

Reports from the township societies have to be received, and a Report, similar to those already described for the townships, and containing information under the same heads, submitted by the Directors. The officers to be elected by the County Society are a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and Treasurer, and not more than seven Directors. The Report, when adopted, should be entered in the Society's Journal, and a true copy, certified by the President or Vice-President, forwarded to the Board of Agriculture, at Toronto, as soon as possible, but in any event not later than 1st April following. The names of the Officers and Directors elected for the current year should be appended to the Report, and the Reports received from the Township Societies must be transmitted to the Board of Agriculture by the County Society along with their own.

It is also the duty of the County Society at its annual meeting to nominate four persons to serve as members of the Board of Agriculture for the ensuing two years in place of those retiring by rotation. The four members who retire from the Board at the end of the present year are Messrs E. W. Thomson, of Toronto; Hon. H. Rutlan, Cobourg; Hon. G. Alexander, Woodstock; R. L. Denison, Toronto. The retirement of these gentlemen, however, does not render them ineligible for re-election.

The names of the four persons so nominated by the County Society, are required by the Act to be immediately transmitted to the *Bureau* of Agriculture, at Quebec.

A CANADIAN SHORT HORN HERD BOOK.

The Board of Agriculture proposes to publish at an early day, a Herd Book, containing the pedigrees of all the pure blooded Short Horned, or Durham Cattle, which have been imported into, or bred in Canada up to the present time, so far as they can be obtained. It is intended to make the work a complete Book of Reference for Canadian Breeders, affording all the information necessary in reference to the derivation of their stock, without the necessity of consulting either the English or American Herd Books. Every Short Horn Breeder knows the importance and value of such a work, and it is not necessary therefore in this place to dilate

upon it. The Canada Short Horn Herd Book will afford in one compact work, up to the present time, so far as Canadian Breeders are concerned, all the information which is now spread over twenty large volumes of the American and English Herd Books, and which could not be procured in this extended form at a cost of less than a hundred dollars. It is intended that the price of the Canada Herd Book shall be moderate, probably not over three or four dollars per copy. There is already material on hand for a considerable volume, and further pedigrees will be received up to the 1st May next.

Persons wishing to have the pedigrees of their cattle inserted should forward them at once to the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, Toronto. Each pedigree should be written out in full, and should give the following information, viz: The sex of the animal, the name, the colour, the exact date of birth, the name of the breeder, and of the present owner, the name of the sire of the animal, with his reference number in the Herd Book, or Canada Stock Register; then the name of the animal's dam, and of her sire, with his reference number; the name of the animal's grand dam, and of her sire with his number; and so on, tracing back in a direct line through the female side, for at least five generations, or till the pedigree terminates in a dam already recorded in the Herd Book. If any of the sires mentioned are not Herd Book animals, the full pedigrees of such sires must be given, and they will appear in the Herd Book in their proper places, for convenience of reference, as independent entries.

All pedigrees, the insertion of which has been paid for in the Upper Canada Stock Register, kept at the office of the Board of Agriculture, Toronto, will be inserted in the Herd Book without further charge. The charge for the insertion of others will be half a dollar each.

As the number of copies printed will depend upon the extent of the demand for the work, all persons who wish to have copies are requested to inform the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture as soon as possible, so that their orders can be filed, and the extent of the edition regulated accordingly. The amount need not be forwarded till the work is ready for delivery.—Every County and Township Agricultural Society in the Province, will sooner or later find it