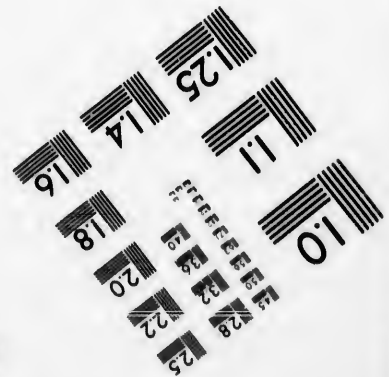
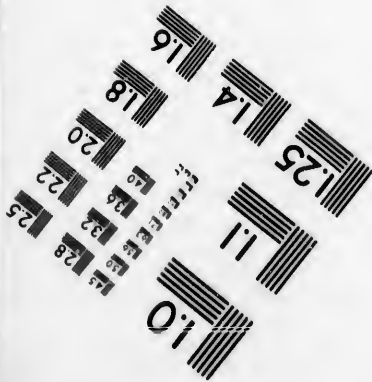
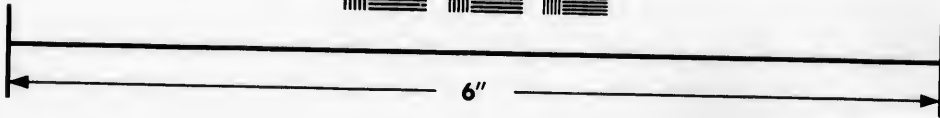
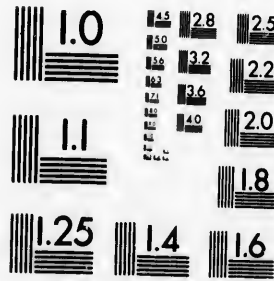


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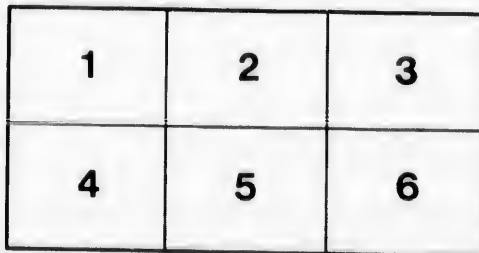
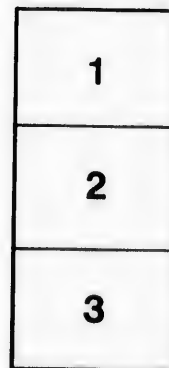
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ARTICLES OR RULES

FOR THE

GOVERNMENT

OF THE

LUNENBURG FARMER SOCIETY,

INSTITUTED DEC. 28, 1818.

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PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS, at a public meeting of Land Proprietors and Farmers, of the County of Lunenburg, held at Lunenburg on the 28th of December, in the year 1818, for the purpose of deliberating on the present state of Agriculture in the County, and devising means for its improvement, they were unanimously of opinion, that though the Grain produced in this County has never been sufficient for the subsistence of the inhabitants, there is as much land cleared, or may very soon be cleared and brought under culture, as, under an improved system of husbandry, may be made to produce not only a sufficiency of food for the inhabitants of the County, but an abundance that will admit of some supply being carried to other markets: THEREFORE, in order to attain this important end, the Land Proprietors and Farmers aforesaid did FORM, and do hereby FORM themselves into an Agricultural Society, to be called the LUNENBURG FARMER SOCIETY; and they did, and do hereby AGREE, and bind and pledge themselves one to another, to adopt, and to submit to, the following ARTICLES or RULES, as the Laws by which the said Society shall be governed, until the same shall be revised, altered and amended, in the manner to be hereafter mentioned:

ARTICLE 1. The objects of this Society shall be,

1. To instruct its members in the most approved methods of *Dividing, Clearing, Draining, Cultivating, Manuring, and Cropping*, their farms;

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2. To assist them in procuring the necessary implements of husbandry, and teach them how to use them ;
3. To recommend, and enable them to procure, the best kinds of grain and grass seeds ;
4. To encourage the use of horses in Agricultural operations, and the breeding of that kind of horses which is best adapted to that purpose ;
5. To improve the breed of Bulls, Cows and Swine, and to encourage the increase of Sheep, and the best method of feeding them for the market ;
6. To encourage the making of Butter, the rearing of all kinds of Poultry, and the introduction of the best kinds of summer and winter Vegetables ;
7. To make every exertion to get such markets established in the County, and especially in Lunenburg the county town, as may insure to the Farmers a ready sale of their produce, and a regular supply of provisions to the inhabitants in general.

8. To pay particular attention to the high-ways ; that an easy communication may be kept up at all times between Lunenburg, and the various settlements throughout the county.

