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PROCEEDINGS OF THE

New Board of Agriculture.

Its First Annual Session. Specially reported for the Maritime Farmer.

Fredericton, Dec. 14. The Board of Agriculture was call ed to order at 3 P. M. to-day in the Hampton; Fred. W. Brown, Grand Falls: Thos. F. Barker, St. Mary's, York Co.; Joseph Anderson, Sackville; Robert Swim, Doaktown;

Julius L. Inches, Secretary. the room Hon. Mr. Fraser, Hon. Mr. Young, A. G. Blair, M. P. P., C. H. B. Esq., John Richards, Esq., and other prominent gentlemen.

order. Then followed the

Inaugural Address of the President.

Gentlemen of the Board of Agriculture: I cannot assume the chair of this Board. to appreciate the importance of affording the with quite as many as Quebec, and far more It is conceded by every reasonable person work than heretofore, and among other Mr. Fairweather briefly thanked the Board the discharge of your duties here the ripe as he also adopts the best methods, of hus- mers and stock raisers; the third, of moment-

advantage of intellectual observation and bandry-whose flocks and herds show the ous importance, apparently not so easily to successful experience during a life time de- care of the merciful man who is merciful to be reached, and its acquisition largely devoted to the arts of agriculture. Grave are his beast-who understands that it is cheaper pendent upon others. (1.) We must have the responsibilities, however, which are and easier, and quicker and better, and more a careful and systematic improvement in the resting upon us. In the development of the remunerative as it is more congenial to breed, methods of farming, with this object, among various portions and departments of this feed and fatten the best stock, and that the others, in view, and as necessary to the ful-Dominion, Agriculture is properly command- old doctrine is exploded that excellence in ler and better realization of the resources ing a greater and more intelligent degree of stock merely depends upon feeding and keep- and capabilities of our farm lands. (2) We attention than ever before. In deference to ing-who prefers the farmers' periodicals or must have an early infusion of the better the desires of a large portion of the Agricul- the agricultural department of his daily or blood of higher grades and purer styles of tural class of this Province, the Government | weekly paper to the sensational account of stock imported with as little delay as possible has asked and received from the Legislature | the last champion sculling match, or inter- and carefully selected from standard salesauthority to establish this Board. And now national prize light, or go-as-you-please walk- men, as well for general farming and dairy the eyes of the farmers of this Province will ing race, or even the much "continued" purposes as for the ulterior purpose of exportbe anxiously, and, I think, hopefully turned heroics of the latest dime novel-around, ation to the meat market. I think this is a to it, To some extent to how great an ex- and within whose happy and hospitable matter of very great importance. We have tent it were difficult to determine the future homestead are abundant evidence of care and heard and read from authentic sources that present uses of woods. of agriculture in New Brunswick is confided thrift and thought-and you will show me this improvement of stock is absolutely neces-

is in this Province for improvement in the prosecution of the art and science of Agricul- so much of what is termed become must not be confided, as is now frequently ture; and perhaps it is better to admit the although we will all admit that the proper the case, to inexperienced and improper perfact. I intend to refer to it briefly. But the proper perfact. I intend to refer to it briefly. But the proper perfact. ract. I intend to refer to it briefly. But the youngest amongst us can easily point to the marked evidences of encouraging progress and development during the past few years.

We have entrusted to us in this Canada of based on scientific principles. Sound to the great injury of the cattle and pecuniary loss to the exporter. Having these points loss to the exporter. Having these points and development during the past few years, and development during the past few years, and can as easily discern the rising spirit of a science. But in a young country beginning permanent and remunerative. (3) cheaper say it is already big with the promise of a the greatest attention from the Government and can as easily discern the rising spirit of the present day. In the improved and richer as great degree at the initial lessons of and more productive farms; in the planting to a great degree at the initial lessons of and more accessible and expeditious means mighty destiny. The diversities of soil and and expenditure commensurate with the and more productive farms; in the planting and increase at the inflinity destiny. The diversities of soil and those accessible and expeditious means and inflinity destiny. The diversities of soil and those accessible and expeditious means and inflinity destiny. The diversities of soil and those accessible and expeditious means and inflinity destiny. The diversities of soil and those accessible and expeditious means ability of the Prevince. He was sure the struck out.

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The diversities of soil and those accessible and expeditious means ability of the Prevince. He was sure the struck out. improved implements and systems of husbandry; in the frugal protection and more systematic application of natural and artificial manures; in the better breeds and more judicious grades of horned stock, more carefully fed and warmly housed; in the vet greater improvement of sheep and horses; in the larger enterprises and experiments in wheat and other sowings; in the much more comfortable and commodious buildings, from the residence to the barn; in the many striking exhibitions of tasteful ornamentation which combine the useful and the beautiful and gladden the eye while they add charm and comfort to the homestead ; in the marked intellectual discussions and efforts and laudable rivalries of Leagues and Societies devoted to the industry; in the far greater success and value of local Fairs, culminated ties; and in the general nervous and ener- the Normal School, for perfecting the infor- From 1866 to 1874 there was a steady in- a generous emulation of the great country what the law demands. getic determination to proceed in the pathway of sure and studied progress to a higher plane of superiority and success. All these are proof of development in the past, and this in supplement of the addition of "The sheep 26,380,000. In 1874 these figures had turies and yet ennobled and impelled by the the future. Let us duly appreciate them. IMPROVEMENTS OF THE FUTURE.

