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# FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## COUNCIL

OF THE

### National Agricultural Society of Victoria.

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#### *TO THE SUBSCRIBERS.*

GENTLEMEN,

The following is a report of the proceedings of the Society for the year 1884:—

#### SITE FOR SHOW-GROUNDS.

When the Council found that the Crown grant of the show-grounds was useless as a security, an effort was made to have the site put up for sale by auction, with a valuation for improvements, so that the Society might purchase it, and thus procure the deed to lodge as security for the money expended in carrying out permanent improvements. An interview was arranged with the Minister of Lands, and he expressed himself favourable to this course, about the legality of which, however, there was some doubt; so he deferred taking action in the matter until a legal opinion was obtained. When this was received it was found that the proposal could not be adopted, as the land, having been permanently reserved from sale, could not be legally sold; and if sold its conveyance to the purchaser would give him no title. A deputation was then appointed to request the Government to bring a short bill into Parliament conveying the fee-simple of the land to the Society. The Minister of Lands received the deputation very favourably, and promised to bring the matter before the Cabinet. Subsequently the Ministers of Justice and Agriculture both promised to support the Society's request. The Minister of Lands afterwards asked the President to have a bill prepared, embodying the Society's requirements, and he would submit it to the Attorney-General, when the Cabinet would decide whether it should be introduced as a Government measure or as a private bill. Such a bill was then drafted by Mr. M'Kean, the Society's honorary solicitor, and handed to the Secretary for Lands in the absence of the Minister. As it did



not appear that any action was being taken by the Government in the matter, a letter was written inquiring the reason, when a reply was received to the effect that the state of public business prevented the Cabinet dealing with the draft bill. Another deputation was then appointed to wait on the Attorney-General, to urge him to introduce the bill at as early a date as possible. At this interview Mr. Kerferd asked for a copy of the Crown grant, and promised to see if the draft bill drawn up for the Society could be amended, so as to admit of its being introduced as a Government measure; but the Council has not received any notification of what has been done with regard to it. Mr. Kerferd also suggested to the deputation that an arrangement might be made with the Government to advance the Society—at a low rate of interest—a sum of money sufficient to carry out the whole of the projected improvements on the show-grounds. Although nothing definite has been done with regard to this proposal, it is one which is gaining favour with the members of Council, so that, whether the bill be passed or not, it will no doubt receive the early attention of the new executive body.

*14 April D. & P. waited on Minister of Agriculture - promised assistance & that he would bring the matter before the Cabinet*

#### PERMANENT BUILDINGS.

The first exhibition on the new grounds showed that even the extensive accommodation provided there was insufficient to meet the growing requirements of the Society. It was therefore necessary that the accommodation for exhibits should be increased, and the Works Committee, shortly after having been appointed, took steps to have this done. After due consideration they recommended the erection of forty additional boxes and sixty stalls, the duplication of the fat cattle pens, additions to the dog shed, pig pens, and carriage shed; also a Secretary's office and Council room, and that the whole of the buildings be spouted, together with other minor improvements. The Council adopted this recommendation, and Messrs. Billing and Son prepared plans and specifications and called for tenders for the works. Mr. H. Maxwell, who built the yards, was again the lowest and successful tenderer, and he completed the work satisfactorily and to contract time. The main hall, which was a prominent feature in the prize design, is, however, not yet erected, though it would certainly be an advantage to have it done; and if the arrangement for borrowing cheap money—referred to at the end of the previous section of this report—be effected, its erection should not be a very formidable undertaking.

#### TREE PLANTING.

In the last report it was stated that suggestions had been obtained from Mr. Ferguson, of the State Nursery, with regard to a system of tree planting on the ground. His recommendations



have now been acted on. Messrs. Gibbs, Bright and Co. were good enough to offer to do the straight lines of trenching with a steam ploughing plant they had received permission to store in the yards, and by this means an excellent preparation was made for a row of trees along the south side and western end of the ground, a strip of land of sufficient width having been trenched to a depth of about 2 ft., and thoroughly pulverized. The event was advertised, and attracted a considerable number of agriculturists and others to see the plant working. A number of plots were also trenched by contract in suitable places about the yards, and the Government supplied the trees recommended by Mr. Ferguson free of cost. These consisted principally of well-grown elms and oaks, which were carefully planted and watered, and from present appearances they promise to do well.

### THE EXHIBITION.

Important alterations were made in relation to this event; in fact, not only was it held at a different date, but the conditions of entry and arrangements for carrying it out were entirely changed. Last year there was so much trouble and disappointment in connection with the railways, through the exhibition being held in the same week as the Melbourne Cup, that a change was then determined on. The inconvenience, however, was not owing to any fault of the Department, but to the fact that the race traffic itself was quite enough for the available railway rolling stock. This matter was considered of such importance that a special general meeting of the members of the Society was called to consider it, when, on the motion of Messrs. J. M. Peck and D. R. Macgregor, it was resolved that the date of the show be altered from the Cup week, and the meeting adjourned. At an adjourned general meeting held on 8th January, 1884, at which there was a long discussion as to whether there should be a parade in August, and a show later on, but not in Cup week, it was resolved, on the motion of Messrs. J. M. Peck and A. Patterson, that there be one show, and that it be held in August. The Council afterwards arranged that it should extend over four days, and be held on the 27th, 28th, 29th, and 30th of the month. With regard to the conditions of entry, the Show Committee resolved to allow more time between the date of closing the entries and the show, and that members be charged a fee of two shillings and sixpence for each entry, and non-members five per cent. on the value of the prize for which they entered, provided that no entry fee should be less than two shillings and sixpence. Exhibitors of machinery and implements were also charged one shilling per foot frontage for the stands for their non-competitive goods; and it will be seen, on reference to the financial statement, that through these charges the society realized over £200 from entry fees alone. With reference to the general



arrangements, Mr. J. A. Roberts moved for a committee, which was duly appointed, the outcome being the improved system of carrying out the show which resulted so satisfactorily to all concerned. The Show Committee drew up a most liberal prize list, over £2,000 being offered for competition. Included in this amount were the Grand Champion Prizes of Australia offered by the Government. It is gratifying to be able to report that the entries for this show exceeded those of any previous one, and it was fortunate the Council had erected additional buildings. The show of draught stallions, as was expected, was far in excess of previous years, and the heavy horse class altogether was a strong one, comprising many very superior exhibits. Thoroughbred stallions also made a much stronger class than usual, but not many young stock were shown. The American trotting stallions and their progeny were turned out in great force, and in their usual striking style. The new feature of a trotting contest (fastest record during the show, time-test) attracted considerable attention. The hunters, hackneys, ladies' hackneys, four in-hands, buggy and carriage horses, ponies, &c., were fully more numerous than at the previous show. The shorthorn cattle were, as at last show, of a very high standard of excellence, and were not deficient in numbers. The Herefords were very poorly represented, only one or two exhibits being entered. Ayrshires and Alderneys were shown in great numbers, and of high quality. These cattle have come rapidly to the front, and for good specimens of either breed—but, perhaps, more especially of the latter—what are called fancy prices have now to be paid. The Brittanies, the dairy cows, and the fat stock were about the same as usual.

