

to be carried around at a considerable waste of strength both of men and animals. For instance, a common digging spade or fork will weigh at least twice as much as one of ours, intended for the same class of work. There is more weight of wood in an English garden cart than would make two or three of ours, and this seeming unnecessary weight will be found to run through the whole list of English farm implements.

SMALL FRUITS.

Small fruits are grown on a large scale in the outskirts of London. At the fruit farm of Mr. F. Dancer, one of the most successful growers in the neighborhood of London, I had an excellent chance to study their methods. With raspberries, blackberries, currants and strawberries, our method of cultivating and yield would equal that of the best English growers. But with gooseberries, the English are so much larger and so much more prolific, that I would not even think of drawing a comparison. I saw growing at Mr. F.'s farm, fifteen acres of gooseberries, without apparently a diseased leaf or berry. The heavy spring rains and late frosts destroyed the crop of apples and pears in England, so that I had no opportunity of seeing orchards in full bearing, and had to be content with drawing conclusions from the growth and foliage of the trees. But in Belgium and France, I examined many noted collections of these fruits, and I returned home with the firm and proud belief that with apples, pears and peaches we can beat, in size, quality and production.

UPPER NINE MILE RIVER SOCIETY, HANTS COUNTY.

At a meeting held at Upper Nile Mile River, for the purpose of organizing an Agricultural Society, the following officers were unanimously elected:—

President, Samuel Blois; *Vice-Pres.*, Donald McPhee; *Secretary*, Geo. P. Thompson; *Asst. Secretary*, Jas. A. Thompson; *Treasurer*, Robert C. Roulston; *Directors*, Donald Thompson, David McDonald, Roderick McKenzie, Donald Grant, John A. McPhee.

The officers elect having taken their places the following motions passed unanimously:—

1st. That the Secretary receive the sum of five dollars annually.

2nd. That the President and Secretary shall purchase suitable books for said society.

3rd. That the Constitution and Bye Laws as read be adopted (a copy of which is here inclosed.)

4th. That the subscribing members pay their subscriptions on or before the 10th July.

5th. That this society shall be called the Upper Nine Mile River Society.

GEO. P. THOMPSON, *Secretary*.

CONSTITUTION.

NAME.

This Society shall be known as the Upper Nine Mile River Agricultural Society.

OFFICERS.

The officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and five Directors, to be chosen at each annual meeting.

PRESIDENT.

The President shall have power to call meetings of the society when he shall deem it necessary, and he shall do so at any time upon requisition in writing of three members of the board of Directors. He shall have the casting vote when the votes of those present are equally divided, and decide all questions of order, and shall perform such other duties as usually appertain to the office of President, and in case he is unable to act the Vice President shall act as President.

SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall post notices of the meetings of the society in five of the most public places within the boundaries of the society one week before the days appointed for such meetings upon the order of the President, and shall attend all meetings of the society, and keep minutes of the same, sign all money orders, and render in the reports of the society to the Central Board of Agriculture as required by law, and perform such other duties proper to his office as may be required of him by the President or ordered by any meeting of the society; for which service he shall receive annually the sum of five dollars.

Assistant Secretary to act in absence of Secretary.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall give bonds for double the amount likely to pass through his hands during the year, to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors. He shall receive all monies and pay the same only by the order of the President, countersigned by the Secretary, and shall report quarterly to the society the state of the funds.

DIRECTORS.

The Directors shall have the general management of the affairs of the society. Subject to and to be governed by the known wishes of the majority of any such meetings of the society, three of whom shall form a quorum.

The boundaries of the society shall be subdivided into five Directors Divisions as follows, viz.:

No. 1 shall include Back River and Nine Mile River as far northerly as Donald Fitzpatrick's North line.

No. 2 shall include from said Donald Fitzpatrick's North line northerly to James Thompson's, Junior, North line on the Ess Road and to the School House in Upper Nine Mile River Section.

No. 3 shall include from Upper Nine Mile River School House to John Cochran's and Dougald McDonald's, South lines, and shall include Archd. Fraser's.

No. 4 shall include from said John Cochran's and Dougald McDonald's South line to the junction of Roads near Wm. Murdoch's including the East Gore and Mountain Settlement.

No. 5 shall include the Indian Road and Barr Settlements.

Each of the said divisions shall be allowed one Director resident in each of said divisions.

MEETINGS.

The annual meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday in December in each year as prescribed by law, and quarterly thereafter at the time and place as the President may direct, with or without a written requisition of three of the Directors; five members of the society shall form a quorum.

MEMBERSHIP.

The annual fee for membership shall be one dollar, and no member shall be allowed to vote at any meeting of the society nor in any way participate in the benefits of the society whose subscriptions is not paid up agreeably to the rules of the society.

ALTERATIONS.

The constitution of the society shall not be altered except at an annual meeting and by a vote of two-thirds of the members then present.

RULES.

1. Each member shall pay his annual subscription to the Treasurer at such time as required by the annual meeting.

2. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on any one question at any meeting, nor more than five minutes each time without leave of the President to briefly answer any question, or by vote of the meeting; nor to use any language or conduct unbecoming a gentleman.

3. No member shall be eligible to vote under the age of sixteen years.

Any members breaking any of the foregoing Rules of the society shall forfeit his membership.

NEW PLAN FOR DOUBLE WORKING PEAR GRAFTS.—Mr. P. H. Parker of Bastrop, La., writes to the *Southern Farm and Home* that he is successfully practicing a new mode for double working such varieties of pears as are difficult to graft on the quince. He takes the reluctant variety, whatever it may be, grafts it on some other pear—the Bartlett for instance—then cuts the latter from its parent tree and grafts that upon the quince. (Growth in both cions follows at once, he claims, and he gains at least a year's time by it. He says also that this method improves the habits of some straggling varieties—the Rostiezer for instance—and that the Seckel, double worked on the Bartlett, will grow much faster than when grafted directly on the quince. He has practiced this for twelve years, he says, and now first makes it public.—*Horticulturist*.)

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION.

The Government have authorized the Central Board of Agriculture to announce that a Provincial Agricultural Exhibition will be held at Halifax, during the first week in October, 1874, of which notice is hereby given in terms of the Act for Encouragement of Agriculture. The Rules, Regulations and Prize List will be prepared for circulation without unnecessary delay.

By order of the Board of Agriculture.

GEORGE LAWSON,
Secretary.

Halifax, 19th August, 1873.