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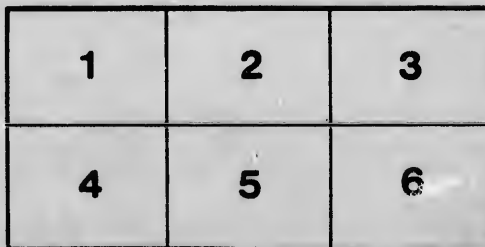
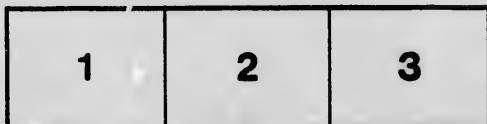
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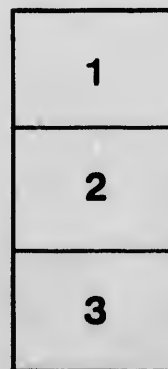
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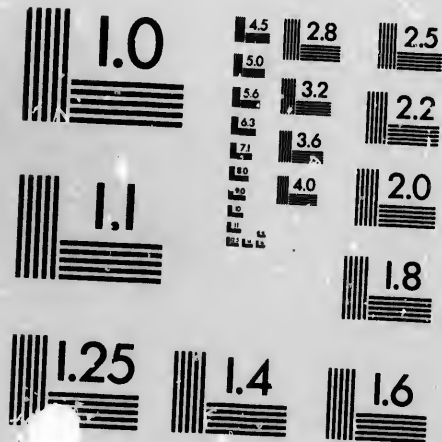
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Elected October 30th, 1879.

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ALLAN MCLEAN, ESQ., 4TH VICE-PRESIDENT.
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JOHN MAGEE, ESQ., TREASURER.

JAMES BARBER, ESQ., CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

MR. J. HARGREAVES, RECORDING SECRETARY.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

Name. — This Society shall be known as "THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAINT JOHN," formed subject to the Rules and Regulations for Agricultural Societies, as made and provided by the Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick.

ARTICLE II.

Object. — The object of the Society shall be the encouragement of Agriculture in all its branches—in promoting the best system of Farm Cultivation, Stock Raising, and Horticulture; to diffuse information of management of farms, and introducing the different varieties of Seeds, Agricultural Implements, and superior breeds of Horned Cattle, Horses, Sheep, Swine, etc.; also, to hold Exhibitions and competitions in Field Culture, Ploughing, etc., annually, if possible.

ARTICLE III.

Officers, &c. — Its Officers shall consist of a President, five Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Corresponding-Secretary, Recording-Secretary, and fifteen Directors.

BYE-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

Annual Meeting. — The Annual Meeting shall be held on the last Thursday of October in each year, notice of which shall be mailed to each member, or advertised in one weekly and one daily newspaper published in the City of Saint John, not less than four days previous to the date of such Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE II.

Election of Officers. — At the Annual Meeting the members shall elect by ballot a Board of twenty-four Directors, who shall, at their first meeting, elect from their number the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary.

ARTICLE III.

Quorum. — Twenty-one members shall form a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the Society, and seven Directors shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the Board.

ARTICLE IV.

Duties of the Board of Directors. — The Directors elected at the Annual Meeting shall form a Board for the government of the Society; shall hold meetings monthly on the last Thursday of each month (or as often as may be deemed expedient); shall manage the property of the Society; appoint time and place for holding Exhibitions, and make such rules and regulations for the same as may be required; also publish, on or before the first day of May in each year, a list of prizes to be awarded; and generally promote the interests and objects of the Society (subject to its supervision and control); shall keep a record of all its proceedings, and submit a report of the same to the Society at its Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE V.

Vacancy in Directorate. — Whenever any vacancy shall occur in the Board of Directors of this Society, it may be filled by a Special Election by said Board, of which at least four days notice shall be given by the Secretary, in writing, to each member of the Board.

ARTICLE VI.

Duty of President. — The duty of the President shall be to preside at all meetings; to maintain order; to state the business before the meeting; in case of equal division on any question to give the casting vote; to call for Accounts and Reports of all Committees; to call Special Meetings of the Society when requested in writing by nine members; and generally to superintend the carrying out of such Bye-Laws and Regulations as the Society may from time to time enact.

ARTICLE VII.