A special effort was made to secure a good show of sheep by offering very liberal prizes in these classes. On the whole, the entries were increased, and some of the best flocks were represented, but in several sections of the merinos the prizes were won by exhibits which were not up to the standard expected. The swine made an excellent display; indeed, they were one of the very best classes in the exhibition. The Society had provided coops for the poultry, of which there was a good display, shown to much greater advantage than heretofore. There was a very good show of sheep dogs, but the other sections of this class were not well filled. There was a great display of carriages and buggies, and about the usual show of saddlery and harness. Some excellent exhibits of dairy and farm produce were shown, which, however, did not appear to advantage in the present shedding. The show of machinery and implements was a very extensive one. There were 58 stands, covering acres of ground, and comprising a collection of exhibits of almost all descriptions. Nothing like it was ever seen at an agricultural exhibition in Victoria before. Fortunately, the weather was as fine as could be expected in August, and the attendance exceeded that of the previous year, so that those who said the Society's exhibitions



could not exist apart from the races are effectually silenced. His Excellency the Governor, who had not long arrived in the colony, visited the grounds, and expressed himself highly pleased with the exhibition. Several members of Council also, who had visited Europe, and had made a point of attending all the leading shows, said this one compared most favourably with the best of them, not only in the high character of the exhibition, but in the way it was carried out; and confidently affirmed that the site of the Society's grounds was unequalled by any they had visited.

### FIELD TRIAL.

At the show the judges ordered a field trial of the reaping and binding machines entered for the Grand Champion Prize. Mr. John Kernan, of Moonee Ponds, was again good enough to supply the Society with a crop for the trial, which was carried out on the 5th November. Machines by nine different makers competed, it being a rule of the Society that no two machines by one maker shall compete at a field trial. The machines which were entered were the "Champion," the "Johnstone," the "Deering," the "Woods," the "Samuelson," the "Hornsby," the "Buckeye," the "Osborne," and the "M'Cormick," and they all did very good work, that of the placed machines being really admirable. After their allotted portions of two acres had been cut by the machines, the judges picked out the four they intended to place, and sent them round a plot of crop, one following the other. They then awarded the prizes as under:—

	Closeness of Cutting.	Evenness and Cleanness of Cutting.	Binding Certainty.	Security of Knot and Tightness of Binding.	Uniform Size of Sheaf.	Delivery of Sheaf.	Simplicity of Construction and Durability of Machine.	Total.	Prize.
	20	20	20	20	10	10	20	120	
Briscoe and Co. (Hornsby)	20	20	18	18	10	10	15	111	1st
James M'Ewan and Co. (Woods) ... ..	20	18	18	18	8	9	15	106	2nd
D. Munro and Co. (Osborne) ... ..	16	16	18	18	9	8	12	97	3rd
M'Lean Bros. and Rigg (M'Cormick) ... ..	16	15	14	17	9	8	12	91	4th



## FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

At the annual meeting in February last, when Dr. Plummer took the chair as President-elect, he stated, *inter alia*, that he regretted the agriculturists of the colony were not more united. This want of union, and the necessity for some system of combination, formed a subject which for a long time had occupied his attention; and when he was President, two years before, he had several times mentioned the matter to the Secretary, but no opportunity of bringing it prominently forward had occurred. He said that during his present year of office he would endeavour to introduce some scheme which would enable the agriculturists of the colony to focus their influence in a way which would give them the weight they should have in all matters affecting their common interests. He had spoken of his intention to Mr. Dow, M.L.A. (who had just returned from America), and that gentleman had been good enough to offer to deliver a lecture before the members of the Society on "The Federation of Agricultural Societies," which system was very successfully in operation in the country he had visited.

At a meeting of Council held on the 13th May, 1884, Dr. Plummer stated that Mr. Dow was prepared to deliver his lecture on "The Federation of Agricultural Societies," if the Council would fix a time. The Executive Committee was then empowered to arrange a suitable date, and resolved on calling a special general meeting of the members of the Society for the 3rd June, and inviting all the Societies in the colony to be represented. Mr. Dow accordingly delivered his lecture before the members of this Society, representatives from the Echuca, Geelong, Sandhurst, Mornington, Bairnsdale, Seymour, and Nagambie Societies also being present.

At the conclusion of the lecture, Mr. J. Hurst, as the representative of the West Bourke Society, said he was glad Mr. Dow had brought the question of federation forward. He suggested that, as the matter was of great importance, the discussion should be postponed. He moved:—"That this meeting, at its rising, adjourn to Wednesday, 2nd July, at 2 p.m., for the further discussion and consideration of Mr. Dow's paper, and the necessary action to be taken thereon, and that all the Societies in the colony be written to and requested to send delegates." Seconded by Mr. Craike (Geelong Society), and carried unanimously. Mr. Dow's lecture was afterwards, by order of Council, printed in pamphlet form, and a number of copies forwarded to each Society in the colony. It will be found in the Appendix to this report, page 74.

At a meeting of Council held on the 10th June a letter was read from the Kyneton Agricultural Society, stating that at a meeting held on the 15th May the following resolution was passed by their Committee, viz.:—



“That in the opinion of this Committee it is necessary, in the interests of agriculture, the colony should be mapped out in agricultural districts, and that the Government should divide the colony into suitable districts, and that the Societies in each district should be federated; that a conference should be held in Melbourne on the subject, on a day to be named hereafter, at which Societies having an income of £300 and under should be represented by one delegate, those from £300 to £500 two delegates, and over £500 three delegates.”

This Society was requested to consider the resolution and state its views thereon.

The Council resolved that an intimation be sent to the Kyneton Society stating that the matter was under consideration and would be dealt with on the 2nd of July, when a meeting would be held to discuss and take action on Mr. Dow's lecture on “The Federation of Agricultural Societies.”

The adjourned general meeting was accordingly held on the 2nd July. There was a very large attendance, the following Societies being represented:—Mornington, West Bourke, Kilmore, Boort, Kyneton, Bendigo, Bairnsdale, Echuca, Rochester, Murtoa, Ararat, Yarrawonga, Baringhup and Maldon, Alexandra, Moira, Smeaton, Mount Alexander, Villiers and Heytesbury, Numurkah, Shepparton, Tatura, Heathcote, Geelong, North-Western, and Korong.