ART. II. The different branches of Rural Economy, described in the foregoing article, shall be placed under the management of a Board of Directors, to consist of the following officers, viz :—A President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee to consist of twelve members ; which number may be increased to eighteen, should the Townships of Chester and New-Dublin be inclined to join the Society. The whole of these officers shall be chosen, by a majority of votes at a general meeting of the Society, to be held on the Second Tuesday of January, yearly, and shall continue in office one year, in the following manner ; that is to say, the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, shall be elected every year, but may be re-elected for another year, if the Society shall think it proper. One third of the Committee shall go out of office yearly by rotation ; namely, the four that stand highest on the Roll ; and an equal number shall be chosen in their room, and placed at the bottom of the list. Should the Townships of Chester and New-Dublin join the Society, and the number of the Committee be increased to eighteen, those belonging to the township of Lunenburg, shall not be less than twelve as aforesaid, to insure the regular dispatch of business.

These officers are hereby empowered and authorized (so far as this Society can give such authority) to carry into complete execution the whole objects of this Institution, as well as the laws now agreed upon, as being the essential means of carrying them forward; but the different officers shall confine themselves to the duties of their respective offices, in the manner after mentioned.

ART. III. It shall be the duty of the President, or, in his absence, of the Vice-President, to preside in all meetings of the Society, or of the Board of Directors; to propose and explain the business to be transacted at each meeting; to preserve order and regularity in the proceedings; to collect the votes, and to have a casting or decisive vote in all matters to be determined by a majority, when the votes in any case happen to be equal.

ART. IV. It shall be the duty of the Secretary, to record the whole of the proceedings of the Society in its general meetings, and of the Board of Directors; to carry on the general correspondence, and to receive, communicate and file all letters, or other papers, that may be addressed to himself, or the Society, relative to any of the objects of its institution.

To enable the Secretary to discharge these duties, the Society shall furnish him with the following Books, to be paid from the funds, viz.—one Book, in which the Articles or Rules of the Society shall be engrossed, and subscribed by every member on his admission into the Society. In this Book sufficient room shall be reserved for an Appendix, in which the name of every member shall be enrolled alphabetically, with the date of his entry; a second Book, to be called the *General Minute Book*, in which the proceedings of all the general or special meetings of the Society shall be recorded; a third Book, to be called the *Committee Book*, in which all the proceedings of the Board of Directors shall be entered; a fourth Book, to be called the *Schedule Book*, in which the present state of the Farm, in the personal occupation of each member, as well as its progressive state from year to year, shall be distinctly and individually recorded, under the form prescribed in the Appendix to these Rules, (No. 1,) to stand as an historical Record of the present state of Agriculture in this County, to enable the Society to estimate, from an annual comparative statement, the progress made in improvement, and a fifth Book, in which the Secretary shall record all letters that shall be written by him relative to the affairs of the Society.

ART. V. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer, to receive, and grant receipts as Treasurer, for all contributions or other monies given for the use of the Society; and he shall enter the same, in a business-like manner, into a proper Set of Books, to be furnished to him at the expense of the Society. He shall be obliged to account at all times when called upon by the Society, or the Board of Directors, for the funds placed in his hands; but he shall exhibit a correct state of his accounts, and produce all his books and vouchers, at the ordinary general meetings of the Society, to be held in the months of January and July yearly. When his accounts have been audited, and approved of by the Society, his books shall be signed by the President, or Vice-President, and Secretary, by an order of the general Meeting; and such signatures, under such order, shall be to the Treasurer a sufficient acquittance.

It shall not be competent to the Treasurer, to make any payment, from the Society's funds, to any person, or for any cause whatsoever, otherwise than in virtue of a written order, signed by the President, or Vice-President, and countersigned by the Secretary, agreeable to the form prescribed in the Appendix, (No. 2.)—But it shall not be lawful for those officers to grant written orders, except for such sums as shall have been voted at a regular meeting of the Society, or of the Board of Directors, of which a regular and detailed minute shall have been duly recorded in the proper Minute Book, prior to the issuing of such order.

The Treasurer's books shall be examined and audited by such person, or persons, as may be appointed at the general meetings of the Society.

ART. VI. There shall be a General Meeting of the Society on the Second Tuesday of the month of January and July yearly; but a special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Secretary, under a written order from a quorum of the Board of Directors.—At these ordinary or special General Meetings, any case referred from the Board of Directors, or any case that has not been provided for by the present Articles or Rules, may be decided; provided such decision be not in opposition to any of the objects of this Institution.

ART. VII. The Board of Directors shall always hold it's Meetings in the Town of Lunenburg, and shall hold an ordinary meeting for the dispatch of business, on the *First Tuesday* of every month; but a special meeting

may be called at any time by the Secretary, when required, by any three of the Directors, in writing. Six Members of the Board, including the President or Vice-President, (one or other of whom shall be present at every meeting) shall form a quorum for transacting business; and all transactions by a less number shall be void. The Secretary shall attend at all meetings to record the proceedings, and all the minutes of business shall be signed by the President, or Vice-President, and Secretary.

ART. VIII. In order to give the most general and effectual assistance to all Farmers throughout the County, who may be disposed to enter upon the improvement of their farms, and may be inclined to follow the directions of the Board, the Society do recommend to the Board of Directors, to take to their assistance such intelligent men, as they can find in the various parts of the country, where improvements may be set on foot under their direction, who shall be called Superintendants, or Inspectors of Improvements. They shall act under the orders of the Board, and carry their instructions into execution; and particularly they shall inspect such farms, as may be declared under a course of improvement and take care that the directions of the Board be attended to, and shall report to it the progress made by the owners of such farms, for it's information and guidance.

