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### "Homeward."

In our Home Department will be found a small engraving, which but faintly suggests the merit and beauty of the large copy of this picture published lately at \$2 each. By a special arrangement with the publishers we are enabled to give to each paid-up subscriber who sends in the names of two new subscribers, with the annual subscription, one copy of this engraving.

### The Provincial Board of Agriculture and Arts.

We accidentally heard of the meeting of the Board and deemed it our duty to you to attend and see what new material the last election, or selection, had chosen to represent your interests there. We are much pleased to inform you that most of the recently elected members appear desirous of using their efforts to advance your interest. The preponderance of power is yet in the hands of old and experienced hands, many of whom have directly or indirectly sustained the past acts of the Board, which may tend to trammel them. The new men have a good task in hand, and if none of them allow themselves to be bought or frightened, they will do much good, and perhaps the lost prestige and popularity of the Provincial Association may be restored. We feel satisfied that the new members are right and the independent farmers of Canada are on their side, and if they remain

firm to the principles expressed by them at their first meeting they will soon dispel the darkness that has for such a long series of years enshrouded the old Board and light may again be seen.

Mr. W. Saunders, of London, the President of the Entomological Society, dropped a bomb shell in the midst of the Society on the morning of the first meeting. Some of the old members tried to throw it out of the camp, but the new men got round it and protected it, and now you may look out for the burst. Some one will be killed, others will be badly hurt, and we caution you all to get far out of harm's way as soon as possible. The blinding smoke, the bullet, the shell, etc., etc., will make such a disturbance as you never before witnessed. This is the bomb shell:—

### A COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY.

Mr. Saunders, in view of the many severe animadversions in the press and Local Parliament regarding the Association, moved the following:—  
"That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the working of the Association with a view of devising plans to add to its usefulness and for more efficiency in carrying out the objects for which the Association was organized, the Committee to consist of the following:—Messrs. White, Parker, Rykert, Mills, Drury, Carnegie, Dempsey, Young, Jackson, McKinnon, the President, and the mover."

Mr. Klotz, of Preston, on seconding the motion, said that they must all feel that they were now upon their trial. Many thought that their usefulness was gone now that other Exhibition Associations were in the field, which were self-supporting. They should devise some plans to show that they were still able to do a great deal of good.

Mr. Drury, of Crown Hill, thought they ought not to "give themselves away," as might be inferred from the motion. They were accused of mismanagement, etc., etc. Before they admitted that they were not doing a good work they ought to have some proof adduced to that effect.

Mr. Carnegie, of Peterboro, thought there was room for changes, and he would like a large committee to prepare a full report for presentation at their next meeting. In some respects they were tied down by the Act creating the Association. He had intended to move a resolution similar to that of Mr. Saunders, and he heartily supported it.

Mr. Parker, of Woodstock, said that in Division No. 9 the question now before them had been discussed, and the impression that the Board was extravagant in paying \$17,000 for awarding \$13,000 in prizes, as had been stated. He himself favored the continuation of the itinerant character of the exhibition. If they showed a desire to manage the affairs economically and wisely they should, he thought, regain the confidence of the public. He did not wish to reflect upon the old management, but the new members might be excused if they asked for fuller information regarding the affairs of the Association. The publication of the report suggested would, he thought, bear good fruit. The public wanted an official report, and not merely what newspaper reporters chose to report.

Mr. Carnegie suggested that the report of the Committee be printed before the annual meeting of the Association at London, and that the opinions of all the members should be asked in reference to it.

Mr. Young, of Galt, was of opinion that it would

be best to confine the confirmation of the report to the Council.

Mr. Saunders desired at least a partial report from the Committee at the present meeting, especially with reference to the financial arrangement, as it was with that view he had made the motion.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Jackson desired that his name might not be put on the Committee, as he would like to criticize their work.

Mr. Young desired his name to be taken off, as he was an M. P. P. Mr. Young's name was then taken off.

Mr. Rykert said the local committees were too large and getting to be an intolerable nuisance. He moved that the number be limited to twenty, which was carried.

The first smoke from the fuse of the bomb shell causes the Secretary to resign. Some other recipient of our monies may be in fear and trembling, and the wisest course for them to pursue would be to act as the Secretary has done, namely, to resign. This course would save them much trouble.

It was decided to hold the next Provincial Exhibition in London.

The prize list has been revised.

Mr. Brown, of the Model Farm, suggested that \$40 be awarded to the best Polled Aberdeen Bull.

Mr. Carnegie objected to giving so high a prize to this class of animals. He said it was placing them before other cattle that might be as meritorious. He favored giving to them as high prizes as was awarded to Ayrshires and Jerseys, which was quite sufficient to grant to that class. He also said the farmers had none of them to compete for the prize.

Mr. Brown, of the Guelph College, said we have some, and a gentleman in Quebec has some, and there are some in the United States.

Mr. Young, M. P. P., supported Mr. Brown in his motion, which was seconded by Mr. Moore.

Avery, Legge, Moore, Young, Brown, Drury and others voted for it.

Nays—Carnegie, Parker, Hunter, &c.

Thus you see the money that should go into your pocket to encourage you is directly voted for the advantage and benefit, or rather the whim, of the Model Farm Manager. What benefit can it be to award this money when no farmer in Ontario has this class of stock? This is not the only instance when the prize list was altered for the benefit of the Model Farm. We did not catch all the votes that were cast pro or con, but this was what we considered the nearest to a test question, and by it could form a slight opinion of who were really advocating the farmers' interest. We must pay to import the animals; we cannot compete and must pay the prizes. If these expenditures, under the name of the encouragement to agriculture, are to be continually manipulated as they have been, the sooner such expenditures are stopped the better for the farmers.

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