The President, in opening the meeting, said he hoped the subject would be approached in a spirit of conciliation, or there would not be much chance of success.

Mr. Dow then gave an epitome of his lecture, suggesting that the Agricultural Societies of this colony should be federated on a system which had worked well in the United States. By this system the individual operations of small societies were not in any way interfered with, every encouragement was given to establish new ones, and the interests of the existing ones were promoted; while the whole were knit together in one bond of union, which enabled the agricultural interest—which was really the stay of a country—to receive that recognition which its importance demanded.

After Mr. Dow had fully explained his subject, Mr. J. Hurst, as representative of the West Bourke Society, moved:—“That, in the opinion of this meeting, Federation of the Agricultural Societies in the colony is desirable, as indicated by Mr. Dow in his paper.” Seconded by Mr. C. Craike (Geelong Society). Mr. J. H. Connor (Geelong Society) suggested that the words of the resolution after “desirable” be omitted, as the absolute details of the Californian system might not be found suitable in every respect to Victorian requirements, which suggestion was adopted by the mover and seconder, when the resolution was put to the meeting, and carried unanimously.

Mr. C. Craike (Geelong) moved:—“That a committee of twelve be appointed to draw up a scheme, to be afterwards



submitted to the various Agricultural Societies for consideration and approval." Seconded by Mr. Bywater (Heathcote), and carried.

Mr. W. J. Lobb (of this Society) moved:—"That Dr. Plummer and Mr. J. L. Dow be elected to the Committee without ballot." Seconded by Mr. J. H. Connor (Geelong), and carried unanimously.

Nominations were received for the remaining ten members of the Committee, each Society being limited to one representative. A ballot was taken, resulting in the election of Messrs. J. Hurst (West Bourke), Joseph Knight (Shepparton), D. C. Sterry (Sandhurst), T. Langdon (Korong), W. M'Lellan (Ararat), E. H. Cameron (Victoria), J. H. Connor (Geelong), J. A. Taylor (Bairnsdale), J. Castles (Echuca), and T. Hunt (Kilmore). The other nominations for the Committee were—Messrs. G. G. Morton (Ballarat), — Boucher (Boort), J. M'Intyre (Castlemaine), A. W. Rodd (Dandenong), — Bywater (Heathcote), W. Thomson (Kyneton), J. F. Rutter (Mornington), G. Graham (Numurkah), T. Spencer (Rochester), R. Richardson (Smeaton), and — Skilbeck (Warrnambool).

Mr. Bywater (Heathcote) moved:—"That the Committee meet at 10 a.m. the following day, five to form a quorum, and that the Secretary of the National Society be asked to continue his services." Seconded by Mr. Sternberg (Rochester), and carried.

The Committee accordingly met the following day (3rd July), and drew up a number of resolutions. They also arranged the colony into districts. The Committee again met on the following day (4th July), and revised and amended their work, adopting the scheme which was submitted to the Agricultural Societies of the colony in the following circular:—

**OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA,**

Kirk's Bazaar, Bourke-street West,

Melbourne, 9th July, 1884.

SIR,—By direction of the Committee appointed by the recent Agricultural Conference to draw up a scheme for the federation of the Agricultural Societies of Victoria, I have the honour to submit for your consideration the following resolutions and proposals:—

1. That federation of the Agricultural Societies of Victoria is desirable.
2. That the financial affairs of existing Societies be not interfered with, except as referred to in Resolution 3.
3. That the present minimum amount of money paid away in prizes during one year (viz., £100), which entitles a Society to participate in the Government Grant, be not interfered with, and that the maximum amount of subsidy given to any Society in one year be £500.
4. That the colony be divided into districts, and that the minimum number of Agricultural Societies in each district be five.
5. That one Board be established in each of these districts, to be called the District Board, to which each Society in the district shall send one representative.



6. That a Central Board be established, to be composed of one delegate sent from each District Board to such Central Board.
7. That the Secretary for Agriculture, or other nominee of the Minister of Agriculture, have a seat on the Central Board.
8. That the Central Board be called the State Board of Agriculture.
9. That Melbourne be the place at which the meetings of the State Board be held.
10. That the duties of the District Board shall be to deal with all matters relating to Agricultural, Pastoral, Horticultural, Viticultural, Fruit-growing, and kindred interests generally, throughout their districts, and to remit all matters affecting these interests to the Central Board.
11. That the Central Board shall deal with all matters remitted to it by the District Boards, and with such other business as may be brought before it by its members (religious and party political subjects to be excluded), and no new matter affecting the constitution of District Boards shall be passed into law without having been first submitted to such District Boards.

The districts into which the Committee has divided the colony, together with the several Societies allotted to each, are as follow :—

*No. 1 District—*

Gippsland North Society  
 Gippsland South (Bairnsdale) do  
 Tarraville do  
 Buln Buln do  
 Mornington do  
 Bass do

*No. 2 District—*

Beechworth Society  
 Benalla do  
 Chiltern do  
 Ovens and Murray do  
 Rutherglen do  
 Yarrawonga do

*No. 3 District—*

Moiria Society  
 Murchison do  
 North-Eastern (Tatura) do  
 Numurkah do  
 Shepparton do  
 Seymour and Nagambie do

*No. 4 District—*

Bendigo Society  
 Boort do  
 Echuca do  
 North-Western do  
 Rochester do  
 Elmore do

*No. 5 District—*

Charlton Society  
 Donald do  
 St. Arnaud do  
 Dunolly do  
 Korong do

*No. 6 District—*

Apsley Society  
 Dimboola do

Horsham Society

Murtoa do  
 Rupanyup do

*No. 7 District—*

Ararat Society  
 Coleraine do  
 Hamilton do  
 Stawell do  
 Merino do

*No. 8 District—*

Geelong, &c., Society  
 Hampden, &c., do  
 Colac do  
 Belfast do  
 Villiers and Heytesbury do  
 Koroit do

*No. 9 District—*

Ballarat Society  
 Glendaruel, &c., do  
 Hardie's Hill, &c., do  
 Smeaton do  
 Talbot do  
 Beaufort do

*No. 10 District—*

Baringhup, &c., Society  
 Glenlyon, &c., do  
 Mt. Alexander, &c., do  
 Kyneton do  
 Heathcote do

*No. 11 District—*

Bacchus Marsh Society  
 National do  
 Victoria (Heidelberg) do  
 West Bourke do  
 Dandenong do  
 Kilmore do  
 Alexandra do

NOTE.—This division may be afterwards altered, if considered desirable ; say, by one Society leaving a group and joining another, and so on.



