

Sale of Imported Stock by the Government of New Brunswick.

A LARGE ATTENDANCE AND FAIR PRICES OBTAINED
—THE PURCHASERS.

The sale of the sheep and pigs recently imported from England was held on the 20th of September, at the grounds of the St. John County Agricultural Society. The stock was in good condition and looked none the worse for their passage across the Atlantic and their journey since then. Mr. T. B. Hanington was the auctioneer. The attendance of buyers from the different agricultural societies in the Province was large, and a general desire to get the best stock, especially in sheep, made the bidding quite lively.

Among those present were the Attorney-General, who came down from Fredericton to attend the sale, and who, though not officially connected with the department of agriculture, has taken a marked interest in the stock farm, purchase of stock, &c.; the Provincial Secretary, who is, *ex officio*, President of the Board of Agriculture; the Solicitor-General, Hon. W. E. Perley, Hon. Robert Marshall, Mr. Rogers, M. P. for Albert, Mr. Ferris, ex-M. P. P., for Queens, Messrs. Woods, Morton and Elder, of the Local Legislature; Mr. Montgomery, ex-M. P., Messrs. Fairweather, Barker, Hamm, Magee, L. Donovan, Ward, of various Boards of Agriculture; representatives of agriculture from different counties, A. Chipman Smith, Dr. Steeves, and many others, interested in agriculture and in public matters generally.

It was the opinion very generally expressed that the sheep were a fine lot and well selected, and the bidding proves that the stock was much appreciated. There was no choosing or selecting for the sale, the attendants bringing them as they could catch them. The first sheep was a Border Leicester ram, which sold for the low price of \$30. The next was a Shropshire, which sold for \$65. The Cotswold and Shropshire appeared to be the favorite breeds and brought the highest prices, one of each breed selling for \$90 apiece. In fact, it may be said that the prices paid were very fair, and the Government will have no reason to find fault. The prices for which the pigs sold were not so good, the highest price paid being \$55 for a Berkshire boar. A fine White Windsor boar brought \$46. The sale netted something over \$3,100.

Forty-nine sheep and twenty hogs were sold, all of which remain in the Province of New Brunswick. Forty-two sheep and twelve hogs were bought by agricultural societies, and seven sheep and eight hogs by private individuals. All the sheep and twelve of the hogs were males. Three young Berkshire boars remain unsold. Two or three of the animals were held by the Government for the stock farm.

The following is a summary of the purchases made by the different Agricultural Societies, and the total amount for each society. The list which follows shows to what section of the country the stock goes:—

Name of the Society.	Amount.
St. Stephen	\$142
St. Patrick	125
Sunbury	85
Sussex and Studholm	254
Blissville (Sunbury Co.)	122
Sackville and Westmoreland	145
Kincairdine	128
Union K. Co'y	50
Woodstock	440
Sumarez	154
Jacksonville	160
Addington	168
St. Mary's	218
Stanley	81
Central Kings	110
Albert	47
Gladstone	96
Baltimore	20

Cattle Shipping.

It is the opinion of many vessel owners and seamen that to lessen the loss often incurred, and also the suffering of the animals, transportation across the Atlantic ought to stop between the months of October and April, unless the shipbuilders can invent a very superior class of ship to the majority of those which are now used the year round in this trade. It is the Atlantic winter gales which force masters of ships into so-called cruelties you read about, and no man will question that there is a positive inhumanity in starting a ship, with her decks crowded with animals, across the sea in the bitter, fierce weather which prevails during the winter months in the North Atlantic.

British American Shorthorn Association.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Canadian Shorthorn breeders took place in the Agricultural Hall, Toronto, Sept. 14th, notice of which was given in the September number of the *ADVOCATE*. On this occasion a very large number of Shorthorn breeders assembled. With one or two exceptions all the prominent breeders of the Province were present; also several members of the Agricultural and Arts Association, including the President. The business of this meeting was to receive the report of the committee appointed at the last meeting of the breeders to draft a Constitution and By-Laws (see July number of the *ADVOCATE*, page 157). Mr. John Dryden, M. P. P., Chairman of the committee, read the following Constitution:

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Society shall be known as the "British American Shorthorn Association," and is established for the purposes set forth in the resolutions passed at a meeting of Breeders of Shorthorn cattle, held in the Walker House at Toronto, on Thursday, June 2nd, 1881.

2. The persons hereinafter named in appendix A, shall constitute the original members of the Society, any, and every other person taking an interest in Short horn cattle, may and shall become a member, who having signified to the Executive Committee his desire to do so, shall be approved by the committee and entered on the register of members. A member may, at any time, withdraw from the Society by giving three months' notice in writing to the committee through their Secretary for the time being.

3. Every member shall be either a life member or an annual member, and shall pay on entrance an entrance fee of five dollars; life members shall pay an additional fee of forty dollars.

