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At a public Meeting held at the County Court House on the Evening of the 7th of January, in connection with the proposed Provincial Society, agreeably to the 9th of a series of Resolutions passed at a Public Meeting, in Fredericton, on the 1st day of October last. Robert Chestnut, Esq., was called to the Chair, and John A. Beckwith, Esq., appointed Secretary. The Chairman addressed the meeting and referred to Mr Kerr.

D. S. Kerr Esq., then explained the object of the meeting, stated what had been done by the Committee, read the Constitution which had been prepared, stated that His Excellency the Lieut. Governor had kindly consented to become patron of the Society, and proposed the Constitution as read for adoption, which being seconded by Mr John T. Smith, was put to vote, and carried unanimously and is as follows:—

NEW BRUNSWICK SOCIETY, FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF AGRICULTURE, HOME MANUFACTURES, AND COMMERCE.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The style of this Society shall be "The New Brunswick Society for the encouragement of Agriculture, Home Manufactures, and Commerce throughout the Province," its objects shall be to improve the condition of those important branches respectively and as connected with each other, by such practical and effective means as may be suggested and approved at any regular meeting of the Society, or by any Committee or Committees appointed by such Society, and whose acts may be approved and adopted.

2d. The Society shall consist of such inhabitants of the Province as may signify in writing their wish to become members, and shall pay on subscribing not less than one dollar, and annually thereafter, not less than one dollar, and honorary and corresponding members may be admitted by vote of the Society without payment. Provided always, that Presidents of County Agricultural Societies or a delegate from each shall *ex officio*, be members of this society, without payment, and Provided also That the payment of £5 or more shall constitute a member for life and exempt the donor from annual contributions.

3d. The officers of this Society shall consist of one President and fourteen Vice Presidents, namely, two Vice Presidents for the County of York, one of whom shall reside in the City of Fredericton, and a Vice President for each of the Counties being a resident thereof, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Executive Committee to consist of the officers above named, and twelve additional members, five of whom shall constitute a quorum, and a general committee the members of which shall be the Legislative Counsellors and the members of the House of Assembly of the Province for the time being in the respective counties where they reside, or which they respectively represent, Provided always That the said general Committee shall be considered and treated, by this constitution, as private individuals and for the better carrying out the Society's objects, in parts beyond Fredericton, and not in their Legislative capacity.

4th. The general duties of the officers of this Society shall be as follows, the President, or in his absence, one of the Vice Presidents, shall preside at the regular meetings of the Society, preserve strict order, and put to vote all questions submitted, which shall be determined by the majority then present, he is expected to take a prominent part in originating and bringing before the Society such measures as may appear to him calculated to advance its interests, and shall do and perform such other acts as may be required of him by this constitution, or by vote of the society, the Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Society in a book to be provided for that purpose,

the Corresponding Secretary shall carry on a correspondence with other societies, with individuals and with the general Committee in furtherance of the objects of the society. The Treasurer shall collect and receive the funds of the society and keep them in such a manner as the society may determine, and shall disburse them on the order of the President or a Vice President countersigned by the Recording Secretary, and shall make a report of the receipts and expenditures at the annual meeting in January in each year, the Executive Committee shall have in charge the general interests of the Society, shall take care of, and distribute or preserve all articles which may be transmitted to the Society, and also shall have the charge of all communications designed or calculated for publication, and so far as they may deem expedient, shall collect, arrange and publish the same, in such manner and form as they shall consider best calculated to promote the objects of the Society and shall make, or cause to be made, an annual report of the Society's doings for the inspection of the Legislature and the public at large, and the general Committee are charged with the interests of the Society in the Counties in which they shall respectively reside—and shall constitute a medium of communication between the Executive Committee and the remote members of the Society.

5th. A special committee or committees, for any purpose connected with the interests of the Society, may be appointed at any regular meeting, by the resolution of the majority then present.

