

Executive Committee, do without delay, put himself in communication with each Vice President of this Society, and with each Agricultural Society in this Province, or the proper officers thereof, with the view of ascertaining the sentiments and wishes in the respective Counties and County Agricultural Societies, and whether it would be desirable for this Society to co-operate with one or more of them, in holding an annual show and fair, and if necessary to submit a petition to the Legislature, for a grant of money towards carrying out the object.

9. *Resolved also*, That the said Executive Committee do consult the several members of the general Committee on their arrival in Fredericton as to their sentiments with reference to such proposed show and fair, in the respective Counties where they reside.

10. *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee will, until further notice, meet on the first Wednesday of every month at some convenient place for the dispatch of business.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

1st. *Resolved*, That the President, the Hon. the Vice President for Westmorland, the Hon. Harris Hatch, of Charlotte, Henry Cunard, Esq., of Northumberland, Mr. James Ingledew, of Saint John, Hugh J. Hansard, Esq., and Mr. William Watts, Senior, of York, be a Special Committee, for investigating as to the most practical modes adapted to the circumstances of this Province, of accumulating, preserving, and applying, different kinds of manures, especially manures available from household and farm-yard establishments, and to report on the same with the view of having the information disseminated, at the quarterly meeting in April next.

2d. *Resolved*, That Mr. William Watts, Senior, Col. James A. MacLachlan, Mr. Thomas R. Barker, and Mr. Robert Gray, of York County, Mr. James Ingledew, of Saint John County, and William Porter, Esq., of Charlotte County, be a special Committee, to inquire, and report to the Society at the quarterly meeting in April next, on the best mode, as adapted to the circumstances of this country, of raising Turnips, Mangold Wurtzel, Carrots, and Parsnips.

3d. *Resolved*, That William H. Odell, Esq., Mr. William Watts, Senior, John A. Beckwith, Esq., James Taylor, Esq., and Mr. William Grieves, of York, be a special Committee to inquire and report at the quarterly meeting in April next, on the best means of obtaining a good quality of seeds for general use, stating what descriptions may be raised in the Province to advantage, and the quarters from whence other descriptions can be imported on the most reasonable terms.

4th. *Resolved*, That Mr. George Ingraham, Col. Allan, Mr. Robert Gray, Mr. W. Grieves, of York County, and the Hon. Charles Harrison, of Queen's County, be a special Committee to inquire and report at the quarterly meeting in April next, on the best mode of fattening cattle and hogs, for making marketable beef and pork.

5th. *Resolved*, That the Vice President for York residing in Fredericton, David S. Kerr, Frederick W. Hatheway, James Taylor, and James S. Beek, Esqrs., of York County, the Vice-President for St. John County, the Hon. Alexander Rankin, of Northumberland County, be a special Committee to inquire and report at the meeting of this Society to be held during the Session of the Legislature on the best cash markets for beef and pork, and also the most practical and effective modes for putting up the same, fit to command such markets, and if necessary, to prepare and submit a draft of a Bill to the Legislature for that purpose.

6th. *Resolved*, That John T. Smith, A. T. Coburn, Esq., Mr. James Hogg, Mr. George Todd, Mr. William Morgan, Dr. H. A. Hartt, Harvey Garcelon, Esq., Mr. Peter M'Farlane, of York, be a special Committee to inquire and report at the quarterly meeting in April next, as to the best modes of encouraging household and provincial manufactures and the mechanic arts, together with the different kinds thereof, and as to what kind of factories may be undertaken in New Brunswick, with reasonable prospects of success.

7th. *Resolved*, That the Vice President of York residing in Stanley, Marshall d'Avray, George Roberts, and Henry Fisher, Esqrs., be a special Committee to inquire and report to this Society at its next quarterly meeting, on the best modes of imparting information to the farming and working classes in this Province, and the most efficient way of disseminating agricultural and other useful information among such classes.

James Taylor, Esq., spoke of the importance of a Farmer's Bank, but the matter was deferred until a subsequent meeting. The Vice President of Sunbury addressed the Society in an able manner on the subject of emigration, and on the importance of having an emigrant agent for each County of the Province; his remarks were received with high approbation, and it was referred to the Executive Committee for further consideration. His Honor the Master of the Rolls gave a handsome donation towards the funds of the Society, and made an excellent and very gratifying address, referring to the healthy climate and superior advantages of this Province, as also to the vast ability of Professor Johnston's report—highly commended the objects of the society and the manner in which it had been undertaken.

The donation and subscription list was considerably added to in the course of the meeting, and after some remarks from other gentlemen the Society adjourned.

JAMES S. BEEK,
Recording Secretary.

