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**SPECIAL NOTICE TO SECRETARIES OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.**

Ten Copies of this Journal are sent, Postage Prepaid, to every Agricultural Society in the Province, in payment of which a reduced charge of \$4 is deducted annually from each Society's Grant. Societies requiring their copies addressed separately to individual Members will be charged \$5. Any greater number of Copies to one address may be obtained at the reduced rate. The Annual Subscription for a Single Copy is Fifty Cents, payable strictly in advance. Subscribers wishing to have the "Journal" mailed regularly should send their address, accompanied by fifty cents, to A. & W. Mackinlay, Halifax.

**CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.**

**MEETINGS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

*Speaker's Room, Jan. 30th, 1880.*

The Executive Committee met this morning at 10 o'clock in the Province Building. Present—Colonel Laurie, President; Mayor Longworth, of Truro; Mr. C. F. Eaton, Cornwallis; Prof. Lawson, Secretary. The Secretary laid on the table a letter from Mr. David Matheson, Pictou, stating that he was detained by court business and could not reach Halifax till to-morrow.

On the suggestion of Mayor Longworth, the Committee arranged to meet the delegates from the Colchester Exhibition Committee on Tuesday morning, 3rd February, at 1 o'clock.

The following gentlemen appeared before the Committee as a delegation from the King's County Exhibition Committee, viz: J. W. Bars, Wolfville; Dr. C. C. Hamilton, Canard; L. DeV. Chipman, Keniville.

Mr. Chipman represented the views of the King's County Committee, and the grounds upon which they claimed the Exhibition of 1880 in a written statement prepared by them, which he read to the meeting.

The President pointed out that the Executive Committee were hardly as yet in a position to deal with the matter of choice of site for the Exhibition of 1880, but were glad to hear the views of the delegation.

The meeting was then addressed fully by Mr. Bars, the Chairman of the delegation, Dr. Hamilton and Mr. Chipman, who urged the importance of having the Exhibition in the County.

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Eaton, and resolved that the address of the delegates of the King's County Committee be allowed to lie on the table, and its consideration taken up along with the offers and communications from other bodies.

Adjourned.

*February 3rd, 1880.*

The Committee met at 10 a. m., in the Speaker's Room, Province Building. Present—Colonel Laurie, President; G. F. Eaton, Cornwallis; Israel Longworth, Truro; Professor Lawson, Secretary.

Colonel Blair and Mr. J. F. Blanchard were presented as a delegation representing the Colchester Exhibition Committee. They afforded explanations of the offer made by the Committee for the Provincial Exhibition of 1880, and urged the claims of Colchester for the Exhibition.

Mr. L. D. V. Chipman, one of the delegates from the Kings County Committee, also attended, and was heard by the Executive Committee in reference to the claims of King's.

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Eaton, and resolved that the full consideration of the matter of choice of site for the Provincial Exhibition of 1880 be deferred till to-morrow (Wednesday), when there will be a larger attendance of the Executive Committee.

The Secretary laid on the table correspondence with the Secretary for Agri-

culture of New Brunswick, and with several agriculturists in the Province, and German seedsmen, in reference to a supply of sugar beet seed for the forthcoming season.

The Committee then proceeded to the examination of the Annual Reports of Agricultural Societies for the past year, their accounts, and the attested lists of subscriptions paid, so as to qualify for participation in the Legislative grant for 1879. The following Societies were found to be duly qualified, viz :—

#### COUNTY OF ANNAPOLIS.

*Annapolis Royal Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 77. Total amount of subscriptions, \$89.

*Bridgeton Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 49. Subscriptions, \$49.

*Paradise Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.

*Clements Township Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 50. Subscriptions, \$52.50.

*Laurie Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.

The Committee then adjourned till Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

*Speaker's Room, 4th Feb., 1880.*

Present—Colonel Laurie, President; C. F. Eaton, Cornwallis; Israel Longworth, Truro; Professor Lawson, Secretary.

A telegram was read by the Chairman, from Mr. David Matheson, stating that court business at Pictou was finished, and he expected to leave for Halifax by this morning's train.

The Committee directed the Secretary to issue blank forms to Secretaries of Agricultural Societies, for the purpose of obtaining detailed lists of the thoroughbred stock throughout the various counties of the Province, for the information of the House of Assembly.

The Committee continued the reading and consideration of the Annual Reports of Agricultural Societies, the auditing of their accounts of receipts and expenditure, and the examination of the attested lists of subscriptions paid for 1879 as qualifying for participation in the Legislative grant for that year, now payable.

The following Societies were found to have qualified for the grant for 1879 :—

#### ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.

*Port Lorne Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.

*Clarence Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 50. Subscriptions \$50.

#### ANTIGONISH COUNTY.

*Antigonish Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 160. Subscriptions, \$160.

*Bayfield Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 42. Subscriptions, \$43.

*St. Andrews Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 53. Subscriptions, \$79.

#### CAPE BRETON COUNTY.

*Sydney Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 56. Subscriptions, \$56.

*North Sydney Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 48. Subscriptions, \$48.

*Boulevard Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 44. Subscriptions, \$44.

*Sydney Mines and Little Bras d'Or Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 57. Subscriptions, \$57.

*Christmas Island Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 76. Subscriptions, \$76.

#### COLCHESTER COUNTY.

*Onslow Agricultural Society.*—Number of members 59. Subscriptions, \$59.

*Tatamagouche Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 41. Subscriptions, \$42. (The returns of this Society are still under consideration.)

*Lower Stewiacke Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 41. Subscriptions, \$11.

*Earlton Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 50. Subscriptions, \$50.75.

*Londonberry Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 55. Subscriptions, \$55.

*Brookfield Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.

*Waugh's River Agricultural Society.*—(The returns of this Society are still under consideration.) Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.

*Bass River Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 43. Subscriptions, \$43.

