

branches, otherwise all the branches or berries would be affected, and not (as is the case) individual berries on some of the branches. Then it is caused by some external influence; and, if external, it must be mechanical—an effect.

In its manner of action it is shown to be local, a blow or wound received—more or less minute causing death to the part receiving it, and spreading its decomposition into the parts surrounding. What is there in nature that gives blows causing death? Lightning does. Lightning is an effect, and therefore mechanical. It is prevalent in summer and not in winter. It always takes place during close, damp, sultry weather, which it clears in showers of rain. It will be necessary to explain in what manner lightning gives this deadly stroke.

JOHN F. BENNETT.

[The remainder of our correspondent's letter, or, as much of it as we can find room for will be given in next month's number.—Ed.]

Miscellaneous.

EASTER BEEVES

Mr. John Caldwell of Jacob Street has just purchased from Mr. John Allison Jr. of Newport, who is already celebrated for fattening cattle, a pair of beeves for Easter which fully sustain his reputation. It is calculated that when dressed they will weigh some 26 cwt each.—*Citizen*.

There were on exhibition in the area of the City Market House on 16th April, twelve very large and fat oxen, which had been brought from Cornwallis. They were purchased by Mr. Thomas Casey, Mr. Parker, Mr. Thompson Woodill, and Mr. Nelligan. The large price of \$308 was paid for one pair of these really fine cattle. Now is the time to look out for a cut of Easter beef.—*Colonist*.

We had the pleasure of seeing the animals referred to in the above paragraphs, and were much pleased with them. Mr. Allison's two oxen were especially fine and unmistakably showed the two essential requisites of fattening,—breed and feed.

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

Our readers are aware that it has been in contemplation for some time to hold a General Provincial Exhibition in Halifax. The House of Assembly last year fixed the time of such Exhibition for the season of 1868, and the Board of Agriculture has taken preliminary steps with a view

to have the Resolutions of the Legislature carried out with effect.

The citizens of Halifax are likewise moving in the matter, and are not likely to fail in doing their part. The Requisition which follows was presented to His Worship the Mayor, on 10th April, requesting a meeting of the citizens:—

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF HALIFAX.
Halifax, 12th April, 1867.

SIR,—We beg to request that you will call a Public Meeting of the Citizens, to be held at an early day, for the purpose of considering the propriety of holding a PROVINCIAL INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION, in the city next year, and of initiating such arrangements as may be necessary for carrying the project into effect.

We have the honor to be your Worship's most obedient servants,

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| W. B. Bliss, | James A. Moren, |
| J. M. Wilkins, | P. C. Hill, |
| A. M. Uniacke, | William Hare, |
| J. W. Ritchie, | G. C. Harvey, |
| J. Forman, | A. Mackinlay, |
| Henry Pryor, | S. A. White, |
| John Tobin, | Sandford Fleming, |
| S. L. Shannon, | Brenton H. Collins, |
| P. Lynch, | John McCulloch, |
| James Cochran, | John D. Nash, |
| B. Wier, | John Stairs, |
| Hugh Hartshorne, | John Northup, |
| Stephen Tobin, | D. Henry Starr, |
| A. G. Jones, | Nepean Clarke, |
| Duffus & Co, | A. K. Mackinlay, |
| Wm. J. Stairs, | J. B. Young, |
| Wm. M. Allan, | George E. Morton, |
| W. B. Campbell, | D. Falconer, |
| Wm. Amund, | Edward Kenney, |
| Henry Baleam, | W. B. Fairbanks, |
| S. Tupper, Jr., | Peter Ross, |
| Edward Leahy, | W. M. Richardson, |
| J. H. Anderson, | John Doull, |
| W. & C. Silver, | Thomas Wesley, |
| G. H. Starr, | McEwan & Co., |
| Joseph Kaye, | Gordon & Keith, |
| Dr. Avery, | Wm. Fraser & Sons, |
| Edward McDonald, | Robert A. Brehm, |
| Charles Starr, | J. Reeves, |
| J. R. Willis, | J. Parker, Jr., |
| Wm. Gossip, | Wm. Compton, |
| W. Whytal & Co., | John T. Compton, |
| John C. Whytal, | John Pugh, |
| P. Power, | R. & J. Wetmore, |
| John G. Cabot, | Henry Wisdom, |
| George Blauklock, | J. Hunter Duvar, |
| Henry Peters, | P. S. Hamilton, |
| James Stanford, | J. M. Geldert, |
| J. J. Sawyer, | E. W. Chipman, |
| Wm. T. Townsend, | D. Blackwood, |
| C. D. Hunter, | Bell & Anderson, |
| Fraser, Paint & Co., | Jeremiah Northup, |
| Alex. Stephen, | J. Henry Sutherland, |
| S. J. Payzant, | Wm. Dumar, |
| B. G. Gray, | Jeremiah Conway, |
| Geo. A. Sanford, | Wm. Finlay, |
| Robert Davis, | David Sterling, |
| | And others. |