The foregoing resolutions and division of the colony into districts constitute the scheme agreed to by the Committee as the basis of the proposed federation of the Agricultural Societies of Victoria. This scheme is now submitted to your Society for consideration and approval, and it will be esteemed a favour if you will be good enough to let me know whether such is approved of, and whether your Society will become one to join in the general movement to give effect to this scheme, and thus initiate the federation of Agricultural Societies.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

THOMAS PATTERSON, *Secretary to the Committee.*

A meeting of the Federation Committee was called on the 25th November to report progress, when the whole of the correspondence relating to the business was considered, and it was resolved to issue the following circular, the perusal of which will explain the position of matters relating to the scheme :—

OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA,  
Kirk's Bazaar, Bourke-street west,  
Melbourne, 26th November, 1884.

SIR,—At a meeting of the Agricultural Societies Federation Committee, held yesterday (Dr. Plummer in the chair), the following resolution was passed, on the motion of Mr. J. L. Dow, M.L.A., seconded by Mr. Knight (Shepparton), viz. :—

“That the Secretary issue a short circular urging the balance of the Societies to send in their reports on the federation proposals, as the Committee were anxious to fix a date to make final arrangements for putting the scheme into operation. Also, to state that if the Societies would let the Committee know the date of their meetings they would endeavour, where practicable, to send a delegate to explain the proposals.”

In asking the Societies to comply with the request contained in the above resolution, I beg to state that 26 replies have already been received to the circular issued on the 9th July last, and only one Society—which said that “at the present time they did not approve of the scheme of federation as proposed by the Committee”—has, for the time being, declined to co-operate. Twenty-five are unanimously in favour of having federation carried out as soon as possible, only differing in matters of detail, wherein they are good enough to offer suggestions for the improvement of the scheme.

It appears some committees have thought that the proposal to join the Societies in each district together as a District Board would involve the exhibitions being done away with—or, rather, their amalgamation into one show in each district; but this is by no means the intention. The existing shows would not be interfered with, the only object being to unite the agriculturists of each district for their common good by means of these boards.

In conclusion, I would state that, after writing to Mr. Edwin F. Smith, the Secretary of the California State Board of Agriculture, for papers and information, that gentleman, in a most courteous letter in reply, said, amongst other things :—“I heartily congratulate your country upon the wise step it has taken in this matter. . . . I congratulate your press for the manner in which they have conducted this new departure. I specially congratulate them upon having the foresight to send the representatives they did to obtain the knowledge they have of American institutions that are run wholly in the interests of the *whole* people.”

Again soliciting your early attention to this important matter,

I am, your most obedient servant,

THOMAS PATTERSON, *Secretary to the Committee.*



Since the issue of this circular a number of additional Societies have sent in replies, all favourable to the scheme, so that further progress might now be made; but, as Mr. Dow is absent in America, it is probable that action will be deferred till his return. It may be here mentioned that in November the Council elected Mr. Dow an honorary member of this Society, in consideration of his efforts to promote the agricultural interests of the colony.

#### RABBIT CONFERENCE.

At the instance of the Donald Agricultural Society, the Council convened a conference of delegates from all the agricultural societies of the colony, on the 28th August, in the Society's rooms. The Government was also requested to ask the rabbit inspectors to be present, the object of the meeting being to discuss the rabbit question with a view to its better administration. In the absence of the President, Mr. Lobb occupied the chair. There was a very large attendance of representatives of agricultural societies and shire councils, the rooms being crowded. After a long discussion, in which the Hon. Walter Madden, M.L.A., said he had taken some trouble to get statistics together to show the extent of the rabbit plague, and then gave a most vivid description of the havoc wrought by the pests, urging the immediate necessity for energetic action in order to prevent absolute ruin to many districts of the colony, the following resolution was passed:—

“That a deputation be appointed to wait on the Hon. the Minister of Lands to-morrow, to ask him—firstly, to increase the amount of subsidy for destroying rabbits to, say £15,000; and that he be requested to introduce into the Land Bill now before Parliament clauses dealing with the rabbit question somewhat similar to those now embodied in the Mallee Act, especially with respect to Crown lands in rabbit-infested districts.”

The deputation accordingly waited on the Minister of Lands, stating the result of their deliberations at the conference, and submitting the importance of the subject. The Minister said that action was being taken with a view to the amendment of the Rabbit Bill, and promised that the Government would take further steps to deal with the pest.

#### STOCK QUARANTINE REGULATIONS.

As stated in the last report, the Council had taken action to have the regulations for the introduction and prohibition of stock assimilated throughout all the Australian colonies. The following is the result of the action taken by the Government at the request of a deputation from this Society, as communicated by the Secretary for Agriculture in January last. The Minister of Agriculture wrote to the Governments of the other colonies, urging upon them to adopt a prohibitive policy to the introduction of sheep and cattle from places outside the Australian



colonies. New Zealand has consented to carry out the request made, but New South Wales has declined to prohibit the importation of sheep from the United States of America and Canada; and South Australia still admits stock from the United States of America and Timor, after being quarantined 90 days. The request made has been brought before the Legislative Council in Western Australia, but no decided action has yet been taken. In Queensland and Tasmania the regulations are almost identical with those in force in this colony.

#### CARRIAGE OF EXHIBITS TO SHOWS.

The following motion, of which Mr. J. A. Roberts had given notice, was submitted at and passed by the Council in June, viz. :—

“That the Secretary be instructed to communicate by circular with agricultural societies throughout the colony, asking their co-operation with a view to obtaining for all agricultural societies free carriage for all exhibits to and from show-grounds, such carriage to be by the best means of transit, thus—valuable horses to travel by regular horse-boxes instead of cattle-trucks, and by mixed trains instead of goods trains, and so on; also that free railway passes be granted to the judges.”

A date for the deputation was then arranged with the Railway Commissioners, and the societies were invited by circular to send delegates. In addition to this Society, the following were represented at the deputation, viz. :—Villiers and Heytesbury, Shepparton, Tatura, Murtoa, Ararat, Dunolly, Bairnsdale, Heathcote, Kyneton, Echuca, and Sandhurst. In reply to the deputation Mr. Speight said that in considering the requests he would have to keep in view the necessity of providing for the working expenses of the lines, but he was inclined to look at the matter from a national point of view. He promised to remove as many restrictions as possible, and would send a reply later on. When the reply was received it was to the effect that the Commissioners would allow horses to travel by passenger trains, and in horse-boxes when these were available. Also, that they would allow judges to travel at single fares, but could not see their way to carry exhibits free.