*Stirling Agricultural Society, New Annapolis.*—Number of members, 51. Subscriptions, \$52.

#### CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

*Scotia Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 42. Subscriptions, \$42.

*Middleboro Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 50. Subscriptions, \$105.75.

*Malagash Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.

*Speaker's Room, 4th Feb., 1880.*  
2 o'clock p. m. }

Present—Colonel Laurie, President; Mr. C. F. Eaton, Mr. I. Longworth, Prof. Lawson, Secretary.

A telegram from Mr. Matheson, and a letter from Mr. Gennert, of New York, in reference to sugar beet, were read.

The returns of the following Societies were examined, found correct, and passed, except where otherwise noted :—

#### CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

*Parrsboro Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 113. Subscriptions, \$113. (Returns under consideration. Secretary required to furnish proper financial return in dollars.)

*River Philip Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 41. Subscriptions, \$41.

*Malagash Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.

*Amherst Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 56. Subscriptions, \$56.

#### DIGBY COUNTY.

*Digby Central Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 89. Subscriptions, \$89.

*Hillsburgh Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 56. Subscriptions \$56.

*Weymouth Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 45. Subscriptions, \$45.

#### GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY.

*Argyle Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 53. Subscriptions, \$53.

*Milford Haven Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 44. Subscriptions, \$50.

*Guysborough Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 58. Subscriptions \$78.

#### HALIFAX COUNTY.

*Halifax County Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 71. Subscriptions \$73.

*Upper Musquodoboit Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 42. Subscriptions, \$42.

*Lower Musquodoboit Agricultural Society.*—Numbers of members, 41. Subscriptions, \$41.

#### HANTS COUNTY.

*Progress Agricultural Society of Hants, Elmsdale.*—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.

*Enfield Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.

*Falmouth Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 41. Subscriptions, \$41.

*Windsor Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.

*Union Agricultural Society, of Mailand.*—Number of members, 42. Subscriptions, \$42.

*Newport Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 41. Subscriptions, \$80.

*Fenwick Agricultural Society, of Noel.*—No report, no accounts, no attested list of members.

#### INVERNESS COUNTY.

*River Dennis Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 44. Subscriptions, \$44.

*Mabou and Port Hood Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 58. Subscriptions, \$58.

*North-East Margaree Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.

*Strait of Canso Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 61. Subscriptions, \$61.

*Broad Cove Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.

*Marble Mountain Agricultural Society.*—No return.

The Committee adjourned till Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

*5th February, 1880.*

Present—Colonel Laurie, President; David Matheson, Pictou; Israel Longworth, Truro; Charles L. Eaton, Cornwallis; Professor Lawson, Secretary.

The Committee continued the examination of the returns of Agricultural Societies for the past year, and found the following to be entitled to participate in the Legislative grant for that year :—

#### KING'S COUNTY.

*Union Agricultural Society of King's Co.*—Number of members, 42. Subscriptions, \$145.50.

*West Cornwallis Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$42.

*Farmers' Agricultural Society of King's Co.*—Number of members, 44. Subscriptions, \$88.

*King's County Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 67. Subscriptions, \$70.

*King's County Central Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.

*Aylesford Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 47. Subscriptions, \$80.75.

LUNenburg COUNTY.

*Mahone Bay Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 52. Subscriptions, \$52.  
*Centreville Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.  
*New Ross Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 42. Subscriptions, \$42.  
*Bridgewater Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 74. Subscriptions, \$85.  
*Lunenburg Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 52. Subscriptions, \$55.50.

PICTOU COUNTY.

*Pictou Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 60. Subscriptions, \$60.  
*Lorne Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 42. Subscriptions, \$42.  
*Millbrook Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 41. Subscriptions, \$41.  
*Pine Tree Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 51. Subscriptions, \$51.  
*Little Harbor Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 41. Subscriptions, \$41.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

*North Queen's Agricultural Society, Caledonia.*—This Society has not qualified for participation in the grant for 1879, but is authorized to continue its organization so as to have an opportunity of qualifying before the close of the present year.

February 6th, 1880.

The Executive Committee of the Central Board of Agriculture continued its meetings in the Speaker's Room, Province Building.

MORNING SESSION.

The returns of the following Societies were examined, found correct, and passed, except where otherwise noted :—

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

*Kempt Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40. Under consideration.  
*Mutual Benefit Agricultural Society of Queen's County, Brookfield, Pleasant River.*—Number of members, 43. Subscriptions, \$43.  
*Liverpool Agricultural Society.*—Under consideration.  
*Beech Meadows Agricultural Society.*—No proper return.

RICHMOND COUNTY.

*Richmond Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 41. Subscriptions, \$41.  
*Isle Madame Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 79. Subscriptions, \$79.

SHELburne COUNTY.

*Barrington Passage Agricultural Society.*—Grant withheld.  
*Barrington Head Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.  
*Shelburne Agricultural Society.*—No returns.  
*Clyde River Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 41. Subscriptions, \$41. Under consideration.  
*Cape Negro Agricultural Society.*—No returns.

VICTORIA COUNTY.

*Middle River of Victoria Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 60. Subscriptions, \$60.

*St. Ann's Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 70. Subscriptions, \$70.  
*Baddeck Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 43. Subscriptions, \$43.

YARMOUTH COUNTY.

*Yarmouth County Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 237. Subscriptions, \$363.  
*Yarmouth Township Agricultural Society.*—Number of members, 71. Subscriptions, \$77.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Present—Colonel Laurie, President; David Matheson, Israel Longworth, C. F. Eaton, Professor Lawson, Secretary.

With reference to an application from Clyde River Society for grant for 1878, the Committee, after giving it full consideration, agreed to adhere to the former decision, the Society having failed to qualify in terms of the Act.

In regard to Kempt Society, the action of the sub-Committee in giving the balance of grant in that County for 1878, to the Society, was sustained, but the accounts for that year being now closed, the question of grants to Societies in that County cannot now be opened.

