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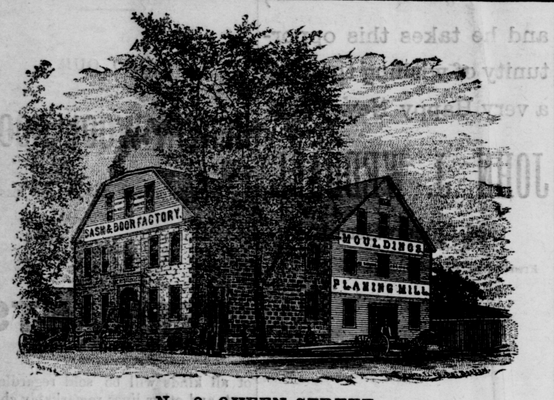

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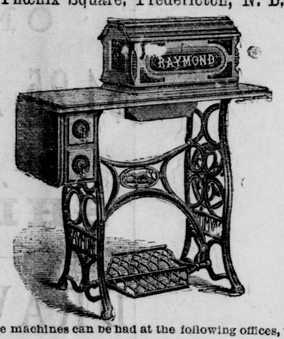

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As he said upon looking her o'er,
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I never observed it before."

"What nonsence!" she said with a smile and a blush,
Recalling the season of youth;
"At my age 'tis out of the question. So hush,
You know you're not telling the truth."

With a face that betrayed not a sign of remorse,
The inveterate joker replied,
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The Supreme Court of the United States, by a majority of seven to one, has sustained the constitutionality on prohibition.

A New York labor organ declares that there are now in that city, owing to the lack of employment, 100,000 idle working people.

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Sir Frederick Roberts is instituting a new order of things in the army in India. The issue of rum is to be discontinued, and henceforward spirits will not be served to any troops arriving in India.

Over a hundred years have passed since the close of the revolutionary war, yet on the pension rolls of the United States Government are the names of 38 widows of soldiers of the revolution.

It is estimated, judging by the present rate of increase, that in a few years there will be as many as 100,000 to 125,000 sheep pasturing upon the incomparable rich sheep ranges of the Rocky Mountain foothills, in our North West Territory.

To prevent pie juices from running out in the oven, make a little opening in the upper crust and insert a little role of brown paper perpendicularly. The steam will escape from it as from a chimney, and all the juice will be retained in the pie.

Assegai throwing is to be the popular amusement in England next spring. It is called "arrow throwing," for short, and is said to have been introduced by persons returning from trips to Zululand and other places where it is practised by the natives.

Some one threw a head of cabbage at an Irish orator while he was making a speech once. He paused a second, and said, "Gentlemen, I only asked for your ears; I don't care for your heads?" He was not bothered any more during the remainder of his speech.

That "TOCSIN OF THE SOUL, THE DINNER BELL," as Byron calls it, suggests no pleasing reflections to the dyspeptic, billious sufferer. He partakes, of course, but the subsequent torment is egregiously out of proportion to the quantity of food he eats, which lies undigested, a weight like lead in his unhappy stomach. There is a remedy, however, and its name is Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure. No case is entirely hopeless.

A Fredericton clergyman toldo us the other day:—"I once married a handsome young couple, and as I took the bride by the hand at the close of the ceremony and gave her my warmest congratulations, she tossed her pretty head, and pointing to the bridegroom, replied, 'I think he is the one to be congratulated.'"

Young man, if you see your girl gazing intently at your feet, don't shift them about uneasily, or draw them up and sit upon them, under the impression that she is overwhelmed by their immense size. She is merely taking their measure mentally for a pair of slippers, on the toe of which she intends to work a blue dog with a green tail and scarlet ears.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with pain of Cutting Teeth? If so send at once and get a bottle of "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for Children Teething. Its value is incalculable. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it, mothers; there is no mistake about it. It cures Dysentery and Diarrhœa, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, cures Wind Colic, softens the Gums, reduces inflamation, and gives tone and energy to the whole system. "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for children teething is pleasant to the taste and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States, and is for sale by all druggists throughout the world. Price twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP," and take no other kind.—Feb. 1, 1y

"Oh, woman, woman!" shrieked an orator in a speech the other night, "thou art the light, the life, the salvation of the world! I shudder when I think of what this world would be without thy gentle, refining, ennobling influence. I bow at thy shrine, acknowledging thy purity and truth. There is nothing, so nothing so beautiful, so true, so perfect as a woman! I reverence and bow down before them!" And when he went home he said to the woman who was so unfortunate as to be his wife:—"What did you let the fire get so low for? you knew I'd come home half froze. You're just like the rest of the women, you haven't thought beyond your nose. Stir around and get me a cup of hot tea, can't you? See if you can do that much for a fellow. I'd just like to know what you women think you're good for, anyhow!"