Absence of President. — In the absence of the President at any meetings of the Society, it shall be the duty of one of the Vice-Presidents — in the order in which they are elected — to take the Chair and, for the time being, discharge the duties of the President. In case of the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents, the meeting shall then choose a Chairman, *pro tempore*, to preside at the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII.

Duty of Recording-Secretary. — It shall be the duty of the Recording-Secretary to give due notice of all meetings of the Society and Board of Directors; to keep a record of proceedings of all meetings held, together with a list of members, and property and revenues. Also, to render bills due the Society; countersign and hand over to the Treasurer for payment all bills, when passed by the Board of Directors; keep all papers and documents; conduct correspondence (except as hereinafter provided in the duties of Corresponding-Secretary), keeping a copy of same in a book provided for the purpose; issue the Prize List of Exhibitions to members, and attend to such other duties as may be required.

ARTICLE IX.

Duty of Treasurer. — The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all monies due by or payable to the Society, and keep an account of same in a book provided for the purpose; shall deposit all sums in hand over fifty dollars in some chartered Bank approved of by the Board of Directors, no payment to be made without order for same first having been passed by the Board and countersigned by the Recording Secretary — such orders to be retained as vouchers. All cheques for monies withdrawn from the Bank shall be signed by the President or two Directors and countersigned by the Treasurer. If required, he shall give bonds for funds held by him, amount of such bonds to be fixed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X.

Duty of Corresponding-Secretary. — The Corresponding-Secretary shall write letters in the name of the Society; conduct correspondence and collect printed information respecting Thorough-bred Cattle, Studs, Seeds, Implements, etc., and distribute same among the members of the Society. In the absence of the Recording-Secretary, shall perform his duties, and in the absence of both Secretaries the President shall appoint a Secretary, *pro tempore*.

ARTICLE XI.

Members. — Any resident of the Province, having his daily occupation within the limits of the City and County of Saint John, may become a member of this Society on payment of an annual fee of two dollars, which shall make him eligible to compete for Prizes at the Society's Exhibitions (provided the membership is paid prior to September 1st preceding such Exhibition), and to any office or appointment by this Society.

ARTICLE XII.

Term of Membership. — The financial year shall end on the 20th day of October in each year, and no person shall be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting who has not been a member the preceding

financial year, and has also paid his subscription for the current financial year.

ARTICLE XIII.

Grounds Committee. — At the first meeting after the Annual Election of the Board of Directors, the Board shall appoint an Executive Committee for the year of five Directors, of whom the President shall be one, to superintend the Grounds and Buildings and have charge of the property owned by the Society, and report from time to time to the Board of Directors and submit a report to the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE XIV.

Audit Committee. — All accounts and vouchers of the Society shall be examined and audited by two persons, appointed by the Society at the regular Annual Meeting, their report to accompany the Treasurer's annual statement.

ARTICLE XV.

Paid Officers. — The only paid officer of the Society shall be the Recording-Secretary, whose remuneration shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XVI.

Amendment of Bye-Laws. — The Constitution and Bye-Laws can only be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any meeting, notice of the proposed change to be stated in the notice calling such meeting, and sent to the members of the Society.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. READING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.
2. REPORTS OF SECRETARIES AND TREASURER.
3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.
4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.
6. NEW BUSINESS.
7. DISCUSSION.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL, UNDER DATE 6TH AUGUST,
1875, RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

1. Whenever forty or more persons in any of the Counties of this Province shall associate themselves together as an Agricultural Society, and shall subscribe and pay not less than sixty dollars, to be applied for the improvement of Agriculture and domestic manufactures, and shall subscribe the following declaration; viz., "We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, do agree to form ourselves into a Society, to be called the — Agricultural Society; and we severally agree to pay to the Treasurer of the said Society, towards the funds thereof, the sums set opposite our respective names as our first year's subscription thereto. Dated this — day of — 18 —;" and shall cause a copy of the same to be filed in the office of the Secretary for Agriculture. They shall thereupon become a body corporate by such name as they shall designate, with all the privileges and obligations incident to corporations by law; but such privileges shall continue to each Society respectively so long only as it shall consist of forty members or more, and which members shall annually subscribe or raise, and pay in as aforesaid, the sum of at least sixty dollars, in furtherance of the objects of the Society, as hereinafter set forth; provided nevertheless, that not more than four such Societies shall be entitled to the benefits and privileges of this Act in any one County, and that no Society shall go into operation under the provisions of this regulation without the previous sanction of the Governor in Council.