The Inspectors may be continued or changed at the pleasure of the Board.

ART. IX. Every member of the Society shall, within one month from the time of his admission, deliver to the Secretary, a written Note, specifying the number of acres in his Lot or Farm; the number of acres that are cleared and ready for the plough, or which may be cleared within the space of three years; the quantity of land he sowed and planted in the year 1818, distinguishing the different kinds of grain, and the quantity of each, as well as the quantity of potatoes planted; and, as far as he can recollect, the produce of each.

A Return shall be made in like manner, before the general meeting of the Society, in the month of July next, of the quantity of land sown or planted for the present year's crop, 1819; distinguishing, as aforesaid, the different kinds of seed and the quantity of each.— And every member shall make a return of the produce of each kind of grain, and potatoes, before the general meeting of the Society in the month of January 1820.—

These Returns shall be made in writing to the Secretary at the times appointed, and entered by him in the Schedule Book : and similar returns shall be made, and recorded every year in the manner aforesaid. This is to be considered as a regulation to be strictly attended to by every member, as an essential guide to the Board of Directors in the discharge of it's important duties.

ART. x. Every person shall, upon his admission into this Society, pay to the Treasurer the sum of *Five Shillings*, towards raising a Fund for the general purposes of the Institution ; and if it shall be found necessary to increase the funds, it shall be competent to a majority of the members present at a general meeting, to assess the whole of the members in a further contribution, provided the sum to be paid by each member, shall not, in any one year, exceed the sum of *Twenty Shillings*—And if any member shall refuse to pay such contribution, or shall refuse to promote the objects of this Institution, as prescribed in Art. 1, in not applying to his own farm the British improved mode of farming, as he shall be instructed by the Board of Directors, he shall be excluded from the Society.

ART. xi. It shall be competent to the Board of Directors, at any of its meetings, to admit new members ; but persons wishing to be admitted, shall make application to the Secretary, who shall report it to the Board for its decision. Any person refused admission by the Board, may apply by appeal to the next general meeting of the Society, which may affirm or reverse such refusal.

ART. xii. Any member who shall secede from the Society, shall not be admitted again, unless he shall be *ballotted* in by a majority of the members present in a general meeting ; and until he shall have paid all the contributions for which he would have been liable had he not seceded ; and also a fine of *Ten Shillings* to the funds of the Society ; which payments must be certified by receipts from the Treasurer, which shall be entered on record by the Secretary, before such person shall be enrolled a member of the Society.

ART. xiii. In order the more effectually to promote the objects of this Institution, and to encourage and reward the industry of deserving farmers, it is hereby declared, that each of the first three members of the Society, who shall intimate to the Board of Directors, their intention to commence the Drill-husbandry under it's instructions, and shall actually raise a field of Turnips

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fit for the winter food of cattle, by that mode of husbandry, of the extent of not less than *one acre* each, shall receive from the funds of the Society the sum of *Forty Shillings*; and the Society do authorize, and recommend to the Board of Directors, to propose from time to time, such premiums, as shall seem expedient for accelerating and attaining the necessary improvements, so far as the funds of the Society will admit.

ART. XIV. As the members of this Society can have no end in view by this Institution, but the general prosperity of the people of this county, the persons entrusted with the management of it, will not expect any remuneration for their trouble; but as the Secretary and Treasurer may have considerable extra labour in their respective departments, the Society, assembled in a general meeting, may make each of these officers a reasonable annual allowance from the funds, if they can admit of it.

ART. XV. The Board of Directors shall open, and at all times preserve a friendly correspondence with the Provincial Agricultural Society established in Halifax, and concur as far as possible, in its plans of improvement; inasmuch as the whole of the Agricultural Societies established throughout the Province, have only the same ends in view, the general improvement of Agriculture, and the prosperity of the people; but these objects cannot be attained without a zealous concurrence in sentiment and plan, and unabating perseverance, on the part of the different Societies.

ART. XVI. It shall be competent to the Society, by a vote of three fourths of the members present in a general meeting, to revise, alter, and amend the present Articles or Rules, so as to make them better adapted to the objects of the Institution; but the alterations or amendments, proposed to be made, shall be delivered to the Secretary in writing, to be laid before the Board of Directors, at least one month before the general meeting; and the Board shall lay such proposed alterations or amendments before such general meeting, who may deliberate thereon; but the final decision on such alterations, shall be adjourned to the next general meeting, to give the members sufficient time to consider them.

ART. XVII. The present Articles or Rules shall be printed, and the expense, in the first instance, paid from the funds; but every member shall be obliged to purchase a copy of them from the Treasurer, for which he shall pay to repay that expense to the funds.

Appendix, No. 2.

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Pay to the sum
 of the [Society, or Board of Directors, as the case may be] voted at a Meeting of
 on the day of

By order of the [Society, or Board,]

President.

Secretary.

To the Treasurer of the
Lunenburg Farmer So-
ciety.

No. 3.

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