

two young boarlings of the Berkshire breed to be delivered at Halifax in the spring.

Moved, seconded and passed that the Secretary advertise in the Agricultural Journal for a bull one or two years old of the Durham or Ayrshire breed and two young Berkshire boarlings.

Moved seconded and passed that a general meeting of the society be held in the Court House on the first Tuesday of June next, then to collect subscriptions for the present year.

The meeting then adjourned.

ROBERT A. JONES, *Secretary*.

BRIDGETOWN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The attention of the Society during the past year was chiefly occupied in making arrangements for the successful carrying out of an Exhibition of fruits, roots, seeds, grain, dairy produce, and domestic manufactures amongst the members. The show of fruits, roots, seeds, dairy produce, and domestic manufactures, was held on the 7th October, and was considered quite satisfactory; the grain will be exhibited on the first Saturday after New Year's day.

We have stated the names of all the members with the amount paid by each in a former report.

Receipts for the year.

Amount of Subscriptions	-	\$48 00
Provincial allowance	-	96 00
Disbursements for premium	-	166 00
For printing	-	5 87½
Judges dinner—day of exhibition	2 50	
Cash in hand after paying expen.	84 15	

OLIVER FOSTER, *Vice Pres.*
JAMES E. FELLOWS, *Sec'y.*

The following persons are officers and directors for the present year:—Dr. Binyay, *President*; Oliver Foster, *Vice President*; James E. Fellows, *Secretary*; Silas L. Morse, *Treasurer*. Charles Whitman, Eugene Troop, Delaney Harris, Robert Ansley, Jared C. Troop.

We stated in a former report the names of the successful competitors at the late exhibition, with the names of the articles exhibited.

It is the opinion of a number of the members that we had better not hold any exhibition in the coming year, but save our funds for the purchase of improved stock. Mr. Decie of Granville,—a member of the society—who imported last year a number of Cotswold Sheep, thinks they will do finely in this county; he has sold during the autumn 6 ewes and 15 ram lambs at \$15 each. He has imported a ram this year whose weight is said to be 340 lbs., and is a superior animal.

The crops in this section of the county

have been rather light the past year, owing to a very severe drought, in the early part of summer.

It is with pleasure that we report the continued and efficient operation of our society.

J. F. FELLOWS,
Secretary.

NINE MILE RIVER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Nine Mile River, March 16, 1866.

I herewith send you the enclosed schedule and a copy of the constitution and bye-laws of our Society, and the names of officers for the season.

You will perceive that our Society intend purchasing improved stock, and are anxious to know if there are any improved Bulls for sale through the different Societies. If you know of any we will be under obligations to you for the information.

The members have all paid their fees, and wish to know when the Government aid can be drawn, in case of their purchasing stock.

You will please have our Society organized, if according to your rules and regulations; and, if not agreeable to law, I am under the necessity of claiming your direction and assistance.

I was of opinion that our efforts might have been more profitably employed in growing of green crops for the first year, as our funds are small, and feeling confident that little improvement can be made in cattle without good feeding.

Our members all seem to feel deeply interested in the welfare of our Society, and I hope the results will be good. Time alone will tell.

I am anxiously waiting to hear the result of meeting of the Central Board, which will come off soon; and would feel greatly thankful for a copy of the Journal, as you mentioned you would send it to me.

Soliciting your directions and counsel in behalf of our Society, I am, &c.,

JAMES GRAHAM.

NINE MILE RIVER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, COUNTY OF HANTS.

14th March, 1866.

SIR:—I embrace the present opportunity of returning the enclosed schedule together with the constitution and bye-laws of the Nine Mile River Agricultural Society.

CONSTITUTION.

Actuated by a desire to prove useful to ourselves and others in an Agricultural point of view, we have this evening formed ourselves into a society for the purpose of furthering and promoting the welfare of Agriculture in this locality, and we hereby agree to devote our best energies to that purpose, agreeable to Act of Revised Statutes for the Encouragement of Agriculture, and in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Central Board.

With this object in view we unitedly agree to use our first efforts in the improvement of horned cattle and sheep, and give more particular attention to farm culture in general.

BYE-LAWS.

1st.—Resolved that all persons having joined the society and failing to pay their fees within ten days from this date shall have no claim to the benefits of this society; and no person shall have a privilege to join this society until the next annual meeting.

2nd.—That any person wishing to join the society at such annual meeting shall notify the president of same, when he in due time shall bring it before the meeting, and shall be elected in or otherwise as the majority of those present shall determine; and that all persons or person so elected shall pay one half dollar initiation fee, together with his annual subscription the same as the members.

3rd.—Resolved that this society shall meet on the first Tuesday of December and March for the transaction of business connected with the society; and the first Tuesday of every month for the discussion of Agricultural questions, except December, March, June, July and August.

4th.—That all business of the society shall be transacted at the December and March meetings; and if it becomes necessary to hold special meetings the same shall be duly notified.

5th.—Resolved that the president shall have due authority to preserve good conduct and order throughout the different meetings, and where difference of opinion may exist, the question under consideration shall be put to vote, and he shall decide in favor of the majority; or in case of a tie he shall give the casting vote.

OFFICERS.

President, D. Ferguson, jnr.; *Vice-president*, Jas. C. Fraser; *Sec'y*, James Graham; *Treas.*, Wm. Withrow; *Committee*, Alex. McDonald, Senr., John Ferguson, Archibald Grant, Donald Ferguson.

Arts and Manufactures.

CROOKES'S IMPROVEMENTS IN GOLD AMALGAMATION.

At a recent meeting of the Institute of Natural Science, Professor Lawson showed, by a series of experiments, the remarkable effects obtained by the use of sodium amalgam in the separation of gold from its ores. The Hon. W. A. Henry, Atty. General, has taken much interest in the introduction of this process to the Nova Scotia mines. The following is a statement of Mr. Crookes's Patent:—

This invention relates to certain improvements in the method of treating the ores or substances containing gold and silver by amalgamation, and whereby those metals can be more perfectly and completely extracted and separated therefrom than by the processes hitherto adopted. A solid amalgam of sodium is in the first place formed by combining about one part of sodium with about thirty parts by weight of mercury.—The solid amalgam thus formed is then added to the mercury employed for the purposes of amalgamation, the propor-