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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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THE Agricultural Societies of the Province, taken as a whole, were never in a more efficient state than they are at this present moment, and we now look forward to the approaching Annual Meetings, as likely to afford evidence of still further increase in activity and vigour. The Meetings of Societies throughout the Province will be held simultaneously on Tuesday, the 3rd December, when the Members assembled, of each Society, are required by the Act to elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and not more than five Directors.

The officers and directors shall hold meetings from time to time, and may alter and repeal bye-laws and rules or management, subject to approval of the Central Board.

In addition to the ordinary duties of management, the officers and directors shall present at the Annual Meeting in December, a report of the proceedings of the Society during the year, in which shall be stated the names of all persons to whom premiums were awarded, with the name of the animal, article or thing in respect of which the same was granted, together with such remarks upon the agriculture of the county as they may be enabled to offer, and a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the society during the year, which report and statement, if approved at the meeting, shall be entered in the journal of the society, and a true copy thereof, certified by the President and Secretary to be correct, shall be sent to the Central Board. It is further pro-

vided that an attested list of the members of the society whose annual subscriptions have been paid, together with a certified statement of the year's accounts and report as presented to the annual meeting, shall be forwarded by the President or Secretary of each Society to the Secretary of the Board not later than the thirty-first day of December in each year, and societies failing to comply with the provisions of this section shall forfeit their claim to any share of the Provincial allowance to societies for the year. If any Secretary has not already received a copy of the ruled schedule for this return, he should write or telegraph at once to Professor Lawson, Secretary of the Agricultural Board, Halifax.

The county society, where but one exists in a county, and the several societies, where more than one is established therein, shall be requested to hold an annual show, for the exhibition of agricultural and horticultural produce, farm stock, and articles of domestic manufactures, at which prizes shall be granted for the best specimens produced of farm culture, and such shows shall be held at such time and place, and under such regulations, as the majority of the officers and directors of the several county societies may determine.

If the officers and directors of the agricultural society of any county, or part of a county, consider that any other system might advantageously be substituted for that of shows, and that the sum allotted to such societies might be better applied to the importation of stock, or to any

other purpose for the improvement of agriculture,—in such case they may apply the said sum, provided notice thereof has been given to the Board of Agriculture, and its approval of such appropriation obtained.

It may here be added that the Board regard the purchase and keeping of suitable thorough-bred registered stock as a very important function of these societies, and as, in many cases, the most desirable purpose to which their funds may be applied, as many of the counties are not yet provided with suitable Exhibition buildings.

It is the duty of the officers of every Agricultural Society, immediately after their election at the annual meeting in December, to nominate a person suitable for appointment to the Central Board, and the Secretary of every society shall forthwith transmit to the Secretary of the Central Board the name and address of the person so nominated.

The Governor in Council shall select six from among the persons so nominated to be members of the Central Board, one being chosen from each of the districts specified in Schedule B, and the preference being given, for each district, to the person nominated by the greatest number of societies. In case of an equality of votes for any number of the persons so nominated for any district, the Governor in Council shall determine who of the number shall be the member.

In case the officers of the Agricultural Societies shall neglect or refuse to nominate any person for appointment to the