#### EFFORT TO CHANGE SYSTEM OF JUDGING.

In March Mr. Hugh Lennon moved, in accordance with notice—

“That a single judging system at our show-yards, or paid experts for the same, should obtain in this Society.”

Mr. Lennon spoke forcibly on the propriety of a change in the present system of judging, and the motion gave rise to a very long discussion; but on being put to the vote it was lost.



## TRIUMPH OATS.

In April the Secretary noticed a reference to a wonderfully prolific oat in the *Agricultural Gazette*. This was called the "Triumph Oat," and was said to have produced on Messrs. Hooper and Co.'s farm, in Germany, as a common result, over 2,000 grains from one seed, many plants having more than 10 vigorous straws, and many straws or single heads carrying 300 grains. The price was £10 per single bushel, or two bushels for £18. The Secretary called the attention of the Council to this notice, and he was authorized to order two bushels from Messrs. Hooper and Co., of Covent Garden, London. The oats were received in good order and condition, and were retailed to members at 5s. per lb., their cost price to the Society—their price per single lb. in London being 7s. They arrived rather late in the season, and it is too early to predict definitely how they will yield, but reports in all cases say they have germinated readily, and look most remarkably promising.

## ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR.

On the arrival of His Excellency Sir Henry Loch in Victoria, the Council resolved to present him with an address of welcome. Messrs. F. Henty, J. Finlay, F. Peppin, J. Currie, J. Garton, and the Secretary (the President being absent through indisposition), who attended his first *levée* at Government House, presented the address to him on behalf of the Society. It was as follows:—

"To His Excellency Sir Henry Brougham Loch, K.C.B., Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies.

"May it please your Excellency,

"We, the President, Vice-Presidents, and members of the Council of the National Agricultural Society of Victoria, beg most respectfully to approach your Excellency with assurances of devoted attachment and loyalty to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.

"We desire to cordially welcome your Excellency to Australian soil, and to assure you that the record of your previous successful administration gives us full confidence that the functions of your present high office will be discharged with advantage to this community.

"We sincerely trust that the sojourn of your Excellency, Lady Loch, and family in this colony—which bears Her Majesty's revered and honoured name—will continue as happy, pleasurable, and satisfactory, as, from its auspicious commencement, we augur it will.

"On behalf of the Society,

"(Signed) ANDREW PLUMMER, *President*.

"(Signed) THOMAS PATTERSON, *Secretary*."



His Excellency was pleased to give the following reply to the address :—

“To the President, Vice-Presidents, and members of the National Agricultural Society of Victoria.

“Mr. President and Gentlemen,—

“I thank you, on behalf of the Queen, for your expressions of loyalty and attachment to the Throne, and for your cordial welcome, as Her Majesty's representative, to Australian soil.

“It will be my anxious endeavour that the hope you express that the administration of my office may be of advantage to the community may be realized, and I feel gratefully sensible of the good wishes you express for the happiness of Lady Loch, myself, and my family.

“(Signed) HENRY B. LOCH.

“Government House,

“Melbourne, 23rd July, 1884.”

His Excellency also, by letter, kindly granted his patronage to the Society.

#### PRESENTATION BY MR. LOBB.

While Mr. W. J. Lobb was President of the Society, in 1882, he was good enough to make arrangements with Mr. J. W. Lindt to take the photographs of the whole of the members of the executive body, his object being to present the Society with a group of the office-bearers for that year. Owing to absences and deaths a great deal of difficulty was experienced in getting the group completed, and it was not till the last annual meeting that it was ready for presentation. It was presented at that meeting, and accepted by the President on behalf of the Society. The presentation consists of an unusually well photographed group of the office-bearers, artistically arranged and enclosed in a handsome gilt frame. It is an ornament to the Society's rooms, and a picture to which each passing year will give additional interest.

#### MINERAL CLAY.

Mr. B. Franca, of Mudgee, N.S.W., wrote to the Secretary of the Society, asking his opinion with regard to sparrows in their relation to farming and gardening, as a few had just appeared in his town, and opinions differed as to whether they should or should not be destroyed. The Secretary replied in a letter which was afterwards published in the local paper. In acknowledging this letter, with thanks, Mr. Franca stated he was experimenting with a certain mineral clay, which he believed would kill phylloxera and prevent oidium. There were millions of tons of it available, and he offered to send a quantity to the Society. The offer was accepted, and when the clay was received the Council arranged with the Department of Agriculture to have its efficacy



tested. The quantities used were perhaps scarcely large enough to allow an exhaustive test to be made ; but the reports—which, however, showed that the clay possessed some peculiar qualities—were not sufficiently encouraging to induce further action to be taken with regard to it as an insect destroyer, though it may yet be found to have other useful qualities.

#### THE CALCUTTA EXHIBITION.

In the last report it was stated that the Council had been successful in getting together a good collection of grain and kindred exhibits for the Calcutta Exhibition. Unfortunately, however, these exhibits were damaged on the voyage to India. Weevils got amongst them, and they were otherwise injured ; so they did not appear to such advantage as they would have done had they been landed in good condition. The Council, being promised an equivalent in Indian seeds, gave the Commission authority to present the exhibits to the Indian Government. A case of seeds was received in return, and distributed among the members of the Society. The Commission also presented the Council with a number of very interesting volumes of the proceedings of the Agricultural and Horticultural Society of India, which have been added to the Society's library. The Secretary of the Indian Society also suggested the interchange of papers on agricultural matters, so as to keep up and improve the friendly relations existing between the two countries, and the suggestion will not be lost sight of by this Society.

#### INTERCOLONIAL WINE EXHIBITION.

At the solicitation of the Victorian Vinegrowers' Association, about to hold an Intercolonial Wine Exhibition, to which it was proposed to add fruits, plants, cereals, and so on, the Council appointed a committee to represent the Society and assist in collecting exhibits. The Association also requested that the gentlemen appointed should sign four promissory notes, of £20 each, towards the preliminary expenses, and they were authorized by the Council to do so. These notes were only to be used as security, and were to be returned in the event of the funds derived from the exhibition meeting the expenditure. Unfortunately, the exhibition was, from unexpected circumstances, not a financial success, and the Society was called on to pay £6 on each note—in all £24, as shown in the financial statement.