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Halifax, N. S., April 15th, 1867.

Pursuant to the above Requisition, I hereby give notice, that a Public Meeting, for the purpose therein mentioned, will be held in TEMPERANCE HALL, on THURSDAY NEXT, the 18th inst., at 3 o'clock. p. m. M. H. RICHEY, Mayor

The meeting was attended by about 150 of the most influential merchants, mechanics and professional men of Halifax; but, as the stormy state of the weather and the occurrence of the funerals of two highly respected citizens at the same hour, prevented many others attending, it was judged advisable to call another meeting, so that all might have an opportunity of taking part in the proceedings.

The adjourned meeting was accordingly held in Temperance Hall on Wednesday evening, 24th April. It was very largely and respectfully attended.

His Excellency the LIEUT.-GOVERNOR presided on the occasion.

Addresses were delivered by His Excellency, by his Worship the Mayor, the Hon. Alex. McFarlane, President of the Agricultural Board, A. M. Uniacke, Esq., Alderman McCulloch, P. C. Hill, Esq., the Rev. Dr. Forrester, Principal of the Provincial Normal School, Peter Lynch, Esq., Alderman Nash, Jos. J. Northup, Esq., Andw. McKinlay, Esq., and others. The various speakers urged strongly the necessity of holding a Provincial Exhibition, which besides being an exponent of the condition of our Industry, would exercise a highly beneficial effect upon our people, by stimulating them to improvement in the various arts and manufactures, and affording information of a kind that could not be brought home to them by any other means. We hope on a future occasion to find room for a detailed report of some of the speeches.

The following are the Resolutions, which, on being separately put to the meeting, were unanimously adopted:—

Moved by A. M. Uniacke, Esq., seconded by J. McCulloch, Esq., and resolved—

1. That whereas much benefit has been experienced, and a great stimulus given to industry, by the holding of Exhibitions of Industrial Products and Manufactures; and whereas it has been announced by the Board of Agriculture that it is intended to hold a General Provincial Exhibition in or near the City of Halifax in the autumn of 1868, in accordance with a provision in the Agricultural Act: *Therefore resolved*,—That this meeting of citizens cordially approve of the proposal, and hereby tender to the Board such co-operation as it may be in their power to give.

Moved by P. C. Hill, Esq., seconded by the Rev. Dr. Forrester:

2. *Resolved*,—That a Committee be appointed to adopt such measures as may be deemed requisite to assist the Board of Agriculture in successfully carrying out such Exhibition.

Moved by Peter Lynch, Esq., seconded by A. McKinlay, Esq.:

3. *Resolved*,—That the following gentlemen constitute the Committee, with power to add to their number:—

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| Hon. The Chief Justice, | Chairman. |
| His Worship the Mayor, | Vice Chairman. |
| Andw. McKinlay, Esq., | do. |
| A. M. Uniacke, Esq., | do. |