It is largely in vain, or at an immense disad-vantage, that farmer shall rise up early and late tall stand of drainage, dyking and tillage, of deep and of freight from all parts of the Lower Profrom early spring until autumn with "an light ploughing and subsoiling, of cropping vinces to St. John for cattle and sheep over eager and a nipping air," shall close up many and the rotation of crops of the uses and Government Railroads and connecting lines of his duties, if he bring not to the discharge adaptability of phosphates and manures, of and boats. If this were done, not only would of his work his best faculties of thought and the pure-breeding and proper grading and the general business of the shipping port be observation-a just and reflective considera- better housing and more regulated feeding of swelled and the farmers of the Province department—a discriminating conception and systematised by sound principles of Agricul- brethren of the Island, which they will not of something far more deeply interfus'd, appreciation of the nature and requirements tural economy; and while he may not become dread, but rather welcome than discourage, And the round ocean and the living air. of and his duties to the soil and the stock, a profound Professor, he will doubtless attain but I believe in a space of time which may And the blue sky, and the mind of man;

without addressing to you a few introductory | who leave the Province because a just Provi- must be at the same time the architect and duties devolving upon me, with great divi- land of promise, where Providence will sus- of literature and education

flection that I am called upon to preside special advantage -- or rather where they will things, to consider the present position in operation and the ripe fruits of their deliber- Vice-President. over the deliberations of a body of gentlemen | find out to their cost how good and fruitful | this Province of the whose intimate knowledge of the proceedings a land they have left behind them; the land of Representative Assemblies will lead them | with nearly all the advantages of Ontario,

servance of the distinctive functions and devoid of intellect; but they use it on every joyed for this business. The extensive and meagre, others very faulty, some palpably of the Board. rights of its various members, so that there other subject except on the subject of nearest fertile farms of the Valley of the St. John. inaccurate, while all of them should be, as are maintained between the officers and those importance to them. Having looked on that the rich and productive marshes of West- many of them are, careful, accurate and valu- order to frame bye-laws for the government over whom they are called upon to preside, picture, now look on this. See the farmer morland and Albert, the vast areas of valu- able. I think all of them might profitably of the Board. Those of the old Board per- Agriculture were substituted, at once a mutual independence and interde- who invests his work with intellectual activi- able grazing and hay lands, the rapid growth consider and report, and this Board might ask haps would serve. He requested the Secrependence. By these means, we too may se- ty and vitality-who bends the loving labor of root crops and the generally bountiful them to do so, somewhat after the fashioa of tary to read them, which was done, and on were passed as read. cure to this Board that which I earnestly of the head as well as of the hands upon it | yield of grain-a port of exportation open | former efforts here and elsewhere, on desire and cordially invite, the utmost liber- - whose meadows show the results of careful winter and summer and easily accessible by ality of thought and speech in harmony with | consideration-who understands the natures | river and railroad-are all important factors. the kindest courtesy of language and deport- and adaptability of manureg-who recognize I need not point you to others. But we rement. I am, also, encouraged by the reflect the vast difference between skilled labor and quire three things as conditions precedent of

to our care and custody. Responsible and the farm of a Farmer in the true meaning of sary to anything like success. We do not hibitions, onerous care! But I trust and expect, by a the honorable title; who adds charms and require, I submit, mere fancy stock of favordue appreciation of the dignity and duties of culture and dignity to his occupation; who ite pedigree, although where the cost can be

