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*Omniū rerū, ex quibus aliquid acquiritur, nihil est agriculturā 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 evidences of still further increase in activity and vigour. The Meetings of Societies throughout the Province will be held simultaneously on Tuesday, the 5th 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 of 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 the members of the society, the amount paid by each, 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. By an amendment of the Act last session, it is further provided 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 then ended.*

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 so 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.

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