6th. There shall be four regular meetings of the Society in Fredericton in each year, namely, on the first Wednesday in January, the first Wednesday in April, the first Wednesday in July, and the first Wednesday in October, except the first meeting of this Society to be held on the 31st day of Jan. 1850. Provided always That all the officers of the Society, except the general Committee shall be elected by plurality of votes at the annual meetings in January in each year, and Provided also that there shall be a general meeting of the Society during the session of the Legislature at such time and place as the Executive Committee may appoint giving at least 14 days notice in the Royal Gazette, and in such other papers as may be deemed advisable.

7th. The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancies which may occur in the officers of the Society during the year, or supply their places *pro tem*, at any regular meeting, and may also call extra meetings, if found essential for the interests of the society so to do. Provided that due notice be given of the time and place, and specify objects of such extra meetings, in one or more of the public prints, and by 12 or more hand bills posted up in the city of Fredericton at least twenty four hours before such meeting. Provided, also That at such meeting there be at least nine of the Executive committee, besides twelve members present to form a quorum.

8th. This Society may hold, and if considered advisable by the Executive committee, may co-operate with one or more county Agricultural societies, in holding an annual show and fair in any county of the Province at such time and place and in such manner as shall be designated by the Executive committee who may award such premiums and payments towards the objects contemplated by this society as may be reasonable and compatible with the funds of this society.

9th. While all persons holding positions of rank and influence in New Brunswick, members of county Agricultural societies, and other institutions, public Editors and the inhabitants of the Province generally, are respectfully solicited to join this society and give their presence at its meetings and their co-operation and aid in advancing its interests, the office bearers are especially called on to be regular and prompt in their attendance and diligent and persevering in their efforts, towards carrying out the legitimate objects of this Society, and for the faithful, spirited, and efficient performance of their

respective duties, shall at the termination of their yearly services be entitled to receive the thanks of the public expressed through this Society, in such manner as it may determine; Provided always That it shall be in the power of this Society to award to any particular office bearer or office bearers, for services actually performed, such remuneration as may appear necessary, reasonable, and just.

10th. This constitution shall be construed liberally in favor of carrying out the avowed objects of this society, and may be amended by a vote of two thirds of the members attending any annual meeting in January in each year, Provided That notice in writing be given at the previous quarterly meeting, specifying the intended amendment.

On Motion of John A. Beckwith Esq., the following gentlemen was proposed as Office Bearers for the Society, under the patronage of His Excellency during the present year:—which passed unanimously—

PATRON.

His Excellency, Sir EDWARD W. HEAD.

PRESIDENT.

Professor Robb.

VICE PRESIDENTS.

York County.—Robert Chestnut, Esq.

“ (rural district).—R. D. James.

St. John.—Robert Jardine, Esq.

Charlotte.—James Brown, Esq.

Sunbury.—C. L. Hatheway, Esq.

Queens.—Wm. Fesbay, Esq.

Kings.—Allen C. Evanson, Esq.

Westmoreland.—Hon. Wm. Crane.

Northumberland.—George Kerr, Esq.

Kent.—Wm. M'Leod, Esq.

Gloucester.—Francis Ferguson, Esq.

Restigouche.—Dugald Stewart Esq.

Carleton.—Charles Perley, Esq.

Albert.—Thomas Gilbert, Esq.

Recording Secretary.—James S. Beek.

Corresponding Secretary.—John A. Beckwith.

Treasurer.—Joseph Gaynor, Esq.

Additional members of the Executive Committee.—Mr Thomas R. Barker,

Wm. H. Odell, Esq., Frederick W.

Hatheway, Esq., Mr William Watts,

David S. Kerr, Esq., Hon. L. A. Wilnot,

Mr George Todd, Mr Constantine Connelly,

Mr John T. Smith, James Taylor,

Esq., J. A. M'Lauchlan, Esq., Henry

Fisher, Esq.

On Motion of D. S. Kerr, Esq., the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the grateful thanks of this meeting be tendered to His Excellency Sir E. W. Head for his kindness in consenting to become the patron of the New Brunswick Society, that His Excellency be waited on with a copy of the Constitution and List of Officers as now adopted, and also that His Excellency be most respectfully solicited to Honor the Society with an address at such time and place as he may appoint, at which time donations towards the funds of the Society will be received.