are encouraging indices of greater triumphs in First Principles of Agriculture" (Tanner's) increased to, cattle 10,291,000, and sheep highest inspirations of modern civilization increased to, cattle 10,291,000, and sheep highest inspirations of modern civilization to the Syllabus of Examination for School 34,860,000. In later years, however, the and thought-the empire so rightly called ten o'clock, a full Board being present Licence, as recently prescribed by the Board numbers are found to be, cattle 9,734,000, Mother of Free Parliaments; all these com- The minutes of yesterday's meeting I fear, however, we must confess there is of Education. Until we reach the achieve- sheep 32,220,000 These figures indicate bine and conspire to predict the future of large room for improvement; or, while I ad- ment of Agricultural Colleges and Model that the British farmers are not prosecuting this Dominion one of greatness and of power; mit I should probably remain silent and learn Farms, we may, I think, wherever it is the raising of sheep and cattle as extensively and teach us, if we are true to the traditions of you, you will permit me to tell you how it necessary, take advantage of the educational or successfully as formerly; for while there of the Nations and the race and true to ourstrikes the unpractised eye of the non-profes- machinery we have, and that without at all was not any excessive mortality among their selves and our country, that but few decades of a Committee of the St, John Board sional observer. I fear it is thought too often increasing the cost of our Provincial Educa- flocks and herds, the price of meat never had shall have gone by on "the inaudible and of Trade, that was appointed to gathand by too many farmers, otherwise shrewd tional Establishment. Why should, and how been as high as during the years of decrease, noiseless foot of time," ere she shall have at- er information regarding the shipand intelligent, that the work of Agriculture can, the Agriculturist, be he never so clever and the stimulus of a good market was not tained a proud place among the younger nament of live stock, with a view of is wholly and merely a manual occupation— and intelligent generally, hope to attain wanting. Besides stock there can be other tions of the earth: and no one thing can obtaining a subsidy for a line of that education and the intellect have little, if success - success in its true sense - if he have valuable contributions to the cargo, which more largely contribute than the skilful and anything, with it—that they, with all not as much knowledge of his craft as hath their abit of the directions, are in this the true Botanist, Chemist, Geologist, Archilittle more than animate machines who turn tect or Machinest of his? I do not say, Service, and open up large areas of labor in deur and perpetuity. And I am certain there ing of the Board. out in the morning to their work and their however, that to be a successful farmer, and the Province. On the latter, however, I is no labor, there can be no study, fuller of It was moved that the communicalabor until the evening; that theirs is but the to understand the instincts of stock and treat- need not dwell here. A Prince Edward Is- great or more ennobling lessons, as the in- tion and enclosures be referred to perfunctory performance of a prescribed pro- ment of soils, he must be able to write land writer in one of our newspapers has also telligent and thoughtful man, daily working committee appointed yesterday after gramme of daily dull routine—and that in all learned disquisitions on Veterinarian Pathorespects the farm can almost run itself! One of the first lessons we must learn, if we would consider the first lessons we must learn, if we would consider the first lessons we must learn, if we would consider the first lessons we must learn, if we would consider the first lessons we must learn, if we would consider the first lessons we must learn, if we would consider the first lessons we must learn, if we would consider the first lessons we must learn, if we would consider the first lessons we must learn, if we would consider the first lessons we must learn, if we would consider the first lessons we must learn, if we would consider the first lessons we must learn, if we would consider the first lessons we must learn, if we would consider the first lessons we must learn, if we would consider the first lessons we must learn, if we would consider the first lessons we must learn, if we would consider the first lessons we must learn, if we would consider the first lessons we must learn succeed in any business, is that the mind is say he must know much more than a large having the matter in hand to place themsel- displayed the footprints of the Creator, and the master and should be the motive power, number of his class know or seem to care to ves in communication with leading men on in everything mirrored Omnipotence itself.

meagre meadows dying year by year of a slow stocked with the particular practical know- with the amount we need, and subsidiary

I confess I approach the performance of the start for an easier life in some imaginary of the mighty and yet easily available forces

tion, which sensibly lightens my sense of merely manual and unskilled work-who ob- proper success; two of them attainable by responsibility, that you, gentlemen, bring to tains as soon as he can the best implements, reasonable effort, and dependent on our far-

bitions, and all questions of Party politics of whose life shall be a service to the State in ments of the farm for a reasonable period at home and information abroad. a Provincial or Dominion nature, we shall be that he is a blessing and an example to all and be found in due time fit subjects for this Thus the Board, and Leagues and Societies, steamers. Seconded by Mr. Sterling and able reasonably to fill the expectations of our around him. There is a mutuality, a reci- trade. If a number of bulls and rams for working harmoniously on improved lines, and unanimously carried. The committee was constituents, and at least deserve if we shall procity, there. Agriculture is a benefit to the improvement of our present common and each in its appropriated sphere, devoting the appointed as follows:-Messrs. Brown, Sternot achieve success. Thus shall we not him-he is a benefit to Agriculture; the one native stock, and of young cattle and sheep, funds at their disposal judiciously to legiti- liug and Swim. only vindicate the wisdom of the Legislature repays his toil—his toil repays the other. The President was glad the matter had elies to do what they saw fit. The are self-sustaining, and in the future two importations referred to in the in embarking in this experiment, but we These thoughts lead me to say, one of the be obtained, and at the same time, the system of the be obtained, and at the same time, the system of the be obtained, and at the same time, the system of the be obtained, and at the same time, the system of the be obtained, and at the same time, the system of the be obtained, and at the same time, the system of the beat the same time, the system of shall, under Divine direction, stamp broadly many matters of conspicuous importance tem of continual and prolonged in-and-in erally conducive to individual prosperity, will by the press that Mr. Domville and Mr. rights were being infringed. and benignantly the impress of this Board which present themselves to us is the neces- breeding, so overdone in this Province, avoid- strive for development and success, at the Charles Burpee were interesting themselves upon the great agricultural industry of the sity of introducing or perfecting a better ed, I think lasting benefit will be ensured same time each gladdened at and assisting in the question in the Domion Parliament. and the good fruits of such an importation in the permanent advancement of the other At the suggestion of the President it was manifested at an early day. And then there and all. And thus shall the Province be resolved that the Board should meet at 10 a. must be, in many quarters and in many re- benefited, developed and improved in one of m. and 2 p. m. during its sessions. than we have at present. I speak now not spects, a more judicious course of feeding its most vital industries. so much of what is termed Scientific and housing and care-taking-and the latter OUR COUNTRY, AND THE RELATIONS AND

suggested by the financial requirements and the immediate necessity for and absolute thing that a bounteous nature can bestow; ed of as they saw fit. elementary Agriculture-or rather the harmonious in overlooking the just claims of comparitive youth, displaying the skilful statistics.

reasonably expect to spend the years of their date there has been as steady a decrease. In lafter those of the exalted empire of which morrow.

which under proper care shall yield him such rich returns; the soil and the stock which practitioner—have his work pervaded and periodical steamer, as advocated by some, And rolls through all things.