#### DONATIONS AS PRIZES.

The Show Committee undertook to wait on the leading houses and private gentlemen of the city to solicit donations as prizes, and were most successful in their efforts. The Society is under a considerable obligation to these gentlemen, who gave so much



of their valuable time to the work, and who succeeded in collecting £564 2s., to be awarded in prizes. The best thanks of the Society are also due, and are now given, to the business firms and gentlemen who so handsomely contributed their donations, and thus enabled the Council to issue the best prize list yet published in the colonies. The list of donors, with amounts, is given on page 73.

#### THE COUNCIL.

Very many changes occurred in the Council during the year. In February a vacancy in the trustees was reported, through the death of the Hon. J. G. Francis. Mr. Francis was elected a trustee in 1872, *vice* Sir James M'Culloch resigned, and held office continuously till his death. Mr. James Gibb, M.L.A., was elected in his place. In March Mr. D. R. M'Gregor resigned his position as a Vice-President. Mr. M'Gregor had been an office-bearer in the Society from its formation, and his resignation was accepted with regret. Mr. John Finlay was elected in his place. The Hon. James Buchanan, M.L.C., was elected a member of Council in the room of Mr. Finlay. In April a vacancy was reported in the trustees, through the death of the Hon. T. J. Sumner. Mr. Sumner had held the office of trustee, without interruption, since the Society's inception. Mr. W. J. Lobb was elected in his place. In June it was notified that the Hon. T. F. Cumming had lost his seat through non-attendance. Mr. S. G. Staughton was elected in his place. In July Dr. Plummer wrote resigning his position as President through ill-health. The consideration of the letter was postponed in the hope that before the next ordinary meeting his health would be sufficiently restored to enable him to continue in office, and an intimation was sent to him to that effect. A second letter was then received from Dr. Plummer, urging the Council to accept his resignation and relieve him of his duties. A special meeting was called, and Dr. Plummer's resignation was accepted with extreme regret. He, however, did not retire from the Council, as he still held office as trustee. Mr. Francis Henty was elected President, in the room of Dr. Plummer. In September Dr. Plummer was elected Vice-President, in place of Mr. Henty. In January Mr. J. A. Roberts resigned his position as a member of Council, as he had left the colony to permanently reside in Sydney. Mr. Roberts's resignation was accepted with extreme regret, and the Secretary was directed to write to him to this effect, as well as to express the Council's indebtedness to him for having been the means of introducing several new features and amendments in relation to the Society's exhibitions.

#### RULES AND BYE-LAWS.

In September Mr. W. Thomson gave notice of motion to appoint a special committee to revise the rules and by-laws of the Society.



A committee of seven was appointed, and suggested some important alterations, which were adopted by the Council in November. The new by-laws then came into operation, but the amendments in the rules have to be confirmed by the annual meeting before they come into force. The attention of subscribers is therefore directed to the new rules and by-laws as published with this report.

#### DECEASED MEMBERS.

During the year the Society has lost by death two members who were for a long time connected with its management. Mr. James Hutchings (of Messrs. T. Robinson and Co.), who died in May, was elected to the Council in 1872, and held office almost continuously till within one year of his death. Mr. Abraham Lincolne, a very old colonist, died in October. He was elected a member of Council in 1878, and shortly afterwards a member of the Finance Committee, which positions he held till within one year of his death. In May Mr. Lincolne had presented the Society with a framed copy of the first agricultural prize list issued in Australia, being that of the Illawarra Society in New South Wales, dated 1845. At the meeting after his decease the Council, on the motion of Dr. Plummer, ordered that a resolution be inserted in the minutes expressing regret at his death, and that a letter of condolence be sent to his family. Mr. Lincolne did good service to the country as an agricultural writer, and was highly esteemed for his genial qualities.

#### THE COLLECTOR.

When the last report was written the Society was without a Collector. The matter was placed in the hands of the Finance Committee, who selected Mr. J. Hedrick from thirty-one applicants, and his appointment was confirmed by the Council in April. Mr. Hedrick has been fairly successful in collecting subscriptions; and it is satisfactory to report that, owing to the gradual extension of the Society's operations, over 100 new members have been added to the list of subscribers during the year.

#### THE SHEEP-BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

In October a resolution was passed ordering that a letter be written to the Australian Sheep-Breeders' Association, inquiring if they would hold their next Sheep Show in the Society's yards, if the Council erected suitable and sufficient accommodation; and in the event of this proposition being favourably entertained, that they should appoint a Committee to confer with a Committee of this Society, in order to endeavour to arrive at an understanding and resolve on a plan of operations. The Association replied, stating that, while thanking the Council for their offer, it was not their intention, for this year, to remove their show from Messrs. Goldsbrough's warehouses.



## GRAND CHAMPION PRIZES.

In November the Secretary submitted a letter to the Council relative to the Grand Champion Prizes and the further development of the Society's exhibitions. The letter was received and ordered to be handed to the press, and its consideration was postponed for a month. It was brought forward at the next meeting, with another, which more fully explained the proposals. The letters were ordered to be printed, and were referred to a Special Committee for report. Their report was also published, and has not yet been dealt with. The letters and report appear in the Appendix, page 80.

## FINANCE.

On reference to the Financial Statement, which has been carefully audited\* (*vide* report below), it will be seen that the receipts for the past year amount to £3,615 ls. 7d., and the expenditure to £5,599 0s. 11d., increasing the overdraft by £1,983 19s. 4d., so that on the 31st December it amounted to £7,150 0s. 11d. A sum of £1,861 8s. 9d. has been laid out in buildings, and £37 5s. 6d. in tree planting; so that the whole of the increased amount of the overdraft, less £85 5s. 1d., has been expended in permanent works. The overdraft will shortly be reduced by more than £1,200, to be received from Government—£450, a refund of the Government Grand Champion Prizes, already paid by the Society; and the balance, £750, a very low estimate of the subsidy on prizes awarded at the last show. The claim sent in for subsidy amounts to £872 13s. 8d., but the Government vote to Agricultural Societies will not, this year, meet all their claims, so that a *pro rata* reduction will have to be made. Hence the expected subsidy is stated at £750, which, however, must be well within the mark. The expenses in connection with the show on the new grounds, which are being brought into working order, have necessarily been rather heavy, and the general expenditure consequent on the increased ramifications of the Society's business has also increased—the item postage alone amounting to £38 10s.; but the Council assures the subscribers that no effort has been spared to conduct the business of the Society with all the economy consistent with judicious management.

FRAS. HENTY, *President.*

THOMAS PATTERSON, *Secretary.*

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"MELBOURNE, 30th January, 1885.

\* "The President and Council of the National Agricultural Society.

"GENTLEMEN,—We have made a careful and exhaustive audit of all receipts and expenditure for the past year ending 31st December, and report that the transactions are carefully and fully set forth; and we pass the balance-sheet as perfectly correct.