In reference to Barrington Head Agricultural Society, after fully considering correspondence, the Executive Committee agreed to allow the Society to qualify for the grant for 1879, and passed their returns, but cannot now open up the question of grant for 1878, participation in which was forfeited by the Society failing to comply with the terms of the Act.

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Matheson, that the President and Mr. Eaton be a sub-Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts for the past year. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Eaton, seconded by Mr. Longworth, and

“Resolved, That the owners of thoroughbred stock, on making application for registration of the same, be required to make affidavit of the pedigree before a Justice of the Peace, and forward the same to the Secretary of the Central Board of Agriculture, and if, on examination, it is found that the sire and dam of such stock are already registered in the New Nova Scotia Herd Register, the Secretary be authorized to register the same and forward a certificate to the owner, otherwise the application so made shall be submitted to the Board at their first meeting thereafter for further examination.”

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Eaton, that the President and Secretary be requested to prepare the Annual Report of the Board to the Legislature. Passed.

Blank forms for registration of thoroughbred stock were submitted, and the Secretary was authorized to have them set in type for final examination at the next full meeting of the Board. No entries to be received except on the prescribed forms.

The subject of the Provincial Exhibition of 1880 was then taken up. The following offers were submitted :—

KENTVILLE, Dec. 15th, 1879.

Dear Sir,—I am instructed to notify you of the action taken by this County in reference to the Provincial Exhibition of 1880.

On the 9th of December, instant, a public meeting was convened by the Sheriff of the County, to consider the advisability of applying to the Central Board of Agriculture for the holding of the Exhibition in Kentville.

At this meeting the Municipal Council elect, the Presidents of the Agricultural Societies, and sixteen other gentlemen, were elected a Committee or “Responsible Body” to apply for and conduct the Exhibition of 1880.

The first meeting of the Committee was held to-day, and an Executive of five, with a Secretary and Treasurer, were chosen as follows :—C. C. Hamilton, C. F. Eaton, Robt. W. Starr, Edward M. Jordan, George W. Fisher; William Eaton, Secretary; L. D. V. Chipman, Treasurer.

It was also resolved that a Committee be appointed to present before the Central Board the claims of King's County to the Exhibition.

Will you be kind enough to notify me when the Central Board will be in a position to receive this delegation.

I may be allowed to say that the Committee rely upon the good faith of the Central Board to grant the request now made, as the County was induced to incur the expense of purchasing grounds and erecting buildings, by the assurance, expressed or implied, that the Counties that thus qualified themselves should each in their turn enjoy the advantages connected with the holding of the Exhibition within their limits.

I am, yours respectfully,  
 WILLIAM EATON,  
 Secretary.

Professor Lawson, Secretary of the Central Board.

KENTVILLE, Dec. 24, 1879.

To the Central Board of Agriculture :

GENTLEMEN,—We, the undersigned, members of the Executive of the General Exhibition Committee, in agreement with resolutions passed on the 15th and 24th of December inst., hereby formally apply for and ask your honourable Board to locate in Kentville, in King's County, the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition of 1880.

We promise to offer a prize list of not less than five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500), and endeavor to so arrange said prize list that as few prizes as possible may remain undrawn, and otherwise so conduct the Exhibition as may prove satisfactory to the Board of Agriculture, the exhibitors, and the public generally.

We have the honor to be,  
 Your obedient servants,  
 C. F. EATON,  
 C. C. HAMILTON,  
 R. W. STARR,  
 E. M. JORDAN,  
 GEO. W. FISHER.

In reference to the last paragraph in my letter of the 15th inst., replied to in yours of the 19th, I am instructed to refer you to the following extracts :—Chap. 37, Sec. 5, 4th

Series Revised Statutes, "In holding general Provincial Exhibitions due regard shall be had to the just claims of the several Counties."

Nova Scotia Journals, 1877, Appendix 8, page 3: "The Central Board report, they are moreover encouraged by the marked success of the Annual Provincial Exhibition held in Truro, Oct. 1876, to look forward to the Annual Provincial Exhibitions in the Counties as likely to exert a direct and powerfully beneficial influence in the development of the industry of the Province, to lead to rapid improvement in every department of agriculture, and to promote the comfort and prosperity and intelligence of the agricultural population." Report dated March 1st, 1877.

Chap. 12, Acts of 1875, authorizes the Central Board to pay an Agricultural Society or responsible body \$4,000, as a prize fund to an Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition, to be held in any County selected by the Central Board.

I am further directed to refer to the Conference had with the Board by a delegation from the Exhibition Committee, prior to the Exhibition of 1876, all of which tended in this direction, viz., that the purchase of grounds and the erection of public buildings satisfactory to the Board being absolutely required, would, other things being equal, constitute a just claim to the location of the Exhibition at a future time.

Based upon these acts of the Legislature, the report of the Central Board, and the statements of the delegation, was made the canvass for funds to enable the Committee to erect buildings and carry on successfully the Exhibition.

I am also instructed to ask that if, in the minds of the Board, here should be any hesitation or doubt as to the advisability of holding the Exhibition in Kentville, the delegation which has already been appointed and to which I referred in my letter of the 15th inst., should be heard by the Board, and that you would kindly notify me when such conference may be had.

In addition to the formal application above made, it is but fair to add that the present facilities for railway traffic will do away with many of the difficulties existing at the time of the last Exhibition, and the experience then gained will enable the Committee to supply sufficient hotel accommodation at reasonable rates.

Individually I should deeply regret the result which, so far as I can understand the feelings generally entertained in this County at least, would be likely to follow should the Board in their wisdom deem it inadvisable to grant the application above made.