"Upon the world's altar stalrs

That slope thro' darkness up to God,"

are not merely his slaves but his friends— impelled by a stalwart common sense render- but a regular line of steamers will become We read in the old Mythology that Ceres, yesterday, Mr. Fairweather moved are not merely his slaves but his friends— impened by a stalwart common censor into the consideration of and slaves or friends, unkind or unskilful ed more comprehensive and valuable by indispensable. But it cannot, and it ought the beautiful and majestic daughter of Sa- the Board into the consideration of and slaves or friends, unkind or unskilful ed more comprehensive and valuable by lindspensable. But a stock treatment of which must inevitably reach healthful mental discipline, and become a not to be expected that this Province opinion existing through the pr treatment of which must inevitably reach healthful mental discipline, and become a lot to be expected that the fields and sowing the grain; but one result. Examine the farms of this living benefit both to science and society. In a lot to be expected that the fields and sowing the grain; the agricultural societies. country. Show me an unpromising and un- I know many of the farmers of the Province prize. In other Provinces large Deminion and that to her, crowned with ears of corn, country. Show me an unpromising and unprepossessing farm, with its breken fences, its dilapidated barns, its irregularly fed and study, of intellectual interpretation of the first section, Mr.

In regard to the first section, Mr.
subsidies have nursed and vitalized similar were offered in sacrificial worship flowers and subsidies have nursed and various great Public Works and Services, first fruits with libations of milk and honey prudent labor and study, of intellectual and various great Public Works and Services, first fruits with libations of milk and honey of the first section, Mr.

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Sterling said it was a good one for discussion. scantily housed stock; its uncared for and forecast and successful accomplishment. 1 and have been generously continued after mixed with sparkling wine; that in her homscantily housed stock; its uncared for and now speak and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomplishment. I and nave been generously continued and successful accomp main road, with its wasting or deteriorating whole need not a physician, but they did duced. He moved that the number necessary to consider how it should be not object to the college, but we must necessary to consider how it should be not object to the college, but we must necessary to consider how it should be not object to the college, but we must necessary to consider how it should be not object to the college, but we must necessary to consider how it should be not object to the college, but we must necessary to consider how it should be not object to the college, but we must necessary to consider how it should be not object to the college, but we must necessary to consider how it should be not object to the college, but we must necessary to consider how it should be not object to the college, but we must necessary to consider how it should be not object to the college, but we must necessary to consider how it should be not object to the college, but we must necessary to consider how it should be not object to the college, but we must necessary to consider how it should be not object to the college, but we must necessary to consider how it should be not object to the college, but we must necessary to consider how it should be not object to the college, but we must necessary to consider how it should be not object to the college. manures exposed to the scorening giance of are sick, and I would not like to advise the moved to the sun and the peltings of every storm, an little ad interim remedies which unprofes-Municipal Council room by the Presi- eyesore and perhaps a plague spot, poisoning sional observation may suggest, until the things considered, in a very few years New ready for the altar was led around the mellow dent, Hon. Mr. Wedderburn. The the water and impregnating the air with the practical and accredited operator shall point Brunswick would hold a high, if not a first, field, the husbandmen following with joyous members are-James E. Fairweather, active germs of typhoid fever and diphtheria; out and supply a more excellent way; and I place in the meat and cattle markets of the songs, and with its apologetic-looking garden, "a wild humbly think it of great importance that the Old Country. This is the conclusion of the "In long procession shouting as they go;

where weeds and flowers promiscuous shoot;" the study of those branches, which shall best ments exposed and rusting in every kind of weather and creaking in every joint; with of life, and that, with other learning, they Charles A. Sterling, Maugerville; its sluggish and consumptive cattle; its shall be able to bring to bear minds well migration, involving fabulous sums compared With machine and creaking in every joint, with oaken wreaths his hollow temple on Ceres let him call, and Ceres praise, its shall be able to bring to bear minds well migration, involving fabulous sums compared with machine and creaking in every joint, with oaken wreaths his hollow temple. Beside the members of the Board, process of neglect and starvation, and all the ledge needed to help them to carve out comwho were all present, there were in repellant evidences of thoughtless and unin- fortable homes, and induce an improved the public undertakings of the older and ship no mythical Goddess-dwelling in repellant evidences of thoughtless and unin- fortable homes, and induce an important the province and induce an important the province and induce an important the first substitution of the first subst the farm of the man who is not a farmer, who fact, I take the liberty to say here (out only duty to ask with all the firmness of faith,

