

president, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duty, and he shall witness its execution, on which he shall then hand over all books, papers, monies, or other property of the Society that may be on his hands to his successor, he taking a receipt from his successor which shall be his discharge. As this officer will have onerous duties to perform, he shall be allowed by the Society, out of the general funds of the Society at the annual meeting, the sum of ten dollars for such general services. But the section wherein he resides may supplement that sum by such further sums as they may think he is entitled to for his services as secretary to his section, the sum to be paid out of the funds of the section.

Art. 13. There shall be a general meeting of the Society on the first Tuesday of the months of April and December, annually. Special meetings may be called by the Secretary, under a written order from the President, or a quorum of the managing committee. At these ordinary or special meetings any case may be decided not provided for by the present rules or regulations. The general meetings of the Society as well as those of the managing committee, shall be held as near the centre of the Society as a building can be obtained for that purpose, such place of meeting to be named in the notice for said meeting given by the Secretary.

Art. 14. The managing committee shall open, and at all times preserve, a friendly correspondence with the Central Board of Agriculture at Halifax, with a view to the general improvement of agriculture and the prosperity of the Province, which important objects are only to be obtained by zealous coöperation and unabating perseverance on the part of local societies.

Art. 15. It shall be competent for the Society, by a vote of a majority of the members present at a general meeting, to revise, alter, or amend these rules and regulations, so as to make them better adapted to the objects of the Society. But the alterations or amendments proposed to be made shall be delivered to the Secretary, in writing, at least one month before such general meeting be held by him, the substance of which shall be inserted into each notice of the annual general meeting next succeeding. But any bye law may be adopted or altered not inconsistent with the rules or articles of the foregoing constitution, by a majority, at any regular meeting of the Society.

BYE-LAWS.

Rule 1. When any section of the Society adopts the provisions extended to it by Articles 7 and 11 of the Constitution, said section may hold regular or special meetings in said section whenever they may think fit, notice of such to be duly given by the presiding officer residing in the section as provided for by

Article 10. At such meetings in such sections where there is no resident secretary, the meeting may appoint any Director who may be competent, that may be present, or, in the absence of any resident director, the meeting shall appoint a secretary who shall act as secretary to the meeting, carefully recording the proceedings of the meeting, at the close of which he shall sign the same and immediately hand over the record to the presiding officer, who shall carefully preserve the same.

Rule 2. That when any member or members deposit in the hands of the Secretary his subscription fee, or any sum in excess of the yearly fee, and subscribes his name to the rules of the Society, that it shall be competent for him or them to specify in writing for what purpose he or they design such deposit to be expended, and such specification made at the time of deposit shall entitle him or them to have such deposit, together with so much of the Provincial grant as such deposit may draw be expended for the purchase of such seeds, tools, implements or machines, or improved stock for the promotion of agriculture, as his or their specification suggests and for their benefit. Provided always, that such special privilege shall not in any way deprive the other members of their just share in the expenditure of the general grants of the Society which their subscriptions have accumulated.

Rule 3. That as the time specified in Article 5 of the Constitution as to members paying in their subscription fee cannot be made applicable for the present year, that the time be extended for the present year to the first general meeting in April next; and that henceforth the whole Article 5 be applied, and that all the Articles of the Constitution and Rules and Bye-laws of the Society, to govern and manage the same under, from date.

Rule 4. That Article 7 of the Constitution henceforth be strictly enforced by the Secretary, of means to be used on the collection of the small bills due by members to the Society; and that when Article 9 be acted on by any section of this Society, that an account of bills due by that section to the Society be rendered to the presiding officer in charge of said section, and that, if the rule or article is not strictly enforced, the said section shall become chargeable for any bills that it might have so collected under the provisions of said article.

N. E. MARGAREE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the North East Margaree Agricultural Society was held at Jacob Ross's, Esq., on the 2nd day of December, 1874, according to the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture. The President, Donald McDonald, in the Chair. The Secretary, John A. Ross,

was called upon to read the minutes of the previous meeting, after which the Treasurer's accounts were examined and found correct.

The following officers were then elected as office-bearers for the coming year, 1875: Thomas Ethridge, *President*; Jacob Ross, *Vice-President*; Donald B. Ethridge, *Treasurer*; John A. Ross, *Secretary*; Murdoch McDonald, William Ingraham, James J. Ross, James Doyle, Thomas McDonald, *Directors*. To be member of the Central Board of Agriculture, Duncan Campbell, Esq., M. P. P.

The Society, as shown by last year's report, purchased a stallion in Prince Edward Island, which promises to be a great benefit to the members of the Society, also the community at large. Last Spring the Society purchased \$30 worth of Red Clover seed, which has proved to be very good. The crops in general were good, considering the cold, wet Spring. Hay, abundant crop. Grain, upon the whole an average. Potatoes, good. Turnips, sparingly sown. The Society this year, intend to purchase Bulls with the money in fund, if they can be obtained.

1874.

By balance due Society from last year... \$36 73
" 40 members..... 46 00

\$76 73

To Clover Seed..... \$30 00
" Expenses on Seeds..... 1 30
Stationery and postage..... 30 \$31 60

By balance on hand..... \$45 13

THOMAS ETHRIDGE, *President*.
JOHN A. ROSS, *Secretary*.

MAHONE BAY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

1874.

To balance due Treasurer..... \$ 50 14
" Paid for "Agricultural Journal"..... 4 00

1874.

" Amount for seeds purchased..... 100 65
" Truckage and freight on ditto..... 1 50
" For Albert Brienker, keeping Bull, Winter term..... 60 00
" For Secretary for services, postage and stationery..... 9 00
" For L. Knaut, rent for Hall..... 1 00
" " Ezra Ernst, keeping Bull, Summer term..... 60 00

\$292 29

1874.

By Government Grant received..... \$123 00
" For services of Bull..... 35 00
" Annual subscriptions from 66 members. 66 00
" Amount charged on acct. due Treasurer 63 29

\$292 29

1874.

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To balance due Treasurer, as per account. \$63 29

The officers of the Mahone Bay Agricultural Society beg leave to report this their Ninth Annual Meeting, held in Victoria Hall, on Tuesday, the 1st day of December, 1874, the President in the Chair. The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer submitted his account, a copy of which is annexed. The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:—B. Zwickler, *President*; Wm. Pickles, *Vice-*