

All entrances of animals or articles intended to be shown for prizes, should be made at least seven days previous to the first day of the Show, at a charge of sevenpence halfpenny each, free of postage; afterwards the charge of entrance to be increased, to prevent late entries. The entrance books should be closed at sunset on the day previous to the Show. A distinct badge should also be provided for persons bringing property to the Exhibition; said badges to be given at the time of making the entry. If the entrance be requested by letter, the badge should be then put up, with the owner's name attached, ready for delivery when called for.

Labels should be carefully attached to all animals and articles exhibited, duly numbered in their respective classes. If for sale, the price should be marked thereon, particularly on implemenis of husbandry. No objection can be made to the owner's or maker's name appearing on the label.

To make it convenient for the judges, a person should be placed in charge of each class of animals and articles upon the ground, who shall, from the tickets, make a complete list of the class in his charge; from which list the judges can proceed to examine, and enter upon their book accordingly; and nothing can be adjudged that is not given to the judges by the person in charge. One book will thus agree with another, and of course the whole of said books will exactly correspond with the Secretary's general entry book.

We recommend that the premium list, with rules and regulations for conducting the Exhibition, shall be prepared and printed at the Head Quarter Board, and made ready for delivery in the month of June, and that the Secretary be directed to send them forth to the several Districts immediately afterwards, with such further instructions to the Executive Committee where the Show is to be held, as may be required for making all necessary preparations for holding the Annual Exhibition.

Our public Dinner did not succeed in anything near the number expected; owing, probably, to the great communications of travelling being by steamboats, and persons visiting the Show coming and returning home on the same day. Therefore, the Executive Committee where the Exhibitions are held must manage the Dinner according to circumstances, and to the best of their judgment, without its being connected with the expenses of the Exhibition.

From what is herein before remarked, relating to the travelling community moving quickly from place to place in the numerous daily steamboats, and in the absence of the facility of travelling on railroads in the winter season, the Committee strongly recommend that the Annual Meeting of the Head Board of the Association should be held in the month of June, at which season of the year a greater number of members would be enabled to attend without much loss of time.

We recommend that an application be made to the Government for an annual grant of £500, for the purpose of carrying forward this great National Institution, and that the money be paid in the month of August in each year, to the Institution, as well as the agricultural grant to the counties. This would give time for the respective counties to make their subscriptions to the Provincial Association before the Show; thereby enabling the officers of the Association to ascertain the full amount of their funds, and to cause the premiums to be made accordingly and paid on the spot; always supposing that the tickets sold at the entrance gates will exceed the expenses for inclosing the Show Ground, erecting the buildings, and all other contingent expenses.

Diplomas have, probably, been rather too profusely distributed to give them that high distinction intended

in the public mind. Such should only be granted for some rare specimen of great ingenuity,—new inventions, or something very superior. Better give a small donation in money for unforeseen occurrences, than issue diplomas on trifling occasions.

The following books and papers are forwarded herewith, for the purpose of being lodged with the records of the Association, viz:—

1. Local Treasurer's Account Current.
2. Minute Book of Executive Committee.
3. Plan and Specification of Show Ground.
4. Book of Entries of Animals and Articles for Exhibition.
5. Judges' Books of Awards of Premiums, (22 in number.)

That the Secretary of the Provincial Agricultural Association should be instructed to complete the best record of the Institution he can collect from such documents as can be procured, and the best information to be had in the localities in which Exhibitions have been held up to the present year; and that this record be put into the hands of the Executive Committee for the time being, for reference; and that from the proceedings of such Executive Committees, the Secretary of the Association shall make the annual addition to such record.

The Committee further recommend to members of County Societies, Judges, Delegates, and others entitled to free entrance to the Exhibition, to introduce themselves on their arrival at the Show, by delivering their personal cards of address to the Secretary, who will enter their names in his book, and furnish them with badges accordingly.

Ploughing Matches have not hitherto succeeded or proved advantageous at the Provincial Cattle Shows in the month of September. The weather in that month is invariably too dry for ploughing sod land—consequently the Farmer's skill cannot be fairly tested. Moreover, the withdrawing so many useful Farmers to attend the Ploughing Matches, deprives the Directors of their valuable assistance upon the ground; therefore, it would probably be best for the encouragement of the useful art of Ploughing, to leave the Ploughing Matches entirely in the hands of the County Societies, who should endeavor to create an emulation for good Ploughing, by bringing forward the Ploughmen of one County to compete with the Ploughmen of another County, or one Township against another Township, in the fall of the year, after the first October rains, at which time the work can be well executed with dexterity, science, skill, and satisfaction to all concerned.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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Chairman.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
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## AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF UPPER CANADA.

A Meeting of the Directors and Members of this Society was held pursuant to public notice, on May 20th, at Elgie's Hotel, in this city. J. B. Marks, Esq., of Kingston, Vice President, in the Chair. The Secretary having read the report of the local Committee for the past year, the following resolutions were carried unanimously.