laughs or perhaps groans at the axiom of the in parenthesis and in a whisper, and again I that this matter—so essential, so inherently of a Divine Faith, we look to One above the members required. He gave Mauger-Fisher, Coun. Close, John L. Marsh, laughs or perhaps groans at the axiom of the in parentness and in a whisper, and again I that this matter so essential, so indicately sunshine and beyond the stars, the Author of dignity of labor, who works, it may be dili-speak as a man), that while I would see all just—shall not longer be denied the favorable sunshine and beyond the stars, the Author of All Things who holds our destinice in His gently, but with as little mind invested in classes of our country liberally educated, I his business as the ox which does his bidding think it is of far higher importance to the The President called the Board to and "wants discourse of reason," and who is young Agriculturist, that the curriculum of ject third—it is, however, of the first imcontent to wring from a reluctant and impoverished soil the unsubstantial revenues of a essentials of agriculture, than that he shall scanty harvest. I do not say in all cases put his unskilful hand to the plough by and on this subject, as on all others legitimately fatness; who sendeth the springs into the forming smaller oues. even such men fail, but in the vast majority bye with his mind loaded with Latin and within the jurisdiction of the Board, you will valleys which run among the hills; who preof cases, if such men escape bankruptcy, they Logarithims, Greek and Geometry. This at all times be sure of the fullest assistance pareth the earlier and the latter rain, and live at best in comparative penury: and soon follows upon what I said at the outset, and I and co-operation of the Local Government. maketh the hills to clap their hands and the to which I have been appointed by the pleasure of the Lieutenant Governor in Council,

the grand army of discontented grumblers with the reflection that the successful farmer

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES AND THEIR WORK been appointed by the pleasthey join themselves, or see their sons join, leave these imperfect suggestions just here, and the printed by the pleasthey join themselves, or see their sons join, leave these imperfect suggestions just here, and the printed by the pleasthey join themselves, or see their sons join, leave these imperfect suggestions just here, and the printed by the pleasthey join themselves, or see their sons join, leave these imperfect suggestions just here, and the printed by the pleasthey join themselves, or see their sons join, leave these imperfect suggestions just here, and the printed by the pleasthey join themselves, or see their sons join, leave these imperfect suggestions just here, but the printed by the pleasthey join themselves, or see their sons join, leave these imperfect suggestions just here, but the printed by the printed by the pleasthey join themselves, or see their sons join, leave these imperfect suggestions just here, but the printed by the pleasthey join themselves, or see their sons join, leave these imperfect suggestions just here, but the printed by the pleasthey join themselves, or see their sons join, leave the printed by the pleasthey join themselves, or see their sons join, leave the printed by the pleasthey join themselves, or see their sons join, leave the printed by the pleasthey join themselves, or see their sons join, leave the printed by the pleasthey join themselves, or see their sons join, leave the printed by the pleasthey join themselves, or see their sons join, leave the pleasthey join themselves, or see their sons join, leave the pleasthey join themselves, or see their sons join, leave the pleasthe plea

The estimated produce according to price,

The general quality of the soil,

The breed and quality of stock,

The kind and quantity of crops,

returns of sales at home and abroad.

The rotation of crops,

natural manures; composting;

The market value of stock and crops,

The methods of cultivating various crops.

The care and application of artificial and

The machinery and implements used.

eral accommodation,

valleys to laugh and sing: THE LORD OF THE be a benefit to Sunbury and would not But I am detaining you too long, and yet I labor on, humbly and hopefully confessing— had four societies, which was all a much money, it should be approachwithout addressing to you a few introductory who leave the Province because a just Province because a tion to the important place you now occupy. he reap, and they don't like the decree, and to conquer this success he must take firm hold much remains unsaid. I look hopefully to Gop, who is our God and the God, giveth ing to law, cieties will feel it a pleasure and a duty to The President then declared it now compe-

dence. I am consoled, however, by the re- pend or divert the laws of Nature for their It will be our duty probably, among other give this Board the benefit of this willing co- tent and necessary for the Board to elect a Mr. Swim moved and Mr. Sterling secondations and experience. I trust some of them, I speak without particularizing society or lo- ed, that Mr. Fairweather be elected Vicecality, will give better heed to their own President-carried unanimously.

Chair the encouragement of their moral sup- than the boasted Manitoba and the Far North that our farmers may very largely and suc- things, will be more careful than they are in for the honor conferred upon him and said if Board of Agriculture substituted. port, and who will readily admit that the West. Remember, I have not said these cessfully embark in this enterprise. We the preparation of their reports and the col- called upon to preside at any time, he would dignity and integrity of any body are best men may not conquer a subsistence—they have a country which, all things considered, ection of statistics. I know that in some do so to the best of his ability, and knew he conserved by a rigid recognition and ob- will do little more. I do not say they are can scarcely be surpassed in the facilities en-The President said it would next be

section by section, with slight amendments to meet the provisions of the constitution of

the present Board. The size and character of farm and genfrom some of the local Societies, the list of necessary fund. which is not yet complete. These were in many cases quite unsatisfactory, the discrepancies being lucidly explained by the Secre-The extent of sheep and cattle raising for tary as he proceeded. Mr. Anderson suggested that a committee should be appointed to The value of them here, cost of raising and | consider the reports and audit the accounts of Societies. The President considered Mr.

tee be appointed as suggested. Mr. Barker seconded the resolution and it was curried. The present system of drainage and tillage, The President appointed as such committee,