I have the honor to be,

Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM EATON,  
Sec'y of Exhibition Committee.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Halifax, N. S.,  
December 30th, 1879. }

Sir,—In accordance with an advertisement, signed by you as Secretary of the Central Board of Agriculture, inviting offers for the carrying out of the Provincial Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition of 1880, I hereby, on behalf of the City Council of Halifax, tender for the privilege of holding said Exhibition in the City of Halifax. For this purpose I offer the building and grounds used upon the occasion of the late Exhibition, which it is proposed to improve in many

respects, including the erection of permanent and more suitable sheds for horses, cattle, &c., and a prize fund of ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500), inclusive of the four thousand dollars granted by the Government, but irrespective of special prizes, which, there is every reason to believe, will be large.

A detailed prize list will be submitted in due course for the approval of your Board and the Governor in Council.

The City Council is prepared to make every effort to promote the success of the Exhibition, and trusts that the advantages of locality and accommodation, together with the amount offered for prizes, will justify your Board in accepting this application and granting to the said Council the appropriation of \$4,000 for the Exhibition of 1880, as provided in the Act.

For and on behalf of the City Council of Halifax,

STEPHEN TOBIN,  
Mayor of Halifax.

George Lawson, Esq., Ph. D., LL. D., Secretary Central Board of Agriculture.

To the Honourable the Central Board of Agriculture:

GENTLEMEN,—On behalf of the County of Colchester I am instructed to ask of your honourable body the privilege of having the Provincial Exhibition of the year 1880 located in the shire town of this great agricultural County. The people of Colchester are unanimous in this request, and will work with a will to carry out such Exhibition, if granted to us, to the entire satisfaction of your Board and the Provincial Government.

We modestly, but urgently, press our claims for the Exhibition upon the following grounds:—

1st. We offer as a prize list the sum of \$6,500, inclusive of the usual Government grant, to be awarded strictly in accordance with your approval, and to the greatest extent possible to encourage our agricultural industries throughout the Province.

2nd. We would strongly bring before your Board the central location of the town of Truro, and its easy access by speedy means of transit from all parts of the Province. We are so situated that to the many exhibitors of eastern Nova Scotia, the island of Cape Breton, the large farming Counties of Antigonish, Pictou, Cumberland, Hants and Colchester, we present the most convenient locality in the Province of approach, thereby naturally drawing to a Provincial Exhibition a larger and better class of agricultural exhibitors than a less favored geographical locality could possibly do.

3rd. We have suitable grounds and buildings already approved by your Board and the Provincial Government for carrying out any Provincial Exhibition. These will be enlarged and improved, if we are successful in this application.

4th. In the matter of entertaining the public who flock to our annual shows, we cannot be crowded, we have eight large hotels, capable of accommodating 600, while private boarding-houses and private residences will readily find room for the additional thousands that visit us.

5th. We would refer to our previous management of Provincial Exhibitions, and the little dissatisfaction that exhibitors have ever expressed with our arrangements in gen-

eral and in detail in 1876 and 1878. Similar satisfaction, we think, we can guarantee the public, if favored with the Exhibition of 1880.

Hoping that this, the application of the County of Colchester, for the next Provincial Exhibition, may meet with a favorable response from your honorable Board,

I am, gentlemen,

Yours truly,

GEORGE A. LAYTON,  
Sec'y of Public Meeting.

Truro, Colchester Co., Dec. 30th, 1879.

STATEMENT BY DELEGATES FROM KING'S COUNTY.

The delegation from King's county respectfully submit for the consideration of the Central Board of Agriculture the following statements and reasons in support of their claim, that the next annual Provincial Exhibition should be held in the Exhibition Building at Kentville:

1. It was clearly the intention of the Legislature, no less than the policy of the Government, that the Provincial Exhibitions should not be centralized in any one locality. In support of this view it is sufficient to quote cap. 37, sec. 10, sub-sec. 5, R. S., 4th series, which enacts that "In holding *General Provincial Exhibitions* due regard shall be had to the just claims of the several counties;" and cap. 13 of the Acts of 1875, which authorizes the Central Board to pay "any Agricultural Society, or other responsible body \$4,000 as a prize fund for an Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition to be held in any county selected by the Central Board." It cannot be contended that the selection of the same county, year after year, by the Central Board, will give effect to the spirit or intention of the Acts, or legitimately satisfy "the just claims of the several counties."

2. The Central Board itself is emphatically committed to the principle that such Exhibitions will best serve the public, and most fully accomplish the purposes for which they are intended, by being held periodically in different agricultural and industrial centres. In that report, dated 1st March, 1877, which may be referred to in N. S. Journals for that year, appendix 8, page 3, it is stated:—

"They (the Central Board) are moreover encouraged by the marked success of the Annual Provincial Exhibition held in Truro, Oct. 1877, to look forward to the Annual Provincial Exhibitions in the counties as likely to exert a direct and powerfully beneficial influence in the development of the industry of the Province; to lead to rapid improvement in every department of agriculture, and to promote the comfort and prosperity and intelligence of the agricultural population."

3. Apart, however, from the legislation on the subject, or the report referred to, it is obvious that it is only by alternating the localities in which the Exhibitions are held, that the objects and benefits of the institution can be reasonably expected to be realized. Such Exhibitions are in their very nature of a Provincial and not a mere local character. Their initial aim and object are to act and react beneficially over the whole country, instead of being confined to a limited area. They are intended to give a useful impetus to the various agricultural centres; to create a healthy rivalry in the different districts of the country, and to educate the people by

bringing directly under their observation the results obtained and progress made in agricultural developments and industrial pursuits. This can only be efficiently done by taking the Exhibitions periodically to the doors of the people. To centralize them permanently in any one place would seriously cripple their usefulness, and render them of little or no advantage to the great bulk of the agricultural population of the country, who can neither afford the time nor expense to undertake long journeys to visit them.