"One breaks the glass and cuts his fingers;
But they whom Truth and Wisdom lead,
Can gather honey from a weed."

Those who are *wise*, and who love the *truth*, will believe what we say when we tell them that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has done more to relieve the sufferings of women, than all other medicines now known to science. It cures all irregularities, internal inflammation and ulceration, displacements and kindred troubles. It is the only medicine for women, sold by druggists, *under a positive guarantee* from the manufacturers, that it will give satisfaction in every case, or money will be refunded. This guarantee has been printed on the bottle-wrapper, and faithfully carried out for many years.

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The Proposed Exhibition.

A Splendid Meeting of Society Delegates

Meet the Board of Agriculture

And Receive Good Encouragement.

A large number af prominent agriculturalists and citizens assembled at the Parliament buildings, Fredericton, last Wednesday afternoon, to discuss matters connected with the holding of an exhibition in Fredericton next fall. When the Board of Agriculture resumed busess at half-past two, the room was over-crowded and little or no business was done by the board until the exhibition committee was heard. The delegates assembled represented agricultural societies of Victoria, Carleton, York, Sunbury, Queens and Northumberland. At 3 o'clock, the delegation was heard before the board. Mr. Harry Beckwith on behalf of the committee, stated the object of the conference. A number of agricultural societies had banded together for the purpose of holding a district exhibition in Fredericton next year, and they had decided to meet the board before taking any decided action. The district to be included in the exhibition project as being in easy access to the city, were the counties of Queens, Sunbury, York, Carleton, Victoria, Madawaska, Northumberland and Charlotte. Before making any definite arrangements, the committee desired to know what action the board intended to take with regard to exhibition appropriations next year, or what assistance, if any, they would be likely to receive from the Government for the project.

Mr. J. L. Inches said that the committee, before going on with this undertaking, wished to learn from the board whether it was their intention to support an exhibition with the funds placed at their disposal for this purpose during the coming year. The future plans of the committee depended entirely upon the action that would be taken by the board. He stated that the Fredericton Park Association had offered them the use of their grounds and buildings which would materially aid them in the project, and that negotiations were in progress with Senator O'Dell for the purchase of a tract of land adjoining the grounds of the Fredericton Park for exhibition purposes.

In answer to Hon. Mr. McLellan, Mr. Inches stated that it was not intended to ask the societies to contribute any portion of their grants for this object.

After some further inquiries, President McLellan, on behalf of the board, said that they had heard and fully understood the nature of the demand of the committee, and that the board would carefully consider the matter in detail at the present session and report later.

Mr. John H. Reid wished to be heard before the conference closed, but not being a member of the delegation to whom the board had granted the privilege to be heard, Mr. McLellan informed him that they could not hear him at present, but at any future time the board would doubtless extend to him the same privilege as it had the committee before them.

The committee then withdrew and held an informal meeting in an adjoining room. As the delegation consisted of a large number who had come a long distance, a deputation was sent to President McLellan requesting the Board to consider the matter at once, which request was granted, the Board deciding to deal with the matter at the evening session. The delegation, however, continued in session and entered into a discussion concerning the proposed exhibition.

BOARD CONSIDERS THE APPLICATION.