The supply of farm laborers, harvesters Messrs. Anderson, Fairweather and Barker. The varieties, qualities, values, extent and regulations relating to agriculture, and he ally, but bienially, as the prizes are before in regard to its being a poli-The influences of Agricultural fairs and ex- a general feeling that they had outlived their usefulness; the matter might be taken up to-The special advantages, or difficulties of morrow and a discussion had. He would stock and produce. give notice of such resolution.

the other, avoiding all personal aims and am- his joyful and willing fields a rich reward; which shall answer the ordinary require- character is for the purpose of improvement be referred the subject of exportation of cat- deal and do not give a large return. had been a great success. They in- with which this Board can deal that is tle to England and a subsidizing line of

Mr. Anderson would have to know from the ling. President if, in case the Board should advise the importation of stock and the establishment of an Agricultural College and a Model We have entrusted to us in this Canada of Farm, what promise could he hold out for the

(on which subject, however, there is yet so While the establishment of a Model or Stock very much to learn); in the introduction of Farm and an Agricultural College has we had a line of steamers, adapted to this already received much attention at the hands and other branches of trade, from New Bruns- mineral wealth; the mighty rivers rolling ment would be prepared to receive the of the Government, as it will doubtless also wick to Great Britain, and I think it will be through alluvial valleys of pastoral beauty to Board's recommendations and act upon them receive from you, we can only move by the the duty of the Board, in unison with other the immemorial sea; the inland lakes and as far as possible and practicable. There was two sections not yet disposed of. process of gradual and regulated progress, and must at once meet the perplexing problems well-directed methods, to press by all legitimaritime harbors and seaports; the fertile grain and extensive pasture areas; in every-disposal of the Board which could be disposal

resources of the Province. But pending, justice of a sufficient subside in aid of so im- the nascent and expanding Mechanical and Mr Sterling gave notice that he would ed. and even after the solution of these and portant a work. I think successive Govern- Manufucturing industries everywhere trembl- move the Board to-morrow into the concognate difficulties, I think the study of ments have been wonderfully impartial and ing with new vitality and already, in their sideration of the subject of Agricultural

elements and principles of Agriculture—may this Province in this direction. You will handicraft of maturer manhood; a proud the Secretary took occasion to correct very properly and more generally be intro-remember (and this will emphasize what I merchantile marine, third, if not second, on certain impressions that had gone abroad. He duced into all the schools and colleges of the have already said on the second point), that the list of the marines of the world, and men had been improperly blamed by societies and country where and whenever the need of a not very long ago leading English journals, the peers of any in those places where "mer- individuals, for requiring the statistics that distinctive course of study in that direction | including the London Times, were apprehen- chants most do congregate; "the refined and are annually furnished by local societies. The shall be deemed desirable or necessary—then sive of coming evil, as they alleged, from the the more advanced stages; nor can I see—I fact, brought out by recent agricultural statisspeak as a man, and not here as a member of tics, that not only is the area of land in the education; the robust, mental, physical, and old Board had asked for amendment of the the Covernment-why a judicious and United Kingdom under arable crop under- moral health; the easy means of inter-Pro- Act five times, the section regarding the in the last and best Provincial Exhibition, so systematic course may not be prescribed going annual diminution, but that the numrull of the promise of even higher possibililine last and best Provincial Exhibition, so systematic course may not be prescribed going annual diminution, but that the numvincial and trans-Atlantic communication; statistics had been continued. He felt that under certain limitations and regulations, in ber of head of live stock is also decreasing. the nervous forces of activity engendered by he should not be blamed for merely asking

mation of those Student Teachers who may crease of all kinds of stock, and since that beside us; the liberal institutions—patterned The Board then adjourned till 10 a. m. to-

SECOND DAY.

The Board of Agriculture met at were read and approved.

The Secretary read a communication from Thos. R. Jones, Chairman steamships to England and enclosing

noon regarding the exportation of cattle. Carried.

The Secretary next read a communieation from the Northumberland ed as paid for in full. On motion of Mr. Swim, seconded

was received, and it was decided that it be considered at two o'clock to-!

TURAL SOCIETIES.

In accordance with notice given P. M.

the societies, but it was painful now seconded by Mr. Sterling :to notice the apathy felt in regard to the societies. He did not think the number should be reduced.

tricts the farmers were of a good class they deem important on the subject, and to as he had to attend an important ville as an example.

Mr. Anderson was of opinion that Mr. Fairweather:-

seriously affect any county. It would farm and agricultural school.

The motion was carried; yeas PASSING THE BYE-LAWS.

second and third sections.

sections, where the word Governor in and Nova Scotia would both take hold

In reply to a question asked by

Section ten was passed

donations of the society for the year." the Provinces. Mr. Anderson then moved that a commit- To offer \$120 as premiums for a soci-

should be left with the county soci- through the Island; this year they ing of the benefit derived from the

derson and referred to the Stanley institution. The stock was splendid, Society as one of the small ones that and one of the Short Horns had taken in possession of a class of stock that did much good and was very deserv- the first prize at Montreal this fall. will with proper care and handling

be expended on farmers' dinners. The Soction was then adopted.