4. The experience of agriculturists in the mother country, where such Exhibitions are not of yesterday, demonstrates the soundness of the principle contended for. The Royal Agricultural Society's Exhibitions in England, and those of the Highland Agricultural Society in Scotland, are held annually in different parts of the country, East, West, South and North,—and, be it remarked, that not only are the richer districts visited, but the poorer districts as well, to the manifest advantage of all, and to the marked encouragement and development of agricultural industry—in all its branches.

5. The experience in Nova Scotia is as yet limited, but so far it is conclusively in favor of localized, as against centralized, Exhibitions. It is indisputable that, as regards agricultural exhibits, those shown at the Exhibitions held in Truro and Kentville were, in extent, variety and general excellence, considerably in advance of those shown at Halifax. On the other hand, it is conceded that exhibits of manufactured articles were more varied and complete at Halifax, which goes to prove the utility of holding Exhibitions occasionally, by turns, in industrial as well as in agricultural centres.

6. The deputation have thought it proper to refer to these points, and to establish the general principle that ought to regulate the selection of localities in which to hold the annual Exhibitions, because of late claims have been put forward in the city press and by certain influential persons, to have next and subsequent Exhibitions held in Halifax. Such a proposal is not merely at variance with the spirit of the legislation, the policy of the Government, and the deliberately expressed opinion of the Central Board on the subject, but is also opposed to both experience and common sense, and if adopted would go far to nullify the objects sought to be attained.

7. That the permanent establishment of the Exhibitions in Halifax will not be nearly so beneficial and advantageous to the agriculturists of King's county and western Nova Scotia generally, as periodic Exhibitions held in their midst, is so obvious as scarce to require illustration. The deputation, however, submit for the information of the Central Board the following statistics:

The total number of passengers carried by railway from Annapolis to Windsor for the Halifax Exhibition was.....	772
And the number from Yarmouth and points beyond Annapolis was.....	160
Making a total of.....	932

passengers from this section of country. These 932 persons were carried at less than single fares from Yarmouth and all places up to Kentville, and from Kentville to Windsor at a single fare. Nor was there any detention or change of cars at Windsor, as had been the case for the preceding two years. It results, therefore, that with special inducements

in the way of fares, with railway communication all the way from Yarmouth, and with a removal of the annoying restrictions and change of cars at Windsor, the total number of persons who visited the Halifax Exhibition from western Nova Scotia, as herein defined, was only 932, of whom it is safe to say that not more than one-half represented "agriculture" pure and simple.

8. When the Exhibition was held at Kentville in 1877 there were 3,218 passengers by rail alone who visited it, although at that time the Windsor and Annapolis Railway, smarting under the injustice of their ejection from the Windsor Branch, charged full fares over all portions of their line, and passengers arriving at Windsor had to procure tickets and change cars. From Annapolis county—exclusive of large numbers who travelled with private conveyances from Wilmot and the eastern part of that county—there came by rail 530 persons to Kentville, against 221 who went to Halifax last year. In addition to upwards of 3,000 persons who came to Kentville in vehicles from all quarters of the county, no less than 1,045 from King's county came by rail. The number who visited Halifax from the county was a trifle under 500.

9. The fair deduction to be drawn from these facts and figures is that, to effect the maximum of benefit, and to attract and influence the bulk of the population, the Exhibitions must be held at the different agricultural centres in different parts of the Province. King's county is wholly an agricultural county, and the 500 persons who visited the Halifax Exhibition last year from this county as against about 4,500 who visited the Kentville Exhibition, may be taken as a fair index of the influence these Exhibitions may be expected to exert upon the general agricultural population according as they are permanently located in one place—for instance Halifax—or periodically brought home, as it were, to the doors of the people. These figures are of themselves conclusive, and further comment seems to be unnecessary.

10. While it is the object of this deputation to press upon the Central Board at this time the paramount claims of King's county to have the next Exhibition held at Kentville, they desire to say that they endorse the sentiments of the Board as expressed in their report above referred to, in the fullest manner. To be of general and Provincial benefit, the Exhibitions should, without doubt, be held alternately in different sections of the country, nearest the agricultural and industrial centres. As yet, a large section of western Nova Scotia, represented roughly by Yarmouth, Shelburne and Queen's counties; of eastern Nova Scotia, represented by Pictou, Antigonish and Guysborough counties; and the whole of Cape Breton, have not participated as they should in the benefits to be derived from such Exhibitions. If these sections of country combine to purchase lands, erect buildings, and otherwise comply with the regulations and stipulations required by the Acts and Central Board, the people of King's county will be the first to hail with satisfaction such evidence of intelligent interest in the material progress and development of the country, and will raise no dissentient voice against the Exhibitions being held in regular rotation in the several localities selected by the people as most suitable for the purpose.

11. At the present time only three centres of agricultural and manufacturing industry have complied with the requirements of the

Statutes and the Central Board, viz., Colchester, Halifax and King's counties, with Exhibition Buildings respectively at Truro, Halifax and Kentville. The Exhibitions were held in 1876 at Truro for Colchester district; in 1877 at Kentville for King's district; in 1878 at Truro for Colchester district; and in 1879 at Halifax for Halifax district. It will be seen that if it had not been that Halifax stepped in and complied with the regulations on the subject, the Exhibition should, in order of rotation, have been held in Kentville last year. King's county at that time, representing western Nova Scotia, were pleased to see Halifax, tardily though it was, come to the front at length, and frankly waived its own claims in furtherance of the general principle.

12. The delegation submit now, however, with the utmost confidence, that the section of country they represent is entitled, not more in respect of legislative enactments, than of the inherent fairness and justice of the case, and the general benefits to be derived and aims to be attained, that they have a paramount and indisputable claim upon the General Council to locate the next Exhibition in Kentville.

