

unus, I will close for the present, hoping that some of the practical farmers, and other experienced gentlemen, will take up this subject of Agriculture and discuss it in all its bearings, with a view of instructing each other in this very important matter.

Yours very truly,
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The Halifax County Agricultural Society's Live Stock Committee, have ordered a thorough bred Ayrshire Bull from John Fleming, Esq., of Meadow-bank Cottage, Strathaven, Scotland. It was from the Herds of Mr. Fleming and his neighbours that the Ayrshire stock of last importation by the Central Board was obtained. Mr. Fleming writes of the bull now purchased for the Halifax Society: "I think him by far the best I have seen this season, either for showing here or for exportation. His dam was a successful prize taker, and his sire was shown here as a two-year old, and gained first prize, also medal as the best animal shown. He was afterwards sold to Her Majesty the Queen. The owner considers the present one the best he ever had, and expects him to follow in the footsteps of his sire, which I must say he is very like doing so far as prize-taking goes." The new bull is expected to come out in the steamer early in April.

THERE is sometimes a little trouble in clearing the galleries, but the Ontario Legislature have got a wrinkle as to how they may rapidly clear the lobbies. The *Globe* reports:—"Late last night, as the assembled wisdom of Ontario were nodding over the supplementary estimates at the Parliament buildings, a sensation of a somewhat unusual character pread through the halls and lobbies of the House. It was rumored among our lawmakers that a mad bull was prancing around the yard which surrounds the buildings, amusing himself by tossing around members of Parliament in a way that seemed calculated, if continued, to bring on a general election. The first intimation of danger was brought to the House by Mr. J. Boyle, of the "Mail," who stated that as he was coming along Wellington street towards the buildings, he looked up and noticed within a few yards of him a bull of large dimensions and ferocious aspect planted squarely across the sidewalk, near the gates through which he intended to pass. This was surprising, even to a reporter, but stopping a second or two to calculate the chances, he determined to go ahead at all hazards, thinking that if he turned the animal would be very like to cultivate his acquaintance to an unpleasant degree. Just as he was about passing the bull, the

latter made for him and planted a horn on each side of his body. Mr. Boyle luckily managed to get out of these rather uncomfortable quarters and through the gate without sustaining serious damage. The bull shortly afterwards got inside the yard close to the building, where he pranced around rather alarmingly. Several deputations of members of Parliament, reporters, and others came out with the intention of securing a treaty of peace if possible, but found that hostilities had only commenced. Sergeant-Major Stewart was by this time firing shots into the animal as rapidly as he could find opportunity, while the latter had retaliated by tossing the Sergeant and tearing his clothes, though fortunately without seriously hurting him. He also made a rush for Mr. Dawson, M. P. P., who had a narrow escape, he having received a few scratches and his clothes having been considerably torn. The supplementary estimates now became of small importance, and non-members rushed out in large numbers to tackle the animal, who seemed determined to wipe the Legislature out of existence in one night. Seven or eight shots were fired into him before he was brought to a proper sense of Parliamentary rights and privileges, he having in the meantime chased several hon. members around the yard at a speed not often attained by politicians. Where he came from or to whom he belonged are questions that were not solved when the House adjourned, but he certainly has the honor of having got up the sensation of the session so far."

The following is the "Constitution" and "Bye Laws" of the newly formed Port Williams Agricultural Society in Annapolis County:—

1.—The Port Williams Agricultural Society shall consist of Farmers and others favorable to rural pursuits.

2.—That the Society shall be managed by a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Council of five, to be chosen annually; that the Officers and Council be eligible for re-election.

3.—That the Society shall hold one annual meeting on the 1st Tuesday in December, at 2 o'clock, p. m., when Officers for the ensuing year shall be chosen by ballot, and all accounts, business transactions, and reports be brought forward and finally passed.

4.—That the Society shall hold in addition to the annual meeting two other meetings, viz: On the first Tuesday in April and September, for the reception and discussion of essays, papers, &c., and resolutions upon subjects connected with and for the promotion of the object of the Society.

5.—That the President shall preside at

all meetings of the Society, keep strict order, regulate discussions, state and put questions, and shall not permit or allow any improper remarks of a personal character or foreign to the subject under discussion, sign orders drawn on the Treasurer, call special meetings by a requisition of five members, and perform such other duties as belong to his office. In his absence the Vice shall take the Chair; and in case both are absent, the Society shall appoint a Chairman *pro tem*.

6.—That the Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Society, keep a correct record of all the transactions, collect all monies due, and pay the same over to the Treasurer, and prepare and submit an annual report of the proceedings of the Society, conduct all correspondence, and perform such other duties as shall be required of him.

7.—That the Treasurer shall receive all monies paid him by the Secretary, and pay them over by an order from the President. He shall also annually submit an account and report of his proceedings.

8.—That the duty of the Council shall be to devise and recommend to the Society, from time to time, such improvement in the practice of Agriculture and Horticulture, and the introduction of improved breeds of cattle, sheep, swine, horses, &c., as they may deem advisable for the promotion of the objects of the Society, and shall endeavor to secure at the regular meetings the reading of essays, papers, &c., and prepare a list of questions for discussion and assist the Secretary in preparing his report.

9.—Any person wishing to join the Society must be proposed and seconded and admitted by a majority of votes of members duly qualified. Nevertheless the Society may at any time receive the name and annual fee of any person who may wish to become a member, subject to the approval of the Society at the next regular meeting.

10.—That every person admitted a member must sign the declaration and pay the sum of one dollar annually in advance.

11.—That no member shall be entitled to any of the privileges of the Society, neither shall he be allowed to vote, until all demands against him are paid.

12.—Every member must attend the annual regular meetings or pay a fine of _____; any reasonable excuse shall exempt a member from fine for non-attendance.

13.—No discussion on any religious or political subject shall be permitted at any of the meetings of the Society.

14.—Eight members shall constitute a quorum to transact business at any of the meetings of the Society.