Section thirteen was adopted.

teen were passed without change, and dents received some remuneration for early meeting of the Board further the rules and regulations were then their labors, and an industrious stu- action had been deferred.

VARIOUS MATTERS.

An informal discussion then follow- year, and he was sure that, under pro-The Secretary said that in some of way. After a farm was got under the counties there was a practice of way, he felt that a college would folpaying the judges at the shows which low.

was certainly wrong, might be added saying that the to find out what the cost would be, that arrangements may be made for the inexpenses of local shows as regards and then have the question considered. troduction into the schools and colleges of

culars be sent to the different societies. be hard to overcome. It was the opinion of the Board Mr. Brown believed that we should President and Secretary and forwarded to the that the habit in some localities of begin on a stock farm, and if that Board of Education, praying the Board of

be done away with. The Secretary said he would prepare a memorandum of suggestions, be a great benefit to the province, and

the Attorney General and Executive Mr. Swim said that in a stock farm to the Government:-

Secretary and Treasurer.

conversed with His Henor on agri- posal, and he was of opinion that the cultural topics for some time. After- Government would do more. RULES AND REGULATIONS OF AGRICUL- noon Session, Pursuant to adjourn. Mr. Barker in closing said that if

DISCUSSION OF A STOCK-FARM. Mr. Swim spoke of the general college and farm could be started that a stock-farm would do a great farm would not cost much to start.

Mr. Barker also was of opinion that taught in the schools and would make conducted, and where it should be first have the farm. He still adhered Mr. Fairweather said the number located, and, as much money would be to the original resolution. of members to enable a society to required to carry out the project, it Mr. Anderson withdrew his amenddraw a grant was sixty. He thought must have a careful consideration; ment and the original motion was more people should be induced to join He moved the following resolution carried.

That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the feasibility and cost of purchasing and stocking a model farm with resolution. Mr. Barker said that in some dis- such other suggestions and information as

> The following amendment was his place. moved by Mr. Anderson seconded by

Resolved. That a committee be appointed to confer with the Board of Agriculture of Nova Scotia in reference to the advisability of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick taking Mr. Sterling thought it would not joint action in the establishing of a model

Mr. Anderson thought that as the of a model farm he thought an agri- until to-morrow morning at ten cultural school much more important. o'clock, in order to enable several sub Agricultural schools had proved suc- committees to meet. cessful in Europe, the United States On motion of Mr. Swim, the words and Ontario, and, as we compete in Governor in Council, at the last of the other markets with the farmers of section were struck out, and the words those countries, we should have the same advantages. The Ontario school present at the hour of opening. After No alterations were made in the and farm cost Ontario \$20,000 annually, and in so costly an undertaking by Mr. Brown: In the fourth as in all following it would be well if New Brunswick

Council occurred, the words Board of of it. Fostered by both Governments ture, entitled "An Act to amend chapter 23 it would be more likely to prove a of the Consolidated Statutes of Agriculture, Sections five, six, seven and eight success, and would not be open to together with such portions of the Consoli-

Mr. Anderson, the Secretary said there seem like a new experiment, but the by the board be published by the president was not a society in the Province educational institutions of Sackville and secretary for the use of the board. The Secretary read reports and accounts whose treasurer had not filed the are supported by both Provinces. From what he had read of the Ontario farm and college he was led to be-Section eleven was allowed to stand. lieve that there was complaint on ac-Mr. Fairweather thought it would count of its extravagant management, be well to make some change in Sec. and, while he did not mean to say tion twelve, which read as follows: that an institution of a like nature "The amount of premiums to be would be carried on extravagantly benefit of the Province; and Anderson's suggestion a good one and read awarded by each society in any one here, yet there should be every care Whereas, In 1875 the Government of the

from the statute to show that the disregard year shall not exceed double the with regard to it, and it would be day then entrusted with the management of The general management of stock in sum- paid to method by the Societies was covered amount of the local subscriptions and well to divide the expense between the Agricultural department did likewise The Secretary being called upon, ety in a district of ten or twelve miles said that during his visit to Prince in extent he thought seemed absurd, Edward Island last summer he had He would like to have it arranged so made many inquiries about the farm of years having elapsed since an importation Mr. Fairweather had objections to certain that the fairs would not be held annual and found that the information he had has been made; found that throughout the country there was now a mera bagatelle and not such as tical affair was erroneous. The gov- this session take such steps as may seem adwould encourage the raising of good ernment had purchased a farm and visable to secure an importation for 1831 by added to the barns and fitted them up. strongly recommending the importance of The Secretary thought it would be They made several errors, one was in the favourable consideration of the Govern-Mr. Brown introduced the Exportation better to hold county shows than small keeping about five stud horses, but ment. conservation of the one and performance of His blessing, garner in at harvest time from commendable and advantageous; but cattle these and on other subjects of an Agricultural business and moved for a committee to whom local ones. The latter cost a great the cattle, sheep, pigs and poultry

