

must intimate the same through the Secretary previous to such meeting, and which alteration should be submitted to the Society for its approval or rejection.

4th. That a Cattle and Agricultural Show, and Ploughing match, shall be held the present year at Fredericton, on the first Tuesday in October next, subject to such rules and conditions as the Board shall appoint and publish prior to the 1st of August next.

5th. The funds of the Society, after defraying the necessary contingencies, shall be applied to Agricultural purposes, and to the encouragement of domestic Manufactures; and no money shall be paid by the Treasurer for the purposes of the Society, without due authority from the Board.

6th. A report of the proceedings of the Society, and the Treasurer's Account, previously audited by the Board, shall be submitted at the annual meeting in January.

7th. Implements of Husbandry and Seeds will be furnished to Members of the Society at prime cost and charges.

8th. The Members of the Society, or such of them as choose to attend, will dine together at the annual meeting in January.

After which, the Meeting proceeded to the election of Office-bearers, when the following gentlemen were chosen:—

PRESIDENT—Mr. Oliver Smith.

SECRETARY & TREASURER—Mr. J. A. Beckwith.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Dumfries.—Mr. John Guion.

Southampton.—Doctor Shelton.

Queensborough.—Doctor Caverhill.

Prince William.—Thomas Jones, Esquire.

Douglas.—Mr. Moses Pickard.

Kingsclear.—Mr. Charles Long.

Stanley.—Robert James, Esquire.

St. Mary's.—Major M'Lean.

Fredericton.—Mr. William Watts.

COMMITTEE.

Dumfries. { Witter Davidson, Esquire,
Mr. Harry Jones,
Mr. Hugh Jamieson.

Southampton. { Mr. Nathaniel Ingraham,
Mr. John Grant,
Mr. Charles Bartlett.

Queensborough. { Mr. Ira Ingraham,
Mr. Jacob Gunter,
Mr. Israel Parent.

Prince William. { Rev. Thomas Saunders,
Mr. Cooke Jocelyn,
Mr. William Love.

Douglas. { Mr. Jeremiah Christie,
Mr. John Burpe,
Mr. David Yerxa.

Kingsclear. { Isaac Kilburn, Esquire,
George Garden, Esquire.
Mr. Isaac Murray.

Stanley. { Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Main,
Mr. Douglas, Senior.

Saint Mary's. { B. R. Jouett, Esquire,
Mr. Benjamin Goodspeed,
Mr. John M'Bean.

Fredericton. { Mr. Simonds,
Mr. Flemming, Junior,
Mr. Joseph Horncastle.

On motion of F. A. H. Stratton, Esq.

Resolved, That the President, Mr. Wilmot, Col. Hayne, and Mr. Odell, do wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and respectfully request His Excellency to become Patron of the York County Agricultural Society.

Mr. Baillie having left the Chair, the thanks of the Meeting were given to him for his efficient and courteous conduct, and to Mr. Beckwith for his successful exertions in re-organizing the Society, and for his services as Secretary to the Meeting.

The Meeting then adjourned.

The editors and conductors of all the Fredericton papers were present, and it is therefore hoped that sketches of the eloquent and forcible appeals made by the Hon. Messrs. Wilmot, and Baillie, Col. Hayne, Messrs. Smith and Watts, and several other amateur and practical agriculturists, on the objects of the Meeting, will appear in the public prints.

JOHN A. BECKWITH, Secretary.

When Mr. Beckwith had concluded the remarks embodied in the above proceedings, the Hon. Mr. Baillie on taking the Chair made some excellent observations on the importance of re-organizing the Society, particularly at a time like the present, when millions of our fellow creatures were suffering want, and many dying of starvation. Thousands of emigrants were also crowding to these shores in search of employment, and the surest means of expending their labour to advantage would be in applying it to the soil of the Province. In England, Ireland, and Scotland,—in France

and in Germany,—indeed in all portions of the civilized world, the formation of such Societies had been found beneficial to Agriculture; and he (Hon. Mr. Baillie,) trusted that the Society which they were then about to re-organize would go on, and, with the blessing of the Almighty, prosper, and be a benefit to the people of this County and to the Province, as Agriculture lay at the bottom of the permanent prosperity and happiness of every people.