13. Independent of the general principle which, in the opinion of the delegation, it is the function and duty of the General Board to carry out, it is contended that, when King's county complied with the legislative enactments, and with the recommendations of the Board, by purchasing lands and erecting suitable buildings and conveniences at considerable expense, it is only fair and equitable that these lands and buildings should be utilized for the purposes for which they were intended in regular rotation. The inference that this should be so is irresistible, and was indeed freely admitted by members of the Board to Mr. C. E. Eaton when he was urging the claims of King's county and arranging to have the 1877 Exhibition held at Kentville. A contrary assumption is at variance with the whole spirit and purpose of the legislation, would largely neutralize the beneficial results anticipated, and is directly hostile to the further extension of the principle, since no county or responsible body would undertake to recommend the expenditure of \$10,000 to \$15,000 of public money, and ask, and obtain and use donations from private citizens, in the mere expectation that only one Provincial Exhibition would be held at the site selected.

14. The delegation assert that, in view of all the circumstances of the case, King's County was induced to undertake onerous expenditures for land and buildings on the well grounded expectation that they should be periodically used for Provincial Exhibitions; and they authoritatively say that but for expectation, and with this end in view, the county would not have incurred the expenditures referred to. Therefore, the delegation, for themselves and the important interests they represent, protest emphatically against any interference with the well established principle that the Exhibitions should be held periodically in the several counties which have complied with the law and regulations, and erected suitable permanent Exhibition Buildings.

15. In the confident hope that the General Board, recognizing the legitimate rights and claims of western Nova Scotia, will select King's as the county in which the next Provincial Exhibition shall be held, the delega

tion are authorized to offer a prize list of \$5,500. If the decision of the General Board, however, is to be narrowed down and made to depend upon a question of \$500, more or less, then, in such case, the delegation will personally guarantee such additional \$500, so as to raise the prize list to \$6,000.

16. The delegation further state that facilities equal to those granted on the Intercolonial Railway last year, will be granted for the transit of passengers and exhibits over the Windsor and Annapolis line, from Halifax and from Annapolis. The delegation remark with satisfaction that the Dominion Government have restored the Windsor Branch under the lease to the W. & A. Railway, and have thus removed the burdens and restrictions from which the people of this section of country suffered so seriously, and which militated so adversely to the success of the last Exhibition held at Kentville.

17. The delegation further add that there are seven large and commodious hotels now in operation in Kentville, with whom arrangements have been made for a low uniform boarding charge per diem. The lodging committee, guided by their past experience, will leave nothing undone to provide suitable and reasonable accommodation; and the running of morning and evening trains east and west of Kentville will enable visitors to go to and return from the neighbouring towns and villages, and thus obviate all danger of overcrowding or inconvenience at Kentville. In short, all the arrangements are in the hands of an able, competent and efficient committee, and are of a nature that cannot fail to make the Exhibition a success in every respect.

18. Finally, the delegation rely that the Central Board, true to their function as a representative body, will give effect to the deliberate opinions and recommendations contained in their own report above quoted, and, by deciding that the next Exhibition shall be held in Kentville, satisfy the just and reasonable claims and expectations of the farmers and agricultural population of King's and Annapolis, and western Nova Scotia generally. If from any special or local motives these claims are ignored, the delegation beg to represent that, in their opinion, a serious blow will be struck at the future success of Agricultural Exhibitions in the Province; and they fear that the sense of injustice will be so great and general that the agriculturists of this district—not the least important in the country—will withdraw their countenance and support from such Exhibitions.

L. DEV. CHIPMAN,  
JOHN W. BARSS, } Committee.  
C. C. HAMILTON, }

In explanation of the offer made by the county of Colchester of the sum of \$6,500 as a prize list for the Agricultural Exhibition to be held the present year, we, the delegates to the Executive Committee of the Central Board of Agriculture, beg to state that it is understood that \$6,000 of the sum named shall be devoted to the agricultural department, asking permission, if we can see our way clear, to supplement this sum in order to the encouragement of an industrial exhibition.

W. M. BARR.

J. F. BLANCHARD,

Halifax, Feb. 3, 1880. Delegates.

In offering a prize list of \$6,000 on behalf of King's County, for the Provincial Agri-

cultural and Industrial Exhibition if held in Kentville this year, the delegates from said County beg to have it understood that \$5,500 of the \$6,000 shall be devoted exclusively to agricultural prizes, and that \$500 shall be given to industrial exhibits. If the Central Board consent, however, we propose that the whole sum, \$6,000, be applied entirely to the agricultural exhibits, with the understanding that any further sum that may be contributed beyond the \$6,000, from any source, shall be given to the encouragement of the industrial department. King's County being an agricultural County, we feel that great prominence should be given to that department, should the Exhibition for 1880 be held at Kentville.

J. W. BARSS,

C. C. HAMILTON,

L. DEV. CHIPMAN.

Halifax, Feb. 2, 1880. Delegates.

Moved by Mr. Eaton, as follows:—

“Resolved, That, having given very full consideration to the several applications for the Provincial Exhibition of 1880, and, whilst fully appreciating the public spirit shown by Halifax and Truro in making such liberal offers for the encouragement of agriculture, this Committee is of opinion that the interests of agriculture will be best served by holding the Exhibition of 1880 at Kentville, and accordingly accept the offer of the King's County Exhibition Committee.”

Moved by Mr. Matheson, that the offer of the City Council of Halifax be accepted. This motion was not seconded.