The finest cross bred cow he ever saw bring results profitable to the breeder The Secretary was of opinion that was on the farm, and he thought the and the shipper. the money of the societies should not people of the Island would go on till they had a farming college. He had Mr, Anderson. also visited the model farm at Guelph some years ago; and, although it has inform the Board that this subject In Section fourteen the words from been influenced by politics to some would meet the cordial consideration provided their services" down to extent, it is now very prosperous. of the Government, as he was in a such restrictions as are just" were There are at present 80 students, and position to say a committee of the they spend half the day on their farm Council bad already been appointed Sections fifteen, sixteen and seven- and half at their studies. The stu- for that purpose, but in view of the

thought that in this Province we mously. should first start with a stock farm on a small scale, increasing from year to per management, it would pay its own

Mr. Sterling was still in favour of Mr. Fair weather thought a section the original resolution, as it was well Province, and it is the opinion of this Board having a farm controlled by the two The Secretary suggested that cir- governments that seemed to him to pense;

to be put in a circular to the county the sooner it be carried out the betsocieties, and submit it to the Board. | ter. He did not believe in having a Mr. Sterling referred to the agri- partnership with another province in and the Board went into committee cultural law. Some held that the this matter. The farm might be of the whole on the President, Vice President, Secretary located as far off as Halifax, and in KINDS OF STOCK BEST FITTED FOR IMand Treasurer were officers, and others that case the people might as well go thought that the Board of Directors to Canada for their stock. One of and the numbers that would be necesthe great advantages would be in sarv at present. The chairman said the matter had having stock where it could be easily The Board decided to recommend come up before the Government, and obtained.

had decided that the directors were under good management, stock would be kept until they were of mature age, The Secretary said the officers were and their offsprings would be worth the President, 1st Vice President, something. In the province, now, there are many herds of pure bred The Board adjourned at 12.15, and stock, and they could be put on the in company with several of the farm. Whatever more stock would members of the Executive drove to be required could be imported. He Government House and called on the wanted to get the stock farm in operation in as quick and practical a man-During the morning the Attorney ner as possible. Regarding the col-General, Hon. W. E. Perley, and A. lege, he thought, as the chairman said E. Killam and George J. Colter, M. in his able and eloquent addrss, which P. P.'s, were present at the delibera- pleased him (the speaker) very much, tions of the Board. At Government that the principles of agriculture could by Mr. Brown, the communication House the members of the Board were be taught in the common schools. shown through the conservatory, and The Board have \$2,000 at their dis-

> ment, the Board resumed at 2' oclock, this farm was conducted on a partnership basis difficulty would arise all ner.

NO.17 the time. He did not think that a

The chairman appointed Messrs. Barker, Sterling and Anderson on the committee in accordance with the

The chairman then left the chair Fairweather, the Vice-President took

Mr. Swim thought something should be done about printing the reports of the proceedings of the Board, and he moved the following

resolution which was carried :-Resolved, That the Secretary of the Board

place in the office of the MARITIME FARMER for publication the agricultural accounts of this Province. It was further Resolved, That 2,500 copies be ordered to

The President resumed the chair. On motion the Board adjourned

THIRD DAY.

The chairman and a full board were routine the following resolution was moved by Mr. Fairweather, seconded

Resolved, That one thousand copies of chapter xv. of the last session of the Legisladated Statutes unrepealed as relate to agri-Mr. Fairweather said this might culture, and the rules and regulations made

Carried.

STOCK IMPORTATION. M. Fairweather moved the following

Whereas, In 1870 the Provincial Board of ment, make an importion of stock for the

make a similar importation; and Whereas, A new importance has lately

Great Britain and, as stated above, a number Therefore Resolved, That this Board do at

Mr. Fairweather agreed with the troduced different breeds of cattle, of more importance at the present principally Short Horns and Ayr- time than the introduction of a high Mr. Ahderson thought the matter shires, and sold the surplus stock class of stock. Evidence is not wantdrawing a dollar from the province. six years and with the prospect of a Mr. Sterling agreed with Mr. An. He put it down as a most prosperous profitable trade abroad it becomes the necessity of the hour to put our people

The resolution was seconded by

The President stated that he could The resolution was carried unani-

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

Mr. Sterling moved the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Brown and carried unanimously:-

Whereas, There is a strong desire on the part of the farmers of this Province to see provided a better system of agricultural education than at present is attainable in this

Therefore Resolved, That a memorial of this Board be prepared and signed by the holding two shows each year ought to worked well we could have a model Education to take this subject into considerfarm and school. Such a farm would ation, and to provide and prescribe such measures in the premises as they may deem appropriate for carrying out the purposes contemplated by this resolution.

The President here left the chair

the importation of the following stock

Cattle. Norfolk, Red-6 bulls and 4 heifers. Shorthorns-15 bulls and 5 heifers. Ayrshires-12 bulls and 8 heifers. Herefords-6 bulls and 4 heifers. Jerseys-3 bulls and 3 heifers. Devons-3 bulls and 3 heifers.

Shrops and Oxfords-20 rams and 10 ewes. Border Leicester-20 rams and 5 ewes. English Leicester-20 rams and 5 ewes. Cotswolds-20 rams and 5 ewes.

Yorkshire-10 boars and 5 sows. Berkshire-10 boars and 5 sows. Chester-10 boars and 5 sows. The total for stock is \$12,750. This list may be altered in some

particular before the session of the

board closes.

The Board then separated for din-