

by electricity, which was generated by traction engine power in a plant located on the grounds. The Fair was kept open at night, and performances given. They even had horse racing at night by electric light.

Exhibits of all kinds were encouraged, and a large and varied display was the result. At one time Mossom Boyd, of Bobcaygeon, brought down his herd of Polled Angus cattle for exhibition. There was much life and stir in the institution, and large crowds used to attend the Fairs, the numbers reaching as high as four or five thousand some years.

Financial difficulties arose, owing to the large amount of money invested in the undertaking. The Fair was dropped, the buildings sold to an evaporator company headed by Bellingham Bros, of Montreal. This concern tore down the stabling and used the material to put up additions to the main building. They ran one year and then failed. Shortly after that the buildings were destroyed by fire. Nothing but the grand stand, and band stand remained, and they are still there.

For a time a spring fair and horse show was held at Manchester, but, as the Port Perry people subscribed liberally to this fair, the question began to be asked "Why not hold the fair in Port Perry, where it will do us most good?" Naturally the Manchester people did not favor this plan, and in 1893, there was a re-organization meeting held at Scugog town hall. The minutes of that meeting will tell very clearly what was done on that occasion.

"A meeting of the ratepayers and others was held in the town hall, Scugog, on the second day of March, 1893, the object of which was to form themselves into an Agricultural Society.

The meeting having been called to order, it was moved by Thos. Graham, Reeve of Scugog, seconded by James Graham, that E. H. Purdy act as chairmon.—Carried.

Moved by J. C. Browne, seconded by Geo. F. Waite, that J. H. Brown act as Secretary.—Carried.

Moved by James Graham, seconded by C. C. Kellett, that we form ourselves into an Agricultural Society to be known as the Scugog Agricultural and Arts Society. Carried.

Moved by C. C. Kellett, seconded by S. Graham, that James Graham be the President of the Society.—Carried.

Moved by Thos. Graham, seconded by Wm. Graham that E. H. Purdy be Vice-President of this Society.—Carried.