

After discussing the most eligible place and conditions of sale, it was determined to sell at Public Auction, to the highest bidders, on Wednesday the 27th October, at Studley, the Canadian Stallion "Montreal," the three short horned Durham and Hereford Bulls, and two Heifers, the Cheviot, Southdown, and Leicester Rams and Ewes, and the Essex, Berkshire, and Suffolk Pigs, expected in the Prince George from London; also the six Boars and six Sows of the improved Berkshire and MacKay breed, ordered from Boston; and the Secretary was requested to prepare an Advertisement accordingly.

The Vice Chairman agreed to draw suitable bonds for preserving the Stock, and keeping them in the Province, conformably to the Act.

Messrs. M'Kinlay's account for 200 copies of Jackson's Work on Agriculture, was ordered to be paid, as it is hoped that the remaining copies of this valuable Treatise will be absorbed by the Societies, on the terms offered by the Board, that is, a present of a copy out of its own funds for every one that is ordered.

Read Letters from James B. Holdsworth, Esq. a member of the Board, and from W. H. Lee, Esq. Secretary of the Digby Society, describing its formation and progress, which were highly gratifying to the Board; and assigned to it—being the only one in the County, and embracing members from all quarters, the full sum of £75.

Read a Letter from Mr. George E. Jean, the Secretary, W. Crichton, Esq. being the President, and Messrs. DeCarteret, Janvrin, Bellam, Brymer, and J. Morrison, N. W. Arm, the Vice Presidents of a Society formed on the 1st instant, at Arichat, for the County of Richmond. By the Resolutions passed at the Meeting, the annual subscription of a member is to be five shillings; and a Committee consisting of Messrs. Janvrin, Cowley, Turnbull and Woods, was appointed to frame Bye Laws. The Secretary was directed to communicate to the Central Board the proceedings of the day, and to state that the sum required by law was made up; and the sum of £50 was apportioned for the purchase of Sheep and Swine. It was stated also that a spirit of enquiry into the benefits to be derived from the establishment of the Society was prevalent in the community, and that in all probability the subscriptions would amount to double the sum required by law. The Board hailed with satisfaction this auspicious movement in the County of Richmond, but as it was not mentioned whether the sum of £10 or £20 had been raised, and it was doubtful how far the other sections of the County might acquiesce in this Society as the central one, the Board contented themselves with assigning to it in the meanwhile the sum of £50.

Read Letters from the Secretary of a Society proposed to be formed, and since organized at Musquodobit—from the Societies at Guysborough, Wallace, and Broadcove, and from Mr. Colin M'Viccar, and directed the answers to be sent thereto.

Read a Letter from Mr. Hudson to G. R. Young, Esq. informing him that the Board had been elected a corresponding Member of the Royal Agricultural Society of England.

Read a Letter from Mr. Simmonds, expressing a desire to become a corresponding Member of the Board, this gentlemen being one of the Editors of the Farmer's Encyclopaedia, and a member of most of the learned Societies in London.

The Chairman and Secretary were requested to address a letter of thanks to the Hon. Michael Tobin, Senior, expressing the gratitude of the Board for the pains he had taken in selecting and shipping the Canadian Stallion.

The Board then adjourned.

London, September 1st, 1841.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg leave to enclose you an invoice of the Cattle, Sheep, and Pigs, bought under the orders put into my hands, and trust that they will give you and the country satisfaction, for I assure you that the labour and responsibility entailed on me have been far greater than I anticipated, and difficulties have embarrassed me which I have not been able satisfactorily to surmount. I have endeavored, however, to complete the order according to your directions—to acquire the necessary information to regulate future importations, and I believe I will best complete the agency I was persuaded to accept, by placing these on record for reference at subsequent times.

