$800, ours get only \$240. He did not like to see Nova Scotia behind New Brunswick in anything except breadth of forest.

Mr. O'Brien spoke also of the requirements of the Board for the present year.

Mr. Brown thought it was a mistake to look upon the money given for importations as lost. The proceeds of sales would form a fund for further purchases. The Board being formed under the new Act, and much expected from it, it seemed to be reasonable to expect the Legislature to provide the funds necessary to carry it on.

Mr. Allison addressed the meeting at length, expressed the desire of the Committee to forward the views of the Board, and offered various practical suggestions as to the kinds of stock required by different parts of the country.

Mr. Rettie was also present, and on invitation of the President, expressed his interest in the discussions of the Board. He stated that it was felt by many that there was a waste of money in not having a Stock Farm, which would to a large extent save expense of importations. He thought the Board might well calculate upon an increase of the grant.

The President expressed the thanks of the Board to the Members of the Committee who had attended, and they withdrew.

The Board then resumed its ordinary business.

IMPLEMENTS.

Mr. O'Brien moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Longworth, and passed:—

Whereas superior farm implements are much required in many parts of the Province,—

Resolved, That before next regular meeting of the Board, the officers of the Board procure the best information they can relative to new kinds of farm implements, including ploughs, grubbers, potato diggers, those used in drill husbandry, and also such as may be used for digging tile drains.

The Board then adjourned till half-past 2 o'clock.

SEVENTH ADJOURNED MEETING.

NEW PROVINCIAL BUILDING,
22nd March, 1872, 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Present: Of the Agricultural Committee—

Samuel McDonnell, Esq., M.P.P., Port Hood.

D. C. Moore, Esq., M.P.P., Kings Co.

Of the Board of Agriculture—

Joseph J. Northup, Esq., President.

George S. Brown, Esq.

John Dakin, Esq.

Benjamin Zwicker, Esq.

Israel Longworth, Esq.

Dr. Lawson, Secretary.

Remarks were made by Mr. McDonnell and Mr. Moore, expressing their warm interest in the progress of the Board, and their desire to aid in promoting its efficiency.

NEW REGULATION FOR SOCIETIES.

Moved by Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Dakin, and

Resolved, That all Societies desirous of participating in the Provincial grant shall, on or before the first day of November in each year, forward to the Secretary of the Central Board a list of subscriptions of members duly attested as actually paid, and that no Society shall be able to qualify after that date.

The object of this resolution is to enable the Board to pay grants to Societies before the close of the year, so that the Board's accounts for the year can be closed at the end of December for presentation to the Legislature.

PROPOSAL FOR SPRING IMPORTATION OF THOROUGH-BRED STOCK.

The following letter was read from Colonel Laurio, urging upon the Board the propriety of making an importation of thorough-bred cattle this spring, to meet the pressing wants of Societies:—

To the Secretary of the Central Board of Agriculture:

DEAR SIR,—As one of the Vice-Presidents of the Halifax County Society, I feel called upon to give expression to the feelings of a large body of the country members, and desire most strongly to urge upon the newly appointed Board of Agriculture the strong necessity that exists for making an importation of thorough-bred stock this spring.

In our own case, this is the second year in which a large number of persons have subscribed to the Society, and, as yet, positively no benefit whatever has been obtained. To postpone the Stock importation until the autumn, is virtually to lose another year, and to deprive us of all benefit and results thereby, at any rate, until the spring of 1874.

A glance at the reports of the different societies, or at the advertisements in the *Journal*, will show how much Pure-bred Stock is sought after and appreciated, and a visit to any part of the Province where farming is carried on as a profession, will show the improvement that has been wrought in our live stock by the importations.

This being so, it certainly becomes the duty of the Central Board to foster and encourage this desire for progress; and it is much to be hoped that the precedent set, of former importations being always in the autumn, will not be allowed to stand in the way, but that our new Board, which was constituted with the idea of better representing the feelings of the agricultural community, will signalise its advent to office by conferring this most substantial benefit on the farmers.