At the session of the Board of Agriculture in the evening, the application of the exhibition committee was considered by the Board. All the members expressed themselves in favor of such district exhibitions being held, but Messrs. Fairweather and Anderson took the staud that other districts in the province, which had never been aided by the Government in holding such exhibitions, should receive the attention of the Board. Mr. Inches pointed out that the other districts had moved in the matter, and could not now very well make application to the Board for holding an exhibition this coming year as the board would soon close its session. The holding of these district exhibitions, he claimed, was the beginning of a better system of exhibition management in our province and one productive of greater benefits than the present system of holding parish shows. Woodstock held such an exhibition last year, and it proved to be a most successful one in every respect. Carleton County deserved credit for inaugurating this idea. In Ontario and the States such a system was in vague and was meeting with the best of results. The Government could not afford to hold a provincial exhibition every year, but they could aid annually these district exhibitions at convenient centres, which would be the means of awakening a greater interest and do much more good than the holding of a provincial exhibition every three or four years. Mr. Brown said he had advocated the holding of these district exhibitions for several years past, and he was heartily in sympathy with the present movement and would lend every encouragement. Mr. Colwell said the holding of society shows was not accomplishing the desired results and he favored these district exhibitions.

A resolution was moved by Mr. Colwell, seconded by Mr. Brown, that the Board recommend the Government to devote the exhibition grant for 1888 to the committee for the holding of a district exhibition in Fredericton next year. Mr. Fairweather and Mr. Anderson held that the resolution should be made more general by recommending that similar aid be given annually towards district exhibitions in different parts of the province.

After a full discussion of the question the following resolution was agreed upon and carried by the board:

Resolved, That this Board recommend the application of the committee for a district exhibition to be held in Fredericton in 1888, to the favorable consideration of the government.

Immediately upon this action being taken, the exhibition delegates assembled in an adjoining room where a meeting was held, when it was decided to enter at once upon organizing and preparing for the holding of the exhibition.

The delegates in attendance outside of the city were:—

CARLETON COUNTY.

C. L. S. Raymond and C. L. Smith—Carleton Co. Agricultural Society;
B. N. Shaw—People's Union;
John Harper and James Simonson—Wakefield and Jacksonville Society.

VICTORIA COUNTY.

Wm. Phillip—Kincardine Society;
F. W. Brown—Grand Falls Society.

SUNBURY SOCIETY.

Thos. H. Kelly—Blissville Society;
Major Alexander and D. H. Smith—Gladstone Society.
James Bailey—Sunbury Society.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Robert Swim—Blissfield and Ludlow Society;
D. T. Johnstone—Northumberland Society.

QUEENS COUNTY.

S. L. Peters—Queen's Central;
George L. Colwell—Chipman Society.

YORK COUNTY.

J. L. Inches, John Murray and John Campbell—Kingsclear Society;
Harry Beckwith—Stanley Society;
James Finder—Southampton and Queensbury Society.

Mr. Swim was celled to the chair, and Mr. Inches reported to the meeting the favorable action taken by the Board, and read the resolution passed by the Board.

Moved by Mr. Peters seconded by Mr. Kelly that the thanks of this delegation be tendered to the Board of Agriculture for the recommendation contained in the resolution passed by the Board. The resolution carried unanimously.

Mr. Inches read the records of the previous meetings held which were adopted.

On motion of Mr. B. N. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Simonson:

Resolved, That this meeting does approve of the executive committee appointed at the meeting of the delegates in the Queen Hotel on Nov. 9th, and

Further Resolved, That said committee be continued in office. Carried.

After some discussion as to the organized plans to be pursued, it was moved by Mr. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Phillip:

Resolved, That this delegation resolve itself into an association to be called the "Exhibition Association for Central New Brunswick." Resolution carried.

On motion of Mr. Simonson, seconded by Mr. Peters:

Resolved, That this association be composed of the committees already appointed, and one representative from each agricultural society in the district. Carried.

On motion of Mr. F. W. Brown, seconded by Mr. C. L. S. Raymond, it was resolved that the executive committee be requested to submit a code of bye-laws, and also a premium list at the next general meeting of the association.

The meeting then adjourned, the time of holding the next meeting being left with the executive committee.

A PRISONER GOES MAD.

He tries to Eat Himself Alive and tears Large Pieces of Flesh from His Body.