The first resolution being then moved, seconded, and carried unanimously, without remark—on moving the second resolution, Col. Hayne said that he was a member of the late Society, and had great hopes of its permanency and prosperity; it had, however, fallen into decay from some cause or other, and they were now met to resuscitate so useful an institution; "for be assured" said Col. H., "that unless the people of New Brunswick take care of their agricultural interests, they may soon find the Province in a very bad state." There were at present about 2000 emigrants below, who had come out in search of employment; there were no public works in progress on which these people could be set at work; but agricultural labour, when properly expended, was the most beneficial employment which could be followed, and would better than any other fit industrious emigrants to become permanent settlers in the Province. Such Societies as they were then about to form, would do much to raise Agriculture to its legitimate importance in this country, as like Societies had done elsewhere. Col. Hayne then read the second resolution, which passed unanimously.

L. A. Wilmot, Esq., intimated that at this stage of the proceedings it would be better to give the Society an existence, by putting a head upon it by the appointment of a President, and went into a somewhat lengthened detail of the proceedings of the former Society, of which he had been President, giving the Meeting plainly to understand that its failure arose from the want of sufficient interest being taken in its affairs by those who had become its members. He also gave a very short but comprehensive view of the state of perfection to which Agriculture had been brought by aid of modern science, assisted by the diffusion of knowledge which such Societies, when properly followed up, would disseminate among the masses of the people. The application of chemical knowledge to the purposes of Agriculture was warmly eulogized; and Mr. Wilmot claimed for Agriculture the dignity of a scientific profession, in addition to its being one of the most useful and least selfish arts, quoting the opinion that "he who makes two stalks of corn grow where only one grew before, was properly denominated a benefactor to his country." Mr. Wilmot then went into a description of the horses, sheep and hogs which are too often to be met with in York County, as well as other portions of the Province, ridiculing each in turn with good humor, sometimes mixed with a severity, which, although playful, did not cut the less keenly. The bone of the horse was described as being excellent and easily judged of, as it frequently stood high, and not unnecessarily concealed by muscle. The sheep were praised for the lightness of their carcasses, as they were the easier carried to market; their wool for the thinness of the crop, and not adhering too closely to their backs, which save clipping, as it could be gathered from the bushes—saved soap, as there was little to wash—saved labour, as there was little to spin and weave; and was economical in another respect, it saved cloth—the owners of such sheep had little to wear. The hogs were eulogized for their activity and long legs, being able to run a mile before a heavy clumsy English hog could get up. The length of their noses commemorated in like manner, and their instinct in providing for themselves by rooting in the soil, set forth to the most advantage. —Mr. Wilmot concluded a most amusing speech by declaring that as a humble member of the Society, every thing which he could do should be done to support and encourage it—and gave several instances where enterprising individuals had benefited the Province generally, by the introduction of a superior class of domestic animals.

The Meeting then proceeded to the adoption of the rules which should govern the Society, and some excellent remarks were elicited; Mr. G. L. Hatheway contending warmly that the premiums should be confined to practical farmers—but it being next to impossible to define a term (which would exclude Mr. Hatheway himself from competing,) it was finally agreed that all members of the Society should be allowed to compete—an arrangement which, in our humble opinion, is the best which, under all circumstances, could have been arrived at. We could not help being struck with the declaration of the newly elected President, who said, that having turned his attention to farming, he was not afraid to compete with any one. If amateurs had better stock of a kind which he wished to raise, and took the premium this year, he would try and improve his own and compete with them the next. To Mr. J. A. Beckwith, who took the initiatory steps in this matter, we think the public are much indebted, and we close this hasty sketch with the words with which that gentleman commenced the public announcement of his intention to aid the good cause—"SPEED THE PLOUGH."

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.—It is stated in the Quebec Mercury of the 5th instant, that a contract has been closed by the British North American Electric Telegraph Association for the construction of the line to the confines of New Brunswick. Mr. Ezra Cornell, of Ithaca, (N. Y.) agent for the construction of the Troy and Canada Junction Telegraph Company, has undertaken the work, which will be commenced without delay.