Your own experience will tell you that there is no difficulty in obtaining whatever stock is wanted. The different stock-breeders of the Continent are well known, and a selection can be as readily made from their herds now, as by waiting for the fall exhibitions; and the gain of a whole year will justify the payment of somewhat higher prices.

I remain, faithfully yours,
J. WIMBURN LAURIE.

Oakfield, March 12th, 1872.

The Members of the Board expressed strongly their opinions of the desirability

of such importation; but, considering the high prices that would have to be paid and several other circumstances, they felt that they could not, without a fuller meeting, undertake the risk of a spring importation.

FALL IMPORTATION.

It was moved by Mr. Dakin, seconded by Mr. Zwicker, and

Resolved,—That the Board import in the fall 8 short horn Durlinn Bulls, 6 Devons and 6 Ayreshires, together with two Hifiers of each breed.

On motion of Mr. Longworth, it was agreed to import, at same time, 10 Leicester Rams, 5 Shropshires, 5 Cotswolds, and 2 Ewes of each kind.

On motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Dakin, the propriety of importing Horses was left to the committee to be selected to make the cattle purchase, who will be guided by the amount of means at their disposal.

The Board proceeded to discuss very fully the question as to where the sale should take place. Mr. Ross was in favor of selling a portion at Hawkesbury or Pictou, or of having the whole sold at Truro, which latter met with approval of Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. Brown thought there should be no division of the stock, so that purchasers might have an opportunity of selecting from the whole.

Mr. Zwicker spoke in favor of Halifax as the business centre of the Province, which was finally agreed upon as the place of sale.

Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Zwicker, moved the following resolution, which passed:—

Resolved,—That at the public sales of stock at Halifax a discount of 10 per cent be made to purchasers from Cape Breton and 5 per cent to other purchasers residing not less than 30 miles from a Railway Station.

Moved by Mr. Dakin, seconded by Mr. Black and passed unanimously, that the following gentlemen be named a Committee to make the purchase of stock, viz.: Mr. Northup, Mr. Brown, and the Secretary.

APPLICATION FROM GLENELG AGRI. SOC.

The following letter was read from John A. Kirk, Esq., M. P. P.:—

Halifax, March 14th, 1872.

SIR,—In consequence of the members of "Glenelg" Agricultural Society of the County of Guysborough, failing to pay up their annual subscriptions for the year 1869, the Provincial allowance for that year was not participated in, and the Society has since been dormant. An attempt is now being made to resuscitate it, and I have expected, before this time, to have received a return from the President (or rather, late President) properly attested to, setting forth the fact that the necessary subscriptions had been raised to enable the Society to participate in the Grant of last year—which, if the return alluded to come in before the adjournment of the Board of Agriculture, which is to meet to-day, the Society feels it is entitled to, in consequence of

there being but one Society in the County, and it drawing but \$80.00. The detention of the mails by the succession of snow storms is, I believe, the cause of the Society's return not being in. I trust that you will have the kindness to bring this matter before the Board, and obtain, if possible, an allowance from the grant of last year equal to their proper proportion, according to the return which I have not a doubt will be forthcoming in a few days. I may add that the funds in the hands of the Society were expended, except two dollars and fifteen cents, which are still in the Treasurer's hands, in keeping the Society's Bull—which has been sold at a very low figure, and in procuring seed grain for the benefit of the Society.

If it is necessary, and you will send me a note, I will attend before the Board and make any explanations necessary.

I remain yours, &c.,

JOHN A. KIRK,
Late Sec'y and Tres., Glenelg Agrl. Society.

Some conversation ensued on the reading of Mr. Kirk's letter. The papers referred to were submitted, and it was moved by Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Longworth, and

Resolved,—That under the peculiar circumstances stated by Mr. Kirk, the Secretary of the Board be requested to authorize the Glenelg Society to draw its proportion of the grant for the past year.

A NEW SOCIETY IN CUMBRELAND.

The following letter was read from Thomas A. Fraser, Esq., Pugwash:—
Pugwash, 12th March, 1871.

