

ty having books, papers, and other property in his possession belonging to the Society, must hand over the same to his successor or the President immediately on the expiration of his term of office.

Clause 20. The Secretary, on or before the first day of April in each year, shall place in the hands of the keepers of Bulls and other animals, all unpaid accounts of members, and no keeper is allowed to let such members have the service of the Bulls, &c., until their accounts are paid.

Clause 21. At any annual meeting of the society, the foregoing clauses of the Constitution may be altered or amended, or the Society may pass such Bye-Laws and Rules of Order as they may think advisable, by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

BYE-LAWS.

RULE 1ST. The hour of meeting for the Annual and Quarterly meetings shall be two o'clock.

RULE 2ND. The order of business shall be as follows:

- 1st. Read the minutes of last meeting.
- 2nd. Collect the due, &c.
- 3rd. Report of Secretary.
- 4th. " " Council.
- 5th. Finance or Audit.
- 6th. Report of Treasurer.
- 7th. " " Special Committees.
- 8th. Reading Essays, Papers, &c.
- 9th. Discussion of Questions.
- 10th. Miscellaneous Business.
- 11th. Election of Officers.

RULE 3rd. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same subject, nor more than ten minutes at each time, unless to explain, except by permission of the President.

RULE 4th. All Resolutions must be submitted to the Society in writing, and signed by the person moving the same.

RULE 5th. All Accounts received and passed by the Society at the Annual meeting, shall, if not paid within 90 days, draw Interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, for all further delay.

RULE 6th. The books and papers belonging to the Society, shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Officers and Auditors, or to the members in case they are seeking information on any particular subject.

RULE 7th. Officers elected at the annual meeting shall not assume the duties of office until after the adjournment, and the Secretary shall record the proceedings and doings of the annual meeting before he delivers his Record book to his successor.

RULE 8th. Mode of Balloting.—In choosing the Officers at the annual meeting, the proceeding shall be as follows:—Nominations may be made by any number of members for any office until some

member moves, which must be seconded, that the nomination cease, which motion takes precedence of all others, and must be put and passed by the society, and then a Ballot Box shall be presented to the members duly qualified to vote on the first named gentleman, and in case he receives a majority of the votes cast, shall be declared duly elected. If the first named is not elected, the second, and so on until one is chosen. If none of the nominees are chosen, a second nomination must be made, and proceed in the order named. In case only one person is nominated, he must in like manner be balloted for and have a majority of votes cast before he can be declared duly elected.

RULE 9th. Any of the foregoing Bye-laws may be suspended at any annual or other meeting, by a three-fourth vote of members present to meet any special case.

After the adoption of the foregoing Constitution and Bye-laws, the following Resolution was passed:

Resolved, That all Resolutions heretofore passed by the Society, the principle of which is not embodied in the Constitution and Bye-laws is null and void.

NORTH EAST MARGAREE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual meeting of the North East Margaree Agricultural Society, for the year ending 2nd December, 1873, was held at Jacob Ross's, Esq., according to the Act, for the encouragement of Agriculture.

Donald McDonald, Esq., the President in the chair. The Secretary was called upon to read the Minutes of the previous meetings, also all Communications with Society. The Treasurer's accounts were then examined and found correct.

The Society then elected the following persons as officers for the following year: *President*, Donald McDonald; *Vice-President*, James Doyle; *Treasurer*, Donald Ethridge; *Secretary*, John A. Ross; *Directors*, Joseph Ingraham, Thomas Crowdes, Thomas Ethridge, Thomas McDonald, John Rieley. To be member of the Central Board, Duncan Campbell, M. P. P. The Society then voted the sum of \$8.00 (eight dollars) toward the funds of the Provincial Exhibition for the year 1874. Our Society at present numbers sixty-four members, being twelve more than last year. Our number were so increased by the desire to get a blood horse which we believe we obtained in Prince Edward Island—the Jacquis Dapper—his line being the Jacquis Cartier of Canada Blood, which was sold to one of the members of the

Society for \$155.00. Last year we procured two Runs of improved breed, one of which died. Last year our funds were spent in sheep, implements and seeds of different kinds, and this year our funds were spent in purchasing a horse.

Dr.

To cost and expense of horse from P. E. Island	\$202.65
To money borrowed	100.00
	<u>\$302.65</u>

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By 64 members	\$ 64.00
" Purchase money of horse	165.00
" Sundries	2.75
	<u>211.75</u>
To Bal. due by Society	<u>\$170.90</u>

DONALD McDONALD, *Pres.*
JOHN A. ROSS, *Secy.*

P. S.—The Jacquis Dapper sold to be kept in the Society for two years for the benefit of the Society.

J. A. R.

REPORT OF THE BRIDGETOWN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR 1873.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Board of Agriculture.

The Society held its annual meeting on Tuesday, the 2nd December. During the autumn the Society held an exhibition of stock, fruit, roots, &c., at which they expended in prizes the sum of \$110.

The Treasurers accounts show a list of paid up members numbering 43, also a balance in hand of \$160.50. Prize list yet to be paid.

The following persons were appointed office bearers for the ensuing year:—*President*—Oliver Foster; *Vice-President*—Charles B. Whitman; *Treasurer*—Wm. Y. Foster; *Secretary*—Eugene P. Troop; *Directors*—Stephen E. Bent, Israel J. Parker, John H. Bent, Wm. E. Sturratt, Robt. Bath.

OLIVER FOSTER, *President*,
E. P. TROOP, *Secretary*.

Bidgetown, Jan. 12th, 1874.

Poetry.

THE SPRING.

The April showers are falling still
And hushed on vale and dewy hill,
And buds are bursting into bloom,
And flowers are breathing sweet perfume,
And woodlands with sweet music ring,
For God is bringing back the Spring.

The Tulip blushes on its stem,
The Spring-flower sparkles like a gem,
The Daffodils their wealth unfold,
And Primrose stars are flecked with gold,
The fairy bells of Cowslips ring,
For God is bringing back the Spring.