Jan. 31, 1850.

A Meeting of the Directors of the St. John Agricultural Society was held at the Secretary's Office on Thursday last, which was very fully attended. The President reported, that the subscriptions for the year 1849 amounted to £63, which was more than sufficient to obtain the Legislative grant. It was resolved, that the Society should import 20,000 draining tiles, to be here early in the Spring, and to be furnished to Members at cost and charges, in order that such as felt disposed might be able to commence thorough-draining the coming season. A Committee was appointed to prepare a list of premiums to be awarded at the Agricultural Show in October next, to report at the next monthly meeting; and this Committee was instructed to make all the premiums for the present year consist of Agricultural Books of proper value. A Committee was also appointed to examine the Oat Mill recently erected by Mr. Land, on the Golden Grove Road, and to report if in their opinion it was deserving of one of the premiums of £25, offered by the Society for the erection of Oat Mills in this County.

The Secretary was directed to prepare a Petition to the Legislature, praying that all grain and vegetables may hereafter be sold in this Province by weight, as in England, and not by measure as at present; and another Petition, praying a Legislative grant to the Commissioners of the Provincial Penitentiary, to enable them to procure a Bone Mill and a Tile Machine, both to be put in operation at that establishment for the public benefit.

From these proceedings it will be seen that the St. John Agricultural Society is in a prosperous state, and in vigorous activity. We shall be happy to publish similar Reports from other Societies in this Province.—*Courier*.

MELANCOLY ACCIDENT.—A correspondent has furnished us with the following account of a most distressing accident which occurred at Big Tracadie:—

On the night of the 22d instant, the house occupied by Mr. George Drysdale, with all its contents, was burned to the ground, and distressing to relate, his eldest son, eighteen years of age, another son, six years old, a daughter eight years, and a grand daughter aged two years, all perished in the flames. The eldest got safely out of the building, but hearing the screams of the children, rushed in again, but never returned. Mrs. D. in endeavouring to rescue one of the children through a window, lost her balance, and got her face and breast dreadfully burnt. Her sight is much injured, and it is feared that she will ultimately lose it. A daughter broke in a window, and at considerable hazard saved one of the children. They had nothing on them but their night clothes, and the night being stormy, they suffered much from cold before they reached a place of shelter. The bones of the four children who thus perished were collected together on the following day, and interred in the burial ground. A large concourse of people assembled to witness the ceremony, who expressed deep sympathy for the family, who have thus been so severely visited. Mr. D. was from home during the time the accident occurred.—*Mir. Gleaner*.

COURAGE—ITS INFLUENCE ON THE SAVAGE.—Seeing him pass his door, the ensuing spring, after the debt had been contracted, with his furs, which he carried to our opponents, he watched his return, and, calling him in, demanded payment. An insolent reply was the return for his kindness, which so much exasperated him, that he kicked him out, in presence of several other Indians. The insult was not forgotten. Soon after his arrival, this spring, he sent for Mr. Fisher, who complied with the invitation, expecting payment of his debt. The moment he entered the house, however, he discovered that he been inveigled. The Indian stood before him, his face painted, and a pistol in his hand, which he presented. In an instant Mr. Fisher bared his heart, and, staring his enemy fiercely in the face, exclaimed, "Fire, you black dog! What! did you imagine you had sent for an old woman?" Mr. Fisher's knowledge of the Indian character saved his life. Had he betrayed the slightest symptom of fear, he was a dead man; but the undaunted attitude he assumed staggered the resolution of the savage. A new bias seemed to operate on his mind, probably through a feeling of respect for the determined courage displayed by his intended victim. He could not brace his nerves to a second effort; his hand dropped listlessly by his side; his gaze was fixed on Mr. Fisher for a moment; then, dashing the pistol violently on the ground, he beckoned him to withdraw.—*M'Lean's Service in the Hudson's Bay Territory*.

SLUGS.—Six years ago a friend of mine had his farm much infested with slugs, which not only ate off all the young wheat that was above the surface, but actually penetrated into the drills and destroyed the stems of the plants. Anxious to put a stop to these ravages, he commenced dropping turnip tops about ten yards apart in the furrows of his wheat fields, and the next morning had them picked off, and on one occasion he took three bushels from nine acres of wheat. He persevered in this plan and destroyed a great many, but the mornings being very cold and the turnip tops frosty, the children did not at all like the work, and he found so much difficulty in prosecuting it, that he was compelled to abandon the plan. He then heard of what he was assured was a "certain remedy," and this was to sow slaked lime plentifully on the wheat. This sure remedy destroyed some, more escaped; for when the lime fell upon them, he observed that they had a peculiar way of