On enquiry, both in London and Liverpool, I found it difficult to ascertain where a selection of the best stock of different varieties could be seen in any one location; and after being introduced to

the Council and Secretary of the English Royal Agricultural Society, I was earnestly recommended by them to attend their annual exhibition at Liverpool, where I would be able to see both the best animals and breeders, and to acquire such a knowledge of prices as would guide me in the expenditure of the funds. I accordingly went to Liverpool for that purpose, and I am glad to say that I succeeded to my own satisfaction in the objects I had then in view; and was enabled to form those connections, and to obtain that information which I trust may be turned to useful account in the future.

I refer to the invoice, for the selections I have made, and to each of the animals you will find a history of its pedigree. With the exception of one of the Durham Bulls, which cost £42 sterling, none of the other Cattle can be called the *very best* specimens of their kinds; and altho' they are fine animals, and are put in as moderate in price, they are not the animals I would have selected, had I not been limited as to price—not that I mean it to be inferred that they are not good in their kind—for I have the guarantee of Mr. Hobbs, who is one of the Council of the Royal English Agricultural Society, who supplied them. and of Mr. Forbes the agent employed by me in London, and who has for the last ten years been engaged in the exportation of Stock—both as to their points and pedigree, but in place of buying *young* animals, who are to grow up before their merits can be exhibited, I would have preferred to have sent full-grown and perfect specimens, in order that our farmers might at once have seen the value of attending to the principles of breeding which now prevail.

To give you some idea of the value of the best Bulls of the Short-horned or Durham breed I may say to you, that 300 guineas is not an uncommon price for a Bull reared by one of the first breeders. A Bull of 3 years old, whose progeny has been approved of, cannot be bought for less than from £120 to £150. Mr. Forbes shipped lately to N. S. Wales two Bulls of this breed, the joint cost of which was 550 guineas, and the Bull bought by him for the Board at £42 could have been sold two days after to a breeder from New South Wales, at 46 guineas. Earl Spencer, who is now famous for his attention to this stock, has a long list of orders for all the Bull Calves he can spare, at 50 guineas each. This latter fact I have from the first authority. To have gone to these prices would have far outran the sum put into my hands for expenditure, and I was therefore obliged to appropriate the sum in the purchase of young Stock of good pedigree and points, and which, if carefully tended, will form valuable additions to our Provincial Stock, and when they reach their full age, will exhibit the Breed in its perfect condition.

The short-horned are celebrated both for Beef and as Milk-ers—the Hereford Stock are best known for their virtues in feeding—they supply the London Market with its best Beef. A good Hereford Bull of full age cannot be bought under 50 or 60 guineas. I endeavoured to get a good Bull of this kind from Mr. Price, who is well known for his skill in this breed. Mr. Hobbs had hired it for the last season at £40. This sum is not excessive,—for the ordinary price paid for the use of a Hereford or Durham Bull for one season varies from £40 to £80 and even £100 sterling. The £100 currency voted by the Board for the importation of the best breeds fitted for the Province, I intended to expend in the purchase of a Hereford and Ayrshire Bull and Heifer. I have purchased two of the former, a Bull of 6 months and a Heifer of 2 years of age in Calf, both from Mr. Hobbs, who is the first breeder in Essex of this kind. We have his name and guarantee for their value and points. The Ayrshire cannot be imported until next spring.

Now, as to the Sheep, let me state that the pedigree and name of the breeder entirely regulates the value. The price of South Down Tups varies from 20 to 50 guineas. At the late show at Liverpool, the prize Sheep sold there at £35 to £40—£40 is paid as the season price of a good Ram. The Sheep exported to Nova Scotia by Mr. Bowman, by the ship Emmeline, cost some of them, I was told, as high as 30 guineas. The value of the Leicester Tups ranges from 10 to 20 guineas. To have expended the £200 currency—to £156 sterling, voted by you in the purchase of a few choice specimens, would have marred the object you had in view, and I therefore thought it preferable, under the advice of Mr. Forbes, a man of excellent skill, to buy sheep of pure blood and of good points, although at a more moderate price. The Ewes are from the stock of Mr. Hobbs, and cost 5 guineas each. These are beautiful specimens of their kind, one of them a perfect model. The Rams cost five or six guineas each, and upwards, and although they can-