Harris Fuschs, a Russian prisoner in jail at Keokuk, Indiana, became violently insane in his cell the other night. He raved and shouted imprecations upon the heads of his supposed persecutors, threatened the most horrible vengeance upon those who had caused his arrest and imprisonment, and acted in a manner which clearly indicated that he was a fit subject for an asylum. As he was locked securely in a cell, the officers at first paid but little attention to him, but the man's raving continuing and growing in noise and violence, it was thought best to adopt measures to restrain him. When the officers went to the door a horrible sight met their gaze. The man in his mad delirium was attempting to devour himself. He was biting vigorously and viciously at his arms and hands and with every snap of his sharp teeth tearing away the flesh from these members in strips, leaving them raw and bloody. None of those present desired to go within reach of the maniac. Ropes were obtained and with considerable difficulty the poor fellow was lassoed and then securely bound and placed in a position to be unable to inflict further injury upon himself. Fuchs continued violent even after he was bound and it was necessary for the physicians to place him under the influence of opiates before they could quiet him sufficiently to give his wounds the necessary attention.

What we Eat.

A gentleman happened to be in conversation with a man who makes raspberry jam on a large scale, and asked him where the raspberries were raised that he made his product of. The gentleman was in a position to warrant the confidence of the manufacturer, and the latter told him frankly:—

"Why, we don't use any raspberries at all."

"Do you mean to say that you make raspberry jam without any raspberries?"

"Certainly."

"What's the process?"

"Why, we boil tomatoes and then strain the product to get the seeds out. Tomato seeds are quite too big to look like raspberry seeds, and, besides, are not shaped like them. Then we add about an equal quantity of glucose, and mix in a little of a prepared raspberry flavor that we buy from the chemists, and also a quantity of hay seed. The hay seeds look very much like raspberry seeds, and are besides very much more nutritious than the raspberry seeds, and constitute a positive merit for the jam. With a little further preparation our raspberry jam, made out of tomatoes and glucose, is ready for the market."—*Boston Transcript.*

What am I to do?

The symptoms of Biliousness are unhappily but too well known. They differ in different individuals to some extent. A Bilious man is seldom a breakfast eater. Too frequenty, alas, he has an excellent for liquids but none for solids of a morning. His tongue will hardly bear inspection at any time; if it is not white and furred, it is rough, at all events.

The digestive system is wholly out of order and Diarrhœa or Constipation may be a symptom or the two may alternate. There are often Hemorrhoids or even loss of blood. There may be giddiness and often headache and acidity or flatulence and tenderness in the pit of the stomach. To correct all this if not effect a cure try *Green's August Flower*, it cost but a trifle and thousands attest its efficacy.

The following shows the amount of money won in England and the United States by the ten most successful horses in both countries during the past season:—

England—Reve d'Or, $52,500; Friars Balsam, $43,000; Ayrshire, $32,500; Carlton, $31,500; Gloriation, $22,500; Kirwarlin, $25,500; Brier Rose, $23,000; Harry Hampton, $22,000; Satiety, $21,500; Seabreeze, $20,500. Total, $300,500.

United States—Hanover, $89,772; Emperor of Norfolk, $37,140; Kingfish, $31,640; Los Angeles, $22,435; Laggard, $21,870; Volante, $20,137; Eurus, $18,513; Kingston, $18,090; Linden, $16,280; The Bard, $15,075. Total $290,952.

Gents,—My daughter had a severe cold and injured her spine so she could not walk, and suffered very much. I called in our family physician; he pronounced it inflamnation of the spine and recommended MINARD'S LINIMENT to be used freely. 3 bottles cured her. I have used your MINARD'S LINIMENT for a broken breast; it reduced the inflammation and cured me in ten days. I would recommend it to all ladies who are suffering from the same severe trouble.

MRS. F. SILVER.

Hantsport.

The Burmese excel in all manly sports, and play a game of ball which somewhat resembles football, with the kicking left out. The game commences by one of the players running as far as he can with the ball toward the goal. He does not carry it far before he is caught up with, the ball wrestled from him and tossed from one side to the other, until finally it is thrown or carried between the two poles which are set up at the ends of the ball ground.

How to Catch a Lion.

A fierce lion, the terror of the Sahara Desert, was recently captured by the following simple method. The sands of the desert were passed through a sieve. The Lion of course remained in the sieve. His majesty had in his vest pocket a can of Imperial Cream Tartar Baking Powder, which he was taking home to his Queen.

The drouth of last spring has, in the long run, been a great benefit to Iowa. Hundreds of acres of land have been drained, many artesian wells dug, and also gas discovered, all the result of the dry season.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

Proceedings of the Annual Session

(*Concluded.*)

(*By our own Reporter.*)

WEDNESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 21.