SIR,—I wrote to you in February, that a number of the farmers of this place made a move to form themselves into an Agricultural Society, but the weather was so unfavourable that nothing definite was done until the 27th Feb., when we appointed officers and Directors after 76 had subscribed. But some more have subscribed since. The exact number paid, I cannot say until I see the Treasurer, but I think it was something over forty. But had the weather been favourable nearly all would have paid by this time.

I think it is the intention of the Directors to get some change of seed for spring use, to give to the Society at cost and charges, and then purchase an improved breed of sheep in time for the fall. The Directors wish to know if the Board of Agriculture will import any the coming summer, as there is diversity of opinion as to the best breed. Would your Board give some information?

I herewith send a report of the Society, which looks somewhat insignificant, but as this is a part of the country that is well adapted to farming, and the people are beginning to take an interest in the welfare of the place, I have no doubt that our Society will yet be quite a success.

If there is anything that we have omitted, I hope that you will give us a hint. With these few remarks,

I am, &c.,

THOS. A. FRASER Secy.

P. S.—Eighty-four (84) have subscribed and 44 paid.

Relative papers were laid on the table. Members of the Board expressed an unwillingness to encourage the undue multiplication of Societies, and Mr. Black was requested to ascertain whether the new Society could not coalesce with the Malagash and Wallace Societies.

Mr. Longworth explained the working of the Onslow Society, which was divided into branches or sections, so that every district could participate in the advantages,

whilst the Society being large had funds sufficient to enable it to handle expensive stock.

PLOUGH CASTINGS.

The Secretary read the following Communication from Messrs. Simpson and Tory of the Milford Haven Agricultural Society:—

"This Society has been in the custom of importing castings from the United States for improved ploughs. This year they imported but a small lot, which was given to the members at a discount of thirty-five per cent on costs and charges. This enables the members to get their ploughs at a very moderate cost, as the plough is either fitted up by the farmer himself, or otherwise by his neighbouring carpenter, which in turn gives him employment. This system, in view of this Society, was preferable to the importation of the whole implement from the United States, as in many cases the farmer himself could, during the long winter, fit up his plough. But we were met with a Customs Duty of fifteen per cent on the Invoice of the different pieces of castings required for the plough, which was never exacted from us before. Though the implement in its entirety is free of duty, yet the Customs office claim duty for the different pieces of which it is composed. This Society feel that this is a hardship which the Central Board could influence the Government in getting removed.

First,—We want the American Castings, because it is preferable to our own castings, one of them wearing out two of ours.

Secondly,—We want the casting because the Society can place in the hands of each of its members a plough of an improved pattern for one-third the cost of the entire plough, putting the freight and charges for importation of the entire article in the pocket of the Agriculturist, while it places an improved plough in his hands and employment for his neighbouring mechanic, who can fit it up equally as well and at a less cost than the American.

We want the castings duty free, because the entire plough is duty free, and for the same considerations. We would respectfully urge these views on the Central Board, that it might use its influence with the Government for a remedy for the benefit of the societies of this Province generally."

The Board gave instructions to their Secretary that representation might be made in the proper quarter.

STOCK FARM.

A telegram was read from M. H. Goudge, Esq., to Hon. R. A. McHessey, in reference to purchase of a stock farm.

On motion of Mr. Longworth, it was resolved that as many Counties are not represented, and the funds at disposal at present are insufficient, it would be unwise for the Board to make any selection of locality on this occasion.

AGRICULTURAL JOURNAL.

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Zwicker, and passed—

That the publication of *Agricultural Journal* be continued as heretofore.

CONDIMENT FOR HORSES AND CATTLE.

The Secretary read a letter from Geo. Fraser, Esq., 74 Lower Water Street, Halifax, calling attention to the condiment for horses and cattle, prepared for sale by the North British Cattle Food Company. A sample was shown, and circulars placed

on the table with certifi. from Express Companies and Live stables in Montreal and Quebec.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The President and Mr. Longworth were named as a Finance Committee to audit the Treasurer's books.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Black then moved an adjournment, the Board to meet again in October in terms of the Act, on a day to be fixed by the President, as near as possible to the day of sale of Imported Stock.

