

RIVER JOHN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, COUNTY OF PICTOU.

BYE-LAWS.

Art. 1.—*Name.* This Society shall be called the "River John Agricultural Society."

Art. 2.—*Object.* The object of this Society shall be the encouragement and promotion of the introduction of improved stock, seeds, fruit, roots, implements, methods of culture, drainage, orchard cultivation, and improvement in farm buildings and domestic manufactures, to hold shows and exhibitions, to award premiums for excellence, and to diffuse information concerning agriculture and horticulture.

Art. 3.—*Membership.* Any person shall become a member of this Society by subscribing to the declaration and bye-laws and paying annually the sum of 1 dollar.

Art. 4.—*Officers.* The Officers of this Society shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Directors, all of whom shall be elected at the annual meeting in December, any five of whom shall form a quorum.

Art. 5.—*Duty of Officers.* 1. It shall be the duty of the President, or, in his absence, of the Vice-President, or, in the absence of both, of a chairman elected by the Society, to preside at the meetings of the Society. 2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a fair and complete record of the transactions of the Society, give notice of meetings, and act as the organ of the Society in all its correspondence. 3. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys of the Society, and pay the same under the direction of the Officers and Directors, and report when required so to do, and always at the annual meetings. 4. It shall be the duty of the Directors, together with the Officers, to manage all the affairs of the Society, consistently with chap. 96 of the Revised Statutes, or its amendments.

Art. 6.—*Meetings.* The Annual Meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday of December, when the Officers shall present a report of the state and operations of the Society; and the Society shall elect its Officers and nominate a person as member of the Central Board. Special meetings shall be called only at the request of at least three Officers.

Art. 7.—*Amendment of Bye-Laws.* Any repeats or amendments of these Bye-Laws must receive the consent of a majority of the members present at a general meeting.

MILFORD HAVEN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

BYE-LAWS.

Rule 1.—That the persons who have made up the amount of forty dollars and upwards, required by law, by subscribing and paying the sum of one dollar each,

be considered as having formed an Agricultural Society for the district of Guysborough,—to be called the "Milford Haven Agricultural Society." That in future any individual wishing to join such Society, on payment of the said sum of one dollar to the Society, shall be admitted a member thereof.

Rule 2.—The Society shall be governed by a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and five Directors. The said officers shall be a committee to manage the business of the Society for the time-being—a majority of whom shall form a quorum. The said officers to be elected or re-elected annually, by a majority of the votes present at the annual meeting in December.

Rule 3.—Each member shall pay into the hands of the Treasurer the sum of one dollar on or before the first day of October, annually; and all members whose subscriptions shall be in arrear beyond that period, shall forfeit all claim or benefit from the said Society during that year.

Rule 4.—It shall be the duty of the President, or in his absence of the Vice-President, to preside at all meetings of the Society, to propose and explain the business, to preserve order and regularity in the proceedings, to collect the votes and give a casting vote in all matters determined by a majority, where the votes happen to be equal.

Rule 5.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record the proceedings of the Society and the Managing Committee in a book to be kept by him for that purpose,—the record of each meeting to be signed by the presiding Officer and Secretary. He shall conduct the general correspondence, and receive, communicate and file all letters or other papers addressed to himself or the Society. As this Officer will have onerous duties to perform, he shall be allowed by the Society, at the annual meetings, such remuneration as may be considered adequate for such services.

Rule 6.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and grant receipts for all contributions, or other monies given for the use of the Society, and enter the same in a book to be kept for that purpose. He shall account at all times, when called upon by the Society or the Managing Committee, for the funds in his hands. He shall exhibit a correct statement of his accounts, and produce all books and vouchers at the general meetings, when they shall be audited by the Society, or a Committee appointed for that purpose, and signed by the President by order of the general meeting; and such signature shall be to the Treasurer a sufficient acquittance. It shall not be competent for the Treasurer to make any payments from the society's funds, to any person or for any purpose whatsoever,

otherwise than in virtue of a written order signed by the President, or in his absence the Vice-President.

Rule 7.—There shall be a General Meeting of the Society on the first Tuesday of the months of April and December, annually. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Secretary under a written order from a quorum of the Managing Committee. At these ordinary or special meetings any case may be decided, not provided for by the present Rules and Regulations. The meetings of the society as well as those of the managing committee, shall be held as near the centre of the society as a building can be obtained for that purpose—such place to be named in the notice for said meeting.

Rule 8.—The Managing Committee shall open, and at all times preserve a friendly correspondence with the Central Board of Agriculture at Halifax, with a view to the general improvement of Agriculture, and the prosperity of the Province, which important objects are only to be obtained by zealous co-operation and unabating perseverance on the part of local societies.

Rule 9.—It shall be competent for the society by a vote of a majority of the members present at a general meeting, to revise, alter or amend these Rules and Regulations so as to make them better adapted to the objects of the society; but the alterations or amendments proposed to be made, shall be delivered to the Secretary in writing at least one month before such General Meeting, to be held by him copied into each notice of the Annual General Meeting next succeeding.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ONSLOW AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Officers of the Society in making their report, are happy to state that the affairs of the Society are in a sound and prosperous condition. Many of the difficulties anticipated at the commencement have been successfully met and overcome. From being an enterprise in which many had little or no faith—regarded by others with entire indifference—and looked upon by most as destined to a short-lived existence, like its predecessors in the neighbourhood, it has come to be considered a useful institution, permanently established, and calculated to be beneficial in its results. The membership has increased, although some of the first ones have dropped off, and now numbers one hundred and one; and the prospect is favourable for the future. Something too has been gained by way of experience in management. The first year's stock was purchased and persons paid for keeping and attending them for the use of the Society, and the directors collected the fees for service. But this being found a very expensive system, and one involving much trouble and loss, a different plan has been adopted this year. The animals were given to keepers for a year at their own risk—the directors merely assigning a district and fix-