Mr. Longworth addressed the Committee. He said that Colchester has made very strong representations with a view to receive the Exhibition, chiefly on account of its central position, rendering it convenient not only for agriculturists of Pictou, Cumberland, and other important Counties, but also for breeders of stock in New Brunswick and the Western Provinces, who might desire to take part as in former years. At one time no Provincial Exhibition was possible, except in the city where the wealth of the Province was centered. Matters are different now, since wealth has increased in the country and great improvement in agriculture has taken place. Last year's Exhibition having been held in the city, it is due to agriculturists to hold this year's in the country. He would prefer to have it in Colchester, but thinks it important not to alienate the western section or create antagonism in the city, but that all the Counties and the city should unite to render those Exhibitions really *Provincial*. He concluded by saying: “I do not think it would be for the interest of the Province at large to have the Exhibition at Halifax or even at Truro this year for the reasons stated, and therefore I second Mr. Eaton's resolution.”

Mr. Matheson remarked that the selection of King's County would ignore the whole of his district, Pictou, Antigonish and Guysborough. The votes of the Societies through out the Province, as

elicited by the Halifax Society, showed that Halifax was the most convenient place. It is true that Truro would be more convenient than Kentville for the Eastern Counties, but they prefer Halifax. The Halifax Exhibition was not so large in cattle as it should have been. This he attributed to farmers refraining from bringing to the city any animals or produce that were not of the very highest character. He thought the Board should not bind itself to any definite routine of places, but be free each year to accept the most advantageous offer, taking all things into account.

Mr. Eaton read a private letter from a member of the Board, Mr. C. E. Brown, Yarmouth, expressing his view that Halifax should not be selected for this year's Provincial Exhibition or any year's when another locality is ready to carry it out. The city is abundantly able to carry out an Exhibition from its own resources and gate money. Let her hotel keepers, merchants and wealthy men subscribe a prize fund or guarantee one. \$4,000 should be raised in the city society in an hour or two if the right men took it in hand, and let the Government grant go to the weaker counties.

Mr. Eaton's motion was then put by the Chairman and passed.

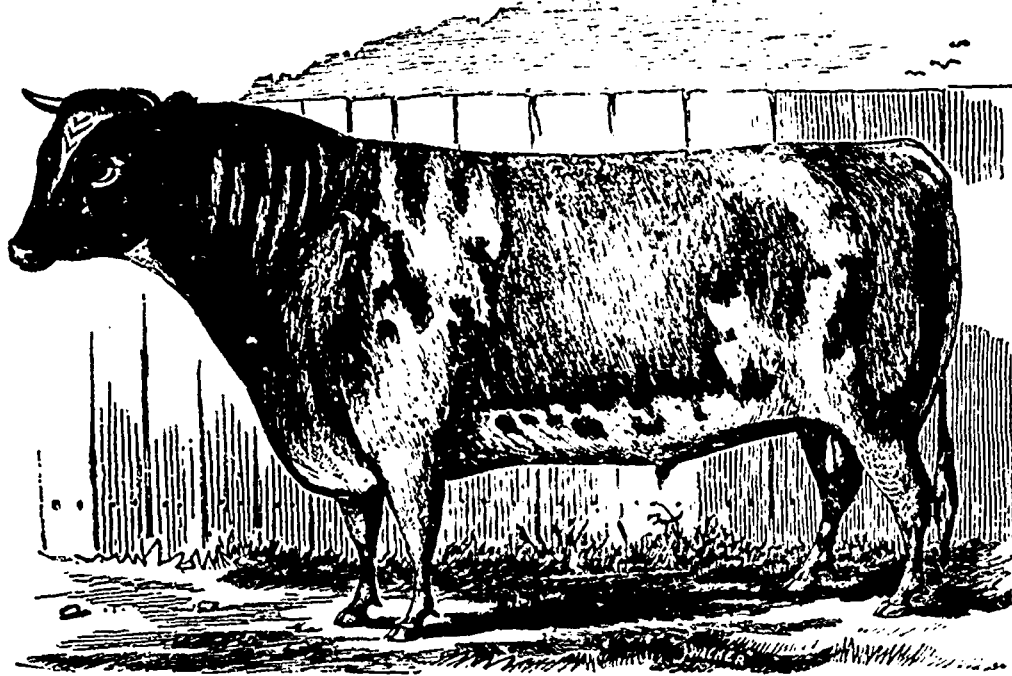
A CORRESPONDENT, who is Secretary of an Agricultural Society writes:—“Will you be so kind as to publish in the *Journal of Agriculture* your views or opinion as to the best way of keeping bulls in a Society to make them self-supporting, and be of the best service to the Society. By so doing you will greatly oblige.”

[We have not room this month, but will refer to the matter in next number. Meantime we shall be thankful for the suggestions of those who have had experience.—ED. J. OF A.]

The Exhibition Committee of King's County are busily engaged in preparing their Prize List and Regulations for the Provincial Exhibition. Any exhibitor who has experienced disappointments in past years in consequence of faulty Prize Lists or mal-arrangements of Committees had better offer suggestions now.

During the last few years we have run our eye over not much less than a thousand columns of *Comfrey Literature*. We this month print the most sensible article that has yet appeared on the subject. We can all understand *Comfrey* now, know how to plant, water, cultivate, feed and dry. Our correspondent has our best thanks, and many of our readers will give him theirs.

[Unfortunately the article referred to is crowded out, but will appear in next number.]



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**PROVINCIAL EXHIBITIONS.**

THE Secretary of the Halifax Agricultural Society having been directed to send a circular to the various Agricultural Societies throughout the Province requesting them to name the most suitable place or places in order of preference for future Provincial Exhibitions, the following replies have been received:—

*Names of Societies. Places of choice in order of preference.*

**ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.**

- Port Lorne Ag. Soc.....Halifax.
- Clarence Ag. Soc.....Halifax.
- Laurie Ag. Soc.....Kentville.
- Bridgetown Ag. Soc.....Halifax, Kentville.
- Clements Ag. Soc.....Kentville, Yarmouth, Halifax, Truro.
- Paradise Ag. Soc.....Halifax.
- Annapolis Royal Ag. Soc.....Kentville, Halifax.