GEORGE LAWSON, Sec'y.

Reports of Agri. Societies.

LOWER STEWIAKKE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

We are glad to be able to report our Society in a prosperous condition, working satisfactorily. The business of the past year has not been of a very important character. As will be seen by the Treasurer's report, the funds have mainly been devoted towards reducing the debt incurred the previous year. The stock owned by the Society at present consist of one thorough-bred Ayrshire Bull (Young Prince of Wales); one Durham and Ayrshire Bull, and one white Chester Boar. The animals are all superior, and give excellent satisfaction.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY DURING THE YEAR.

Meeting of the Directors held in June. It having been brought to the notice of the meeting that the condition of one of the bulls was unsatisfactory to the Society, it was resolved that a quantity of oats should be purchased and fed to the animal, and six dollars were drawn from the Treasurer and expended for that purpose.

Special meeting of the Society was held on October 14th for the purpose of taking measures to procure thorough-bred stock. The Directors were authorized to sell the boar owned by the Society and purchase another thorough-bred white Chester, if possible. The Directors employed an agent to attend the sale of pigs imported by the Central Board, who purchased a boar for \$27.00.

Dec. 5th.—Annual meeting held. Attendance good. Officers for the ensuing year were elected:—W. H. Hogge, Pres.; James Maxwell, Vice-Pres.; Wm. W. Pickings, Sec'y and Treas. Directors—C. W. Daniels, Frank Fulton, Wm. M. Hiltz, W. W. Ramsey, E. C. Banks.

Arrangements were made for keeping the stock owned by the Society for the coming year. The parties keeping the bulls to receive \$48 each. Fees for service, 50 cents per cow. Amount thus realized to go towards defraying the charge

for keeping, ; balance, if any, required to be paid out of the funds of the Society. The boar was left in the hands of the Directors to make arrangements for having him kept. All the animals to be kept exclusively for the use of the Society. The old boar remaining unsold, was disposed at Auction on six months, and bought by John McPhee, for \$10.00. Wm. H. Hoggo was elected the Representative of this Society, in accordance with the Act of 1871.

Wm. W. PICKINGS, *Sec'y.*

FENWICK AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Directors of the Fenwick Agricultural Society, of Noel and Maitland, beg leave to submit the following report for the year ending December 5th, 1871:

We regret to state there is a falling off of ten or twelve in the number of members, but we are pleased to say that the remaining members seem to take more interest in the Society than formerly, and we anticipate better success for the ensuing year.

We imported fifty bushels Fife Wheat and ten bushels Red Top Seed, from Montreal, also purchased one hundred pounds Alsike Clover Seed from Alfred Saunders, Halifax. The Fife Wheat, so far as sown, produced the best crop of any wheat sown in east Hants the present year.

The Society has few imported animals—one White Chester Boar having died a few weeks ago, one Leicester ram, which had become too old to be of much benefit to the Society, was sold—one Ram and one White Chester Boar are all that remain. There is considerable improvement in stock in this section through the stock purchased by the Society, particularly in the pigs there is great improvement.

There was an abundant crop of hay in east Hants, but considerably damaged in harvesting. Wheat, very much injured by the weevil, not half a crop. Oats about an average; Norway oats good. Buckwheat a light crop. Barley an average. Potatoes a very light crop, and rotting very much in some places. Other root crops below an average. The Society numbers forty-one members, who subscribed the sum of \$40 50. The receipts of the Society for the year have been \$234 93; expenditure, \$189 81. Balance in the Treasurer's hands, \$45 12.

Your Directors would recommend that measures be taken to hold an Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition, by this Society, in autumn of 1872.

The following are the officers for 1872: *Pres.*, Alexander Densmore; *Vice-Pres.*, William Hunter; *Secy and Treas.*, Geo. Densmore; *Asst. Secy.*, Osmond O'Brien; *Directors*, Daniel Ross, (Capt.), Alexan-

der A. McDougall, George W. O'Brien, Robert Faulkner, Andrew Main.