2. The object of such Societies shall be to encourage the production, cultivation, and improvement of Seeds, Vegetables, and Fruits; to promote the introduction of improved stock, improved implements of husbandry, better system of culture, improvements in farm buildings, farm arrangements, and domestic manufactures; to hold shows, ploughing matches, and exhibitions; to award premiums for excellence; to collect and diffuse information on all subjects connected with Agriculture, Horticulture, and floral pursuits; to solicit and receive donations; and generally, by every legitimate means, to elevate the Agricultural character of their respective districts.

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3. The Agricultural Societies already established, as also any other Societies hereafter to be organized, shall be respectively entitled to receive annually, in the manner hereinafter provided, as a bounty, treble the amount of the subscription by them severally so made, raised, and paid in; but no County shall be entitled to receive a greater sum in the aggregate than eight hundred dollars in any one year; and the aggregate sum which any County may be entitled to shall be apportioned among the several Societies within the same, where there are more than one, in just proportion, according to the amount of subscriptions made, raised, and paid in by such Societies respectively; but such proportionment shall not prevent any Society from receiving the sum of one hundred and eighty dollars. The annual sum to be drawn for each County, where there is but one County Society, shall not exceed six hundred dollars.

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16. Any Agricultural Society, by its officers, is hereby authorized and empowered to define and lay off bounds for pens and yards; make appropriations in money for cattle shows and exhibitions, and provide suitable places for ploughing matches, and ways and passages towards the same, as may be considered necessary; and no person shall intrude upon such lands, or enter the same, unless in conformity with the rules of such Society, or without the authority or consent of some officer of the Society then present; and any person, after notice, intruding upon or entering such bounds, shall forfeit the sum of two dollars, to be recovered before any Justice of the Peace of the County on complaint of any officer of the Society, according to the provisions of the one hundred and thirty-eighth chapter of the Revised Statutes, and when recovered shall be paid over to the County Treasurer for the use of the County; provided that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to authorize any Agricultural Society to occupy any land without the consent of the owner, or any public highway in such manner as to obstruct the public use thereof.

17. The several Agricultural Societies shall be subject to the supervision of the Governor in Council, and shall be accountable thereto; and the Secretary for Agriculture shall have the right to attend the meeting of any Agricultural Society and be present at their deliberations, and also to examine the books and papers of any Society, and take copies of the same, as he may think proper; and may, if he deem it necessary, hold an enquiry, under oath, into the affairs and management of any Society.

PROVINCIAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

EXTRACTS FROM BILL AUTHORIZED BY LEGISLATURE UNDER DATE
APRIL 17TH, A. D. 1880.

1. The Governor in Council shall annually appoint a Board of Agriculture, consisting of seven persons, of whom one shall be selected from among the members of the Executive Government of the Province holding a department (who shall not be entitled to receive any additional salary for the services required of him by this Act), and the remaining six shall be selected from the six districts mentioned in section four of this Act, and in the manner hereinafter provided. Five of such Board shall be quorum, and they shall be a body corporate under the name of "The Board of Agriculture."

2. It shall be the duty of the officers of every Agricultural Society, in the month of October in each year, to nominate one person suitable for appointment to the Board of Agriculture, and the Secretary of every Society shall, on or before the tenth day of November, transmit to the Provincial Secretary the name and address of the person so nominated.

3. The Governor in Council shall select six from among the persons so nominated to be members of the Board of Agriculture, one being chosen from each of the Districts specified in section four of this Act, 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.

4. The six Electoral Districts referred to in the first section of this Act shall be constituted as follows:

District Number One shall include the Counties of Kent, Westmorland, and Albert.

District Number Two shall include the County of Kings, and also the County of the City and County of Saint John.

District Number Three shall include the Counties of Charlotte and York.

District Number Four shall include the Counties of Sunbury and Queens.

District Number Five shall include the Counties of Carleton, Victoria, and Madawaska; and

District Number Six shall include the Counties of Northumberland, Gloucester, and Restigouche.

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15. The Board shall hold Provincial Exhibitions tri-annually, or oftener, as may be deemed expedient, and the powers for that purpose given in and by eleventh section of the said Chapter are hereby vested in the Board.

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