And further resolved, That the President, Mr Kerr, and Capt. Chestnut be a committee to attend to the foregoing duty and call the first general meeting of the Society conformable thereto, giving due notice thereof.

Resolved, That the Executive committee be a committee to obtain subscribers to the Society agreeably to the Constitution and pay the proceeds into the hands of the treasurer.

The first general meeting of this Society took place, agreeably to its constitution on the evening of Thursday the 31st January 1850, at the County Court House in Fredericton, was numerous and respectively attended, and addressed by several speakers, the President opened the proceedings by referring to the manner in which this society had been got up, and the object it had in view. D. S. Kerr, read the proceedings of the previous meeting the Constitution of the Society, and reported that His Excellency, the Lieut. Governor had been waited on, agreeably to the Resolution of the public meeting of the 7th of January and had given a liberal donation to the funds but deferred addressing the Society in its present stage for reasons entirely satisfactory

to the committee, he also stated on behalf of the committee for collecting subscriptions that they had ascertained it was not advisable to take much action in that line until the Constitution and first proceedings of this Society should be published, when the subscription list would be properly attended to—he handed however a subscription list £12, £6 of which he paid to the Treasurer, the remainder being available at any time, and stated that there seemed the best of feeling in every quarter, manifested towards the Society, the following Resolutions were then submitted, and passed unanimously.

1. Resolved, That the Executive committee, do, without delay, exert their efforts to obtain donations and subscriptions for the Society, agreeably to the Constitution, and pay the same to the Treasurer.

2. Resolved, That the Executive committee do forthwith prepare and submit to the Legislature, at the approaching Session, a petition, setting forth the formation and objects of this Society, with a notice of its proceedings and the amount subscribed and paid, and praying for an Act of Incorporation, and an annual grant of money to aid the Society in its operations, a draft of the Act prayed for, to be submitted if required for the purpose.

3. Resolved, That the publishers of Newspapers in Fredericton and in other parts of the Province, are respectfully requested to publish for the information of the public, the Constitution of this Society with the names of office bearers and such parts of the proceedings of this meeting as may be furnished to the first publisher, by the Recording Secretary, and that fifty extra copies of the Amaranth, the Head Quarters, and the Reporter respectively be supplied to this Society for distribution.

4. Resolved, That this Society especially solicit at this time, the friendly concurrence and energetic aid of its office-bearers and county Agricultural Societies in the different parts of the Province, towards advancing the interests of this Society, and their exertions in obtaining donations and subscriptions for increasing the funds, to be forwarded to the Treasurer, and the Corresponding Secretary do forward a paper containing this solicitation, and the constitution and proceedings of this society, to each office bearer and President of county Agricultural Societies throughout the Province, for their information.

5. Resolved, That a Corresponding Secretary do forthwith, correspond with the office bearers of this Society, in different parts of the Province as also with the Presidents of county Agricultural Societies and individuals with the view of enquiring, whether in their opinion there be any particular subject or subjects deserving the immediate attention of this society, and if so, whether such person or persons will consent to be named on a special committee at any quarterly meeting of this Society, to enquire and report on such subject at a subsequent quarterly meeting.

6. Resolved, That this Society cordially invites a free and friendly intercourse with county Agricultural and other Societies, and with individuals in every part of the Province, and elsewhere, on subjects within the purposes of this society, and any communications or suggestions so designed will be thankfully received and respectfully attended to.

7. Resolved, That the Executive committee do forthwith, take the necessary steps to obtain a small Library for the Society's use, especially of such works as may afford the most practical knowledge for dissemination.

8. Resolved, That the Executive committee do as speedily as possible, institute an enquiry, and report to this society at its meeting the session of the Legislature, whether it may be desirable and practicable for this society to hold an annual show and fair in this present year and if so, at what time, place and in what manner, with the probable expense attending the same and that the corresponding Secretary with the aid and ad-