James J. O'Brien, Esq., was elected representative to the Board of Agriculture.

AYLESFORD AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

AYLESFORD, Dec. 19, 1871.

I hereby transmit you a copy of the report of the officers of the Aylesford Agricultural Society for the present year.

The officers and directors of the Aylesford Agricultural Society beg leave to report the receipts and expenditures of the Society, for the past year, as follows:

Receipts.

Initiation Fees.....	\$50 00
Services of Bulls.....	66 00
Per sale of Bull.....	28 00
Legislative Grant.....	38 00

Total.....\$182 00

Expenditures.

Cost of one Bull and keeping three....\$115 00

Balance on hand.....\$67 00

The Society now owns two superior grade Durham bulls. Our opinion respectfully submitted, is:—That the Society should purchase one thorough-bred Durham or Devon bull, which would be of much greater benefit to us than the grade animals we now have.

It is the opinion of many of our best stock growers that the Devons are best adapted to our farms; the oxen are hardy and active, the cows are good milkers, and they fatten easily on grass, which is a strong point in their favor.

The prospects of the Society are improving; we commenced the new year with an increased subscription list, and greater interest is manifested than formerly.

ARCHIBALD WALKER, *Pres.*
W. R. L. FOSTER, *Sec'y.*

BRIDGETOWN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

JANUARY 3RD, 1872.

The annual meeting of the Bridgetown Agricultural Society was held at W. Y. Foster's office on Saturday the 16th Dec., having been adjourned on the 5th, the attendance being small on account of bad weather; there was a large number of members present.

The Society during the past year held an exhibition of stock, and expended the sum of one hundred and seven dollars in prizes. The neat stock exhibited were very fine, horses miserably poor, sheep but few entered and very good, swine very fair, some good Chester Whites.

The following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year:—Oliver Foster, *President*; Chas. B. Whitman, *Vice-President*; W. Y. Foster, *Treasurer*;

E. P. Troop, *Secretary*. Joseph Bent, Avard Willett, Robert Bath, John F. Bent, Benj. Clute, Esqrs., *Directors*.

The meeting requested that the funds of the Society be expended in the improvement of stock, &c., rather than in an exhibition.

Charles B. Whitman, Esq., was appointed the Society's representative to meet the representatives of other Societies for the purpose of nominating a member for Annapolis County to the Central Board of Agriculture.

E. P. TROOP, *Sec.*

UNION AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, EAST CORNWALLIS.

At the Annual meeting of the Union Agricultural Society, of East Cornwallis, the following persons were elected officers for the ensuing year:—Leander Rand, *President*; J. E. Starr, *Vice-President*; R. M. Rand, Lower Canard, *Secretary and Treasurer*.

SEEDS! SEEDS!—The Subscribers have nearly completed their importations of seed for the approaching season, and invite the attention of Farmers and Agricultural Societies to their stock, which comprises 300 lbs. Beet, all the choice varieties, 370 lbs. Carrot, do., 200 lbs. Cabbage, do., 5 cwt. Mangel Wurtzel, 150 lbs. Parsnips, 50 bushels Garden Peas, choice varieties, 37 bushels Turnip Seeds, including Carter's Imperial and Skirving's Swede, Bullock, Aberdeen, Strapleaf, &c. A complete assortment of the smaller Garden Seeds, Flower Seeds, &c. Grass Seeds, 460 bushels choice Canadian Timothy, 100 bushels Nova Scotia do., 20,000 lbs. prime Red Clover, 4 cwt. White Dutch do., 1½ cwt. Alsike do., 10 bushels Orchard Grass, 10 bushels Excelsior White Oats. Catalogues free on application to Avery, Brown & Co.

WANTED.—A thorough-bred Devon Bull. Any person having one to dispose of will please communicate particulars, stating price, to John S. Copeland, Sec. of the Merigomish Agricultural Society, Pictou Co., N. S.

DURHAM BULL FOR SALE.—Mr. Donovan, of Dartmouth, on Preston Road, has for sale a very fine Durham Bull, 3 years old. This Bull is very gentle and can be easily handled. Terms low.

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