4. The income and property of the Society, from whatever source derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion and furtherance of the objects of the Society, as set forth in the resolutions above referred to, and no part thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly by way of bonus or otherwise howsoever, by way of profit, to the persons who are at any time or may have been members of this Society or to any person claiming through them; provided, always, that nothing herein prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any secretary, editor, officer, clerk or servant of the Society, or to any member of the Society or other person, in return for services actually rendered to the Society.

5. The rights and privileges of every member of the Society shall be personal to himself, and shall not be transferable.

6. Every member shall be entitled to receive annually a copy of the Herd Book and such other publications as the Society may issue during that year, either free, or for such reduced price as the committee may find necessary to charge, should the funds of the Society not permit of their being distributed gratis.

7. Any member who shall fail to observe any rule, regulation or by-law of the Society, or whose conduct shall be, in the opinion of the executive committee, prejudicial to the interests of the Society, may be suspended by the committee from the privileges of membership, and the committee shall report all such cases to the general meeting of the Society, when, after the suspended member shall have been heard, if he so desire it, it shall be competent for a two-third majority of those present and voting, to remove such person from the membership of the Society. Information that it was intended to propose such a resolution, shall have been given in the notice calling the general meeting.

8. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President and one Vice-President from each Province in the Dominion represented, to be elected by members of the Association at the regular annual meeting in each year.

9. The Executive Committee shall consist of twenty-one members (five of whom shall form a quorum) who shall be divided into three lists, to be called the A, B, and C lists, and who shall retire in rotation as follows, that is to say, the A list shall retire after the first general meeting after the organization of the Society, the B list at the second general annual meeting, and the C list at the third annual meeting. The President and the

Vice-President of the Society shall be, *ex-officio*, members of the executive committee.

10. At the annual general meeting in each year the Society shall elect seven members to serve on the Executive Committee to take the place of those retiring. A retiring member of the Executive Committee shall, in all cases, be eligible for re-election.

11. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the Executive Committee, either by death or retirement from the Society, such vacancy shall be filled at the next ensuing general meeting, and the member so elected shall retire at the same time as the members on the list to which he shall have been elected.

12. The Executive Committee shall have power to do all such things as may be incidental or conducive to the objects of the Society, and shall be generally charged with the administration of its affairs, and shall have the power of the appointment and dismissal of the servants of the Society. They shall place all moneys received by the Society in one of the chartered banks, and all payments shall be made by cheque, signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the Secretary. The Executive Committee shall convene special meetings of the Society from time to time as occasion may require, or at any time on requisition signed by six members of the Society.

13. A regular annual meeting of the Society shall be held in the month of February in each year for the purpose of the election of the officers of the Society and members of the Executive Committee, to receive the report of the audit of the accounts and to appoint auditors for the ensuing year.

14. The voting shall take place as follows: Each member who wishes to vote shall give in, either personally or by proxy, to the chairman of the general annual meeting, a voting paper with the names of seven members of the Society written thereon, for whom the member desires to vote. The chairman shall then appoint scrutineers, who will meet privately and count the votes and present the count to the meeting, and the seven members having the largest number of votes shall be declared elected. A member may appoint another member his proxy to vote for him in the election of the officers and the Executive Committee, but for no other purpose; every such appointment shall be in writing, and shall be signed by the appointing member and given to the chairman before the voting begins.

15. All matters, when not otherwise specially provided for, shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present, and in the case of an equality of votes, the chairman shall have the casting vote.

BY-LAWS.

1. Persons desirous of becoming members shall so notify the Secretary, pay the entrance fee, and agree, if elected, to conform to the rules of the Society, and not to withdraw without giving three months notice of his intention to do so.

2. Members shall pay an entrance fee of five dollars and an annual subscription of four dollars, which annual subscription shall be due and payable on or before the day of the annual meeting in each year.

3. When the election of a member takes place in the last quarter of any year, this annual subscription shall be counted as being for the year next ensuing, but he will not be entitled to receive the publications of the then current year, free.

4. Members whose subscriptions are in arrear will not be entitled to receive the publications of the Society until all such arrears are paid.

5. Under the constitution, the Executive Committee may suspend any member, and a two-third majority may remove any member from membership in the Society, should the conduct of such person be proved to be derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interest of the Society.

6. Members must keep the Secretary advised of their Post Office address, and all communications shall be considered delivered which have been mailed, properly addressed and prepaid.

7. Ten days before any general meeting, notice thereof, and of the business to be transacted thereat, shall be mailed to every member.

8. No member whose subscription is in arrear shall be admitted to take part in any meeting until such arrears are paid.

9. The ordinary meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held in the Association offices at least once every three months.

10. The Executive Committee shall have power to elect from among themselves a sub-committee