"We are, gentlemen, yours faithfully,

"WILLIAM COOK, *Public Auditor.*

"FRANCIS ROSS, *Hon. Auditor.*"



The list of Office-bearers for the year 1884 was as follows :—

*President :*

— FRANCIS HENTY, Esq., Kew.

*Vice-Presidents :*

— JAMES GIBB, Esq., M.L.A., Middle Park, Berwick.

— J. M. PECK, Esq., Lebanon, Moonee Ponds.

— W. J. LOBB, Esq., Darraweit Guim.

— D. MITCHELL, Esq., Burnley-street, Richmond.

— JOHN FINLAY, Esq., Alma-road, St. Kilda.

— DR. PLUMMER, Wyabun Park, Gisborne.

*Trustees :*

— JAMES GIBB, Esq., M.L.A., Melville Park, Berwick.

— DR. PLUMMER, Wyabun Park, Gisborne.

— W. J. LOBB, Esq., Darraweit Guim.

*Members of Council :*

— The Hon. CHARLES YOUNG, M.L.A.,  
Albert-street, East Melbourne.

— HUGH LENNON, Esq., North Mel-  
bourne.

— WILLIAM THOMSON, Esq., Prospect,  
Kyneton.

— JOHN BUNCLE, Esq., North Mel-  
bourne.

— CHARLES LYNOTT, Esq., St. Kilda.

— SAMUEL GARDINER, Esq., Bundoora.

— The Hon. WILLIAM M'CULLOCH,  
M.L.C., Glenroy.

— S. G. STAUGHTON, Esq., Woodside,  
Albert Park.

— FREDERICK PEPPIN, Esq., St. Kilda.

— JOHN CURRIE, Esq., Little Collins-  
street West.

— JOHN HURST, Esq., Romsey.

— WILLIAM LEARMONTH, Esq., New  
Hall, Moonee Ponds.

— JAMES GARTON, Esq., Jolimont Ter-  
race, Jolimont.

— The Hon. JAMES BUCHANAN, M.L.C.,  
Berwick.

— A. PATTERSON, Esq., St. Germain's,  
Cranbourne.

— JOB SMITH, Esq., Thornbury Park,  
Northcote.

— THOMAS LEARMONTH, Esq., New  
Hall, Moonee Ponds.

— F. S. ROBERTS, Esq., Collins-street  
East.

— J. A. ROBERTS, Esq., Bronté, Middle  
Brighton.

— J. G. BRISBANE, Esq., Moonee  
Ponds.

— THOMAS BRUNTON, Esq., South-  
street, Ascot Vale.

— JAMES MALCOLM, Esq., Olig,  
Craigieburn.

— W. H. WILSON, Esq., Braemore,  
Merriang.

— STRATFORD STRETTLE, Esq., Gladys  
Park, Berwick.



*Hon. Vet. Surgeon :*

GRAHAM MITCHELL, Esq., F.R.C.V.S.

*Secretary :*

THOMAS PATTERSON.

The Office-bearers who retire at close of the year 1884, as per rules of the Society, are as follow :—

*President :*

F. HENTY, Esq. (eligible for re-election).

*Vice-Presidents :*

D. Mitchell, Esq. (eligible for re-election).	
John Finlay, Esq.	do.
Dr. Plummer	do.

*Members of Council :*

James Garton, Esq. (eligible for re-election)	
Hon. James Buchanan, M.L.C.	do.
A. Patterson, Esq.	do.
Job Smith, Esq.	do.
T. Learmonth, Esq.	do.
F. S. Roberts, Esq.	do.
J. A. Roberts, Esq. ( <i>resigned</i> , not eligible for re-election)	
J. G. Brisbane, Esq. (eligible for re-election)	
T. Brunton, Esq.	do.
James Malcolm, Esq.	do.
W. H. Wilson, Esq.	do.
Stratford Strettle, Esq. (not eligible for re-election).	

*Hon. Vet. Surgeon :*

Graham Mitchell, Esq. F.R.C.V.S. (eligible for re-election).



*Attendance of Office-bearers at Eighteen Meetings of the Council  
for the Year 1884.*

PRESIDENT.

Francis Henty	...	...	...	...	12
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VICE-PRESIDENTS.

James Gibb	...	...	6	D. Mitchell	...	...	5
J. M. Peck	...	...	18	John Finlay	...	...	13
W. J. Lobb	...	...	9	Dr. Plummer	...	...	9

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

Charles Young	...	...	7	James Garton	...	...	10
Hugh Lennon ( <i>received leave of absence to visit England</i> )			3	James Buchanan ( <i>elected 13th May</i> )	...	...	5
William Thomson	...	...	10	A. Patterson	...	...	9
John Buncle	...	...	9	Job Smith	...	...	17
Charles Lynott	...	...	10	T. Learmonth	...	...	12
S. Gardiner	...	...	7	F. S. Roberts	...	...	10
W. M'Culloch	...	...	5	J. A. Roberts	...	...	10
S.G. Staughton ( <i>elected 8th July</i> )			5	J. G. Brisbane	...	...	11
F. Peppin	...	...	13	T. Brunton	...	...	8
John Currie	...	...	11	J. Malcolm	...	..	8
John Hurst	...	...	6	W. H. Wilson	...	...	8
W. Learmonth	...	...	9	Stratford Strettle	...	...	5

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Largest attendance of Members at one meeting	...	...	...	23
Smallest do do do	...	...	...	7
Average do do do	...	...	...	15