Board met at 11 o'clock, the members having taken up an hour inspecting the government horses.

Mr. Brown submitted a letter from Mr. Peterson of the New Denmark Society, holding that his section of the country was well adapt to raising "active, strong-winded" horses; that ignorance and poverty were the chief obstacles: that the price of services of the government horses in that locality should be reduced; that no improved stock was now being bought by the society, which was in a demoralized state; and that the societies generally should be more sharply supervised by the Government.

Letter received for further consideration.

Mr. Brown called attention to the fact that the Red Norfolk bull which the Jacksontown—Wakefield Society had purchased from the Stock Farm in 1885 at a cost of $104, had developed a set of antlers inconsistent with said breed. The bull was not serviceable, and the society asked to have a portion of the money refunded.

Board in committee listened to the report of the delegates from said society, and expressed themselves favorably disposed, but further consideration was deferred pending a hearing of Mr. Barker of the Stock Farm.

S. L. Peters, on behalf of Queens Central Society, applied for $75 damages from the Board, on account of the action of the Secretary of the Board in ordering the stallion Knight of Chester to be returned to the Government several days before his term had expired. He also brought up the matter of the accounts of the above society, and referred warmly to the doubt cast upon the correctness of the accounts submitted by the treasurer last year. He explained that the course of the society pursued during the last 15 years in making prize a winning member subscribe to the funds or the society, 50 per cent of the amount of the premiums taken by him, was pursued because a certain member possessing Ayrshire stock drew a large amount of premiums annually but would not pay his fair share of the subscription.

The Secretary defended the action of the Board last year, which decided that this system was erroneous and that no grant should issue until a new subscription list was issued and the details of the premium list published. Under this system the society never got up any subscription list except the original list in 1872.

Mr. Peters further defined his position and asked that the society be allowed to supplement its subscription list which he now submitted, in October next, in order to obtain an increased grant. In reply to the Secretary, however he said that this subscription list had not been paid.

Until the subscriptions were actually paid the Secretary stated that no grant could properly issue.

Mr. Inches pointed out that he had repeatedly asked, when he was Secretary, the society to change this system of simply making up the subscription list from money due the exhibitors—the premiums offered being unduly large to enable a large amount to be drawn—while in point of fact no money was ever really subscribed by the member except at its formation. But the society had persistently refused to come to terms.

Adjourned till 2:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Secretary read a communication from Mr. John Reid enclosing the accounts of 1886 and 1887, and asking to that the York County Agricultural Society, now defunct be recognized as a society, and stating that the society intended to rejuverate the grounds and buildings on a pretentius scale.

Received and filed for consideration.

A committee of three was appointed to consider the rival claims of the old Queens County Society and the people of Welsford for the organization of a new Agricultural Society.

The Board then received the delegates from the various societies for the object stated yesterday, about 40 gentlemen were present.

Mr. Harry Beckwith stated that the ide of holding an exhibition next fall was on behalf of the interior Counties. The societies of the other Counties had then promptly fallen in line. If it was intended, by the Board, to hold a Provincial Exhibition next year, the committee had nothing further to ask; otherwise they would like to have assistance of the Board in holding a district exhibition.

Mr. Inches said the movement was backed up by 22 societies in the interior of the Province. They would ask the assistance of the Board by the money grants at their disposal, and the exhibition of horses as at Woodstock. Should it be intended to hold a Provincial Exhibition, however, these societies would fall in line. Should the proposed exhibition be held in the Fredericton Driving Park, the Co would offer material assistance, and the land it was believed, could be obtained from Senator O'Dell. The exhibition would take in all the counties on the river from Queens up to Madawaska, and also Charlotte and Northumberland. The societies would assist the central committee by work, not by money. The Central Committee would supply buildings and grounds. They were satisfied that a Government grant could be obtained, and doubtless assistance from the city. They would also ask the Board to give the amount at the disposal of the Board, for Exhibition purposes.

The President on behalf of the Board expressed his pleasure at meeting the delegates, and promised that the Board would give the matter their earnest consideration, and before adjournment render a decision.

Mr. John Reid who was present asked be heard on behalf of the York County Agricultural Society.