**ANTIGONISH COUNTY.**

- Bayfield Ag. Soc.....Halifax, Truro, Antigonish, New Glasgow, Cape Breton.
- Antigonish Ag. Soc.....Kentville.

**CAPE BRETON COUNTY.**

- North Sydney Ag. Soc.....Halifax, Truro.
- Boulardarie Ag. Soc.....North Sydney, Baddeck, Strait of Canso, Halifax.
- Sydney Mines and Little Bras d'Or Ag. Soc.....Halifax, Truro.
- Sydney Ag. Soc.....Halifax, Truro.
- Christmas Island Ag. Soc.....Halifax, Truro.

**COLCHESTER COUNTY.**

- Londorferry Ag. Soc.....Truro, Pictou, Halifax.
- Earlton Ag. Soc.....Truro.
- Onslow Ag. Soc.....Truro.
- Tatamagouche Ag. Soc.....Truro.
- L. Stewacks Ag. Soc.....Truro, Halifax, Windsor.
- Vaugh's River Ag. Soc.....Truro.
- Brookfield Ag. Soc.....Truro.

*Names of Societies. Places of choice in order of preference.*

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY.**

- Scotia Ag. Soc., Fox Harbor.....Truro.
- Middleboro' Ag. Soc.....Wentworth, Truro.
- Malagash Ag. Soc.....Halifax, Amherst, Truro, Kentville, Pictou.
- Parraboro' Ag. Soc.....Halifax, Truro, Kentville.
- Amherst Ag. Soc.....Halifax, Truro, Kentville.

**DIGBY COUNTY.**

- Digby Central Ag. Soc.....Annapolis, Halifax.
- Hillaboro' Ag. Soc., Bear River.....Halifax.
- Weymouth Ag. Soc.....Halifax.

**GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY.**

- GuySBorough Ag. Soc.....Halifax, Antigonish, New Glasgow, Truro.
- Milford Haven Ag. Soc.....Antigonish.
- Argyle Ag. Soc.....Halifax.

**HALIFAX COUNTY.**

- Halifax County Ag. Soc.....Halifax.
- Lower Musquodoboit Ag. Soc.....Halifax, Truro.
- Upper Musquodoboit Ag. Soc.....Halifax, Truro.

**HANTS COUNTY.**

- Progress Ag. Soc., Elmsdale.....Halifax, Truro, Windsor.
- Windsor Ag. Soc.....Halifax, Truro, Kentville.
- Falmouth Ag. Soc.....King's Co., Truro.
- Enfield Ag. Soc.....Halifax.
- Newport Ag. Soc.....Halifax, Truro, Kentville.
- Union Ag. Soc. of Maitland.....Halifax, Truro, Kentville.
- Fenwick Ag. Soc. of Noel.....Halifax, Kentville.

**INVERNESS COUNTY.**

- North-East Margaree Ag. Soc.....Halifax, Truro, Kentville.
- Maibou and Port Hood Ag. Soc.....Truro, Halifax.
- River Dennis Ag. Soc.....Pictou.
- Marble Mountain Ag. Soc.....Baddeck.
- Strait of Canso Ag. Soc.....Halifax.
- Broad Cove Intervale Ag. Soc.....Sydney, Truro, Halifax.

**KING'S COUNTY.**

- Union Ag. Soc.....Kentville.
- King's County Central Ag. Soc.....Kentville, Halifax, Truro.
- Farmers' Ag. Soc. of Cornwallis.....Kentville, Halifax, Truro.

*Names of Societies. Places of choice in order of preference.*

- King's Co. Ag. Soc.....Kentville, Truro, Halifax.
- West Cornwallis Ag. Soc.....Kentville.
- Aylesford Ag. Soc.....Kentville, Colchester, Halifax.

**LUNenburg COUNTY.**

- Mahone Bay Ag. Soc.....Halifax.
- Centreville Ag. Soc.....Kentville.
- New Ross Ag. Soc.....Halifax.
- Lunenburg Ag. Soc.....Halifax.

**PICTOU COUNTY.**

- Pictou Ag. Soc.....Halifax, Truro.
- Merigomish Ag. Soc.....Halifax, Truro.
- Little Harbor Ag. Soc.....Truro.
- River John Ag. Soc.....Halifax, Truro.
- Millbrook Ag. Soc.....Halifax, Truro.
- Pine Tree Ag. Soc.....Halifax.

**QUEEN'S COUNTY.**

- North Queen's Ag. Soc.....Annapolis Royal, Kentville, Halifax.
- Liverpool Ag. Soc.....Halifax.
- Mutual Benefit Ag. Soc. of Brookfield and Pleasant River.....Annapolis, King's County.
- Kempt Ag. Soc.....Annapolis, Bridgetown, Kentville.

**RICHMOND COUNTY.**

- Isle Madame Ag. Soc.....Halifax.
- Richmond Ag. Soc.....Truro, Halifax.

**SHELburne COUNTY.**

- Barrington West Passage Ag. Soc.....Halifax.
- Cape Negro Ag. Soc.....Yarmouth, Annapolis, Kentville, Halifax.
- Barrington Ag. Soc.....Halifax.
- Shelburne Ag. Soc.....Halifax.
- Clyde River Ag. Soc.....Halifax.

**VICTORIA COUNTY.**

- Middle River of Victoria Ag. Soc.....Truro, Halifax, and a special grant for a Cape Breton Exhibition.
- Baddeck Ag. Soc.....Halifax.
- St. Ann's Ag. Soc.....Halifax.

**YARMOUTH COUNTY.**

- Yarmouth County Ag. Soc.....Halifax, Yarmouth.
- Yarmouth Township Ag. Soc.....Halifax, Kentville.