# National Agricultural Society of Victoria.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1884.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Cash in hand from last year	...	...	...	3	0	0	By J. Liddiard, Cartage, Office Furniture, &c. ...	...	...	1 14 0
" Life Members' Subscriptions	...	...	...	8	0	0	" Blind Asylum Band at Show ...	...	...	12 0 0
" Governors' do.	...	...	...	63	0	0	" Draper, Loan of Closets ...	...	...	3 0 0
" Governors' (being Members) do.	...	...	...	10	0	0	" Straker, Hire of Tents ...	...	...	7 5 0
" Members' Subscriptions	...	...	...	414	0	0	" Do. Luncheons, Judges, Stewards, &c.,	...	...	78 12 0
"	...	...	...	...	...	...	" Stokes and Martin, Badges for Judges ...	...	...	12 14 6
"	...	...	...	...	...	...	" T. Evans, Covering Sheds ...	...	...	9 0 0
EXHIBITION, August—	...	...	...	62	10	0	" D. Altson, Tan ...	...	...	1 10 0
Premium, Catalogues	...	...	...	7	10	0	" Police at Show ...	...	...	11 0 0
Do. Fruit	...	...	...	2	2	0	" Wages, before, during, and after do. ...	...	...	90 0 0
Do. Forage	...	...	...	250	0	0	" J. Hedrick and Son, Charge of Money Boxes	...	...	6 0 0
Do. Refreshments, &c.	...	...	...	11	10	0	" Southgate do.	...	...	3 0 0
Do. Side Shows	...	...	...	385	14	9	" Contingencies ...	...	...	7 6 6
Tickets sold at Gates	...	...	...	345	18	9	" Sims, Sowing Seeds, &c. ...	...	...	2 10 0
Do. do. Railways	...	...	...	209	7	1	" Insurance Show-yards ...	...	...	5 2 0
Entry Fees	...	...	...	17	8	10	" Railways—N. S. Wales Judges' Tickets	...	...	7 14 0
Commission on Sales in Yards	...	...	...	1,292	1	5	" Alcock, Hire of Seats ...	...	...	5 0 0
DONATIONS—	...	...	...	...	...	...	" Disinfectant (1883) ...	...	...	0 10 0
J. H. Angas	...	...	...	10	10	0	" W. Ferguson, Expenses Tree Planting	...	...	2 18 0
P. O'Donnell	...	...	...	3	3	0	" Expenses, Field Trial of Reapers and Binders	...	...	3 6 6
"	...	...	...	...	...	...	" D. Campbell, Expenses, Judge at Show and Trial	...	...	3 0 0
DONATIONS AS PRIZES	...	...	...	13	13	0	" Stamped Cheque Books ...	...	...	3 0 5
Grand Draught Horse Produce Sweepstakes	...	...	...	564	2	0	" Caretaker Show-Yards ...	...	...	28 7 0
Entry Fees (Sweepstakes) do.	...	...	...	110	0	0	" Bennett, Refund Sale of Windmill (1882)	...	...	5 8 0
Government—Grand Champion Prizes	...	...	...	38	0	0	" J. Hedrick, Auditor ...	...	...	5 0 0
Government Subsidy on Prizes Awarded 1883	...	...	...	445	0	0	" Water Rates, Show-grounds ...	...	...	12 1 3
Show-yards—Grazing and Sale	...	...	...	509	9	8	" James M'Ewan and Co., Sundries ...	...	...	2 11 6
Deposit on Contract	...	...	...	63	2	0	" Treasury for Deed ...	...	...	2 2 0
Caretaker—Rent of Cottage	...	...	...	25	0	0	" Recoup Promissory Notes, Wine Exhibition	...	...	24 0 0



C. Lempriere—Excess Prizes, 1883	...	5	0	0	Borough of Essendon—Rates	...	31	5	0
J. Musgrove—Prize Returned, pending action	...	5	0	0	Drawing Plans ...	...	2	2	0
Refunds for Medals	...	1	3	6	G. Grantham, Commission on Collections	...	0	18	0
Sales of Triumph Oats	...	15	5	0	Trenching Ground for Trees	...	8	12	6
Refund on Buildings	...	1	0	0	Wood and Coal for Engines	...	5	8	0
Office Rent	...	27	18	0	Wages—Levelling and Tree Planting	...	11	12	0
Bank Overdraft ...	...	7,150	0	11	Danks—Altering Water Pipe, Racecourse	...	4	19	11
					Grant and Cameron, Seeds	...	4	1	6
					Making Stands for Seats ...	...	2	3	6
					M'Kean and Leonard, Expenses Transfer	...	3	2	0
					J. Hedrick, Commission on Collections	...	17	8	0
					Petty Cash (including Postage £38 10s.)	...	70	0	0
					Cash Prizes Paid—Awarded 1883-84	...	1,861	9	0
					Medals ...	...	116	3	3
					Advertising ...	...	233	17	9
					Stationery, Books, Tickets, &c.	...	25	16	4
					Buildings, Show-grounds ...	...	1,861	8	9
					Interest on Overdraft	...	369	8	8
					Printing	...	144	17	6
					Cost of Triumph Oats	...	19	19	7
					Office Furniture (Forms) ...	...	6	15	0
					H. Maxwell, Deposit Refunded	...	25	0	0
					Campbell, Pratt and Co., Office Rent	...	78	0	0
					Secretary's Salary	...	300	0	0
					Clerical Assistance	...	39	0	0
					Bank Overdraft last year ...	...	5,166	1	7
							£10,765	2	6

Audited and found correct,

WILLIAM COOK, } AUDITORS.  
FRANCIS ROSS, }

THOMAS PATTERSON, SECRETARY.



# National Agricultural Society of Victoria.

## BALANCE SHEET, 31st DECEMBER, 1884.

### ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.
Office Rent Account (Stock and Station Agents—			
Three months' Rent) ... ..	4	17	6
Government Prizes Account (Grand Champion Prizes)	450	0	0
Office Furniture Account ... ..	105	15	3
Building Account (Show-grounds) ... ..	11,777	9	9
	<u>£12,338</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>

To Balance ... .. £4,836 14 7

MELBOURNE, 31st December, 1884.

### LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.
Commission Account (J. Hedrick, Commission on			
Collections) ... ..	...	...	...
Salary Account ... ..	...	...	...
Prizes do. ... ..	...	...	...
Grand Draught Horse Produce Sweepstakes Account...	...	...	...
Bank of Victoria Account ... ..	...	...	...
Balance ... ..	...	...	...
	<u>£12,338</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>

THOMAS PATTERSON, SECRETARY.



(This leaf from an 1883 report)

## ALPHABETICAL LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

### L I F E   G O V E R N O R S .

Subscription, £24 sterling.

Armytage, F. W.	...	...	Duck Ponds
Chirnside, Andrew	...	...	Carranballac, Streatham
Chirnside, Thomas	...	...	Werribee
Clarke, Joseph	...	...	Mandeville Hall, Toorak
Clarke, The Hon. Sir W. J., Bart.	...	...	Sunbury
Currie, J. L.	...	...	Larra
Latham, Edward	...	...	Carlton
MacBain, The Hon. James	...	...	Toorak
McCulloch, The Hon. William	...	...	Glenroy
Ormond, The Hon. Francis	...	...	Toorak
Robertson Bros.	...	...	Colac
Shaw, Thomas	...	...	Camperdown
Simson, Robert	...	...	Leura, Toorak
Ware, John	...	...	Yalla y Poora, Streatham
Wilson, Sir Samuel	...	...	Ercildoun

### L I F E   M E M B E R S .

Subscription, £8 sterling.

Allfrey, E. H.	...	...	Ferniehurst, Inglewood
Armstrong, William