The President said if Mr. Reid was a member of the committee with whom the interview had been arranged, he could speak. The Board would hear Mr. Reid at another time if he had any business to present for their consideration.

Adjourned till 7 P. M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

At the evening session, Board took up the subject of exhibition matters. The general feeling was adverse to the Board holdidg an exhibition of its own as formerly. It was moved by Mr. Colwell, seconded by Mr. Brown—

That the Board recommend the Government to devote the amount to which the Board will be entitled, up to and including 1888, for exhibition purposes to a district exhibition in Fredericton, providing the exhibition is open to the whole Province, and provided also that the Board will not be considered as assuming any responsibility in connection with the exhibition.

The mover and seconder having spoken Mr. Anderson opposed the motion. Woodstock had held a very successful exhibition with the aid of $500 from the Government, in which the Board was not consulted. He was opposed to the funds provided for Provincial Exhibitions being devoted to district shows and taken out of the funds of the Board.

Mr. Fairweather moved, seconded by Mr. Anderson in amendment.

Resolved,—That it is not expedient at this time to give encouragement to a district exhibition, inasmuch as the system of the Board in holding triennial exhibitions, appears to have given satisfaction, and further that no guarantee has been given that other sections of the Province will be dealt with in a like manner.

Mr. Inches ably advocated the resolution, showing that the proposed exhibition would be one of great advantage to the general farming interests of the Province.

Mr. Johnston was opposed to the Board giving away funds which they possessed by law, and had no right to dispose of for the purposes stated. He was in favor of an exhibition held on the same principle as that at Woodstock, the societies contributing the expense.

Mr. Johnston wished to move in amendment to this amendment.

Resolved—that this Board deems it unadvisable at the present stage of proceedings to pass a resolution recommending the Government to a disposal of the funds accrued or accruing from the Legislature, on account of Provincial Exhibitions.

No seconder volunteered for this resolution.

Messrs. Brown and Colwell then withdrew their resolutions and moved as an amendment to Mr. Fairweather the following motion

Resolved—that this Board recommend the application of the committee for a district exhibition to be held in Fredericton in 1888, to the favorable consideration of the Government.

This was carried, Messrs. Anderson and Fairweather dissenting.

THURSDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 22.

The Secretary read a petition from the Gladstone and Sunbury Societies asking for rebate in connection with the horse Lord Stansfield, purchased by them for $310, the animal having proved a thorough failure through horse ail. Mr. Alexander of the Gladstone Society, and Mr. Bailey of the Sunbury Society, said the sum the societies thought they should recieve was $10.

Question deferred to be considered with other maters of a similar kind.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Mr. Barker of the Stock Farm, made a statement in reference to the complaint of the Jacksonton-Wakefield Society, as to the Polled Norfolk bull upon which the growth of horns had appeared and which was thought not to be full bred. Mr. Barker was very positive that he had been guilty of no neglect in the matter. The animal was sired by Longtellow out of Lady Suffolk. It was possible that one of the parents might be defective in breeding.

The committee appointed to consider the rival claims from Hampstead and Welsford, Queens Co., for the formation of a new society and decide which was most eligible for location, reported in favor of Welsford.

Mr. Colwell dissented from the finding of his colleagues on the committee, Mr. Andersen and Mr. Fairweather. He pointed out that the list furnished by the Hampstead people was much larger; that the locality was more central, and that the old society formerly there had simply collapsed because of an incompetent secretary.

The President remarked that the Hampstead Society had been repeatedly asked to comply with the law.

Mr. Inches said it was not customary to suppress a Society because of an unintentional irregularity. The Hampstead people sent in a paid up list of 140 members while the other combination numbered only 40.—Hampstead was an important locality while many of the members of the proposed Society in Welsford resided in Kings County. He would strongly urge the recognition of the old Society.

Mr. Anderson thought a new, young and vigorous society would be more of a success than an old played out organization. He instanced the good results of the disbandment of the York Agricultural Society and the formation of the St. Marys Society.

Mr. Johnston pointed out that neither of the contending parties had furnished a paid-up subscription list in conformity with the law, and he moved that until that be done that the Board take no action.

Mr. Fairweather said that the statement that many of the members of the proposed society at Welsford resided in Kings County was incorrect. He did not believe that a dozen of the members lived in Kings County. After a long discussion the report of