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Omnium rerum, ex quibus aliquid acquiritur, nihil est agriculturâ melius, nihil uberius, nihil homine libero dignius.—Cicero : de Officiis, lib. I, cap. 42.

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In the management of Societies difficulties frequently occur, and the officers are in doubt what course to pursue. Here is a case that is by no means solitary, and we print the reply given so far as it is of general applicability :—

A Secretary writes to say that, owing to the establishment of a strong Society in a neighbouring district, his Society are unable to maintain the number of members required by the Act (40), but have elected officers and intend to do the best they can, expecting to recover themselves so as to participate in the Provincial grant of 1881. He enquires if, in the event of getting up the required number by next year, they can so participate, or become a branch of another Society in the County. He is also instructed to ask whether the members who refuse to pay their subscriptions this year have any claim on the funds of the Society, or if the number that pay in cannot use whatever is in funds in the interests of agriculture. At the December meeting a motion was made to the effect that the money should be divided among the members for last year, which was voted down.

REPLY.—It is quite competent for the Board to authorise the Society to continue in existence, and qualify for the grant next season. The funds in hand cannot be paid back to individuals. The money was paid in by members, and drawn from the public treasury, for the express purpose of agricultural improvement under an Act of the Legislature,

and cannot be diverted to any private purpose. Persons who have not paid their subscriptions for the year, and refuse to do so, cease to be members. Annual report and accounts should be sent in to the Board as usual, so that the Board may, if they see fit, continue the Society in its altered circumstances on the list of recognised Societies, although not qualifying for the grant this year.

For the information of breeders of thorough-bred stock we reprint the following circular issued last spring :—

HALIFAX, 6th April, 1880.

SIR,—I am directed by the Central Board of Agriculture of Nova Scotia to inform you that they have resolved to establish a *New Register of Thorough-bred Stock*, to embrace records of the pedigrees of the following varieties of cattle, viz. : (1) Short-Horn Durhams ; (2) Devons ; (3) Ayrshires ; (4) Jerseys ; (5) Guernseys. The animals of each breed will be numbered consecutively as they are entered. The Board have directed me to return to all applicants their pending applications for registration of cattle, and to require them to make fresh application strictly in terms of the Board's requirements. For this purpose blank schedules of application for entry of animals are sent herewith. These schedules, it is hoped, are sufficiently clear and explanatory to prevent any mistakes in filling up, but should doubt arise in any case, I shall be glad to afford

any information or explanation that may be necessary. There is no charge for registration or certificate. All entries made in the Register by authority and under regulations of the Board will be published monthly as made, in the *Journal of Agriculture*, commencing with the issue of 1st May, 1880.

In the case of bulls imported by the Board whose registration may be necessary to give validity to their progeny, the Secretary of the Board will be prepared, on application of parties interested, to give certificate of transfer or affidavit of identity where his personal knowledge enables him to do so, but no animal can be registered without strict compliance with regulations.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,
 GEORGE LAWSON, Sec'y B. of A.

THE Executive Committee of the Board of Agriculture will meet on 1st of February to examine Annual Reports of Societies, Nominations to the Board, and attested Lists of Membership qualifying for grant; also to decide upon Applications for Provincial Exhibition.

In reply to enquiry by the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, Attorney-General Thompson states that a Society that comes up to the standard specified in section 1, cap. 38, Revised Statutes, is a body corporate, and action (for recovery of debt) should be brought in the name of the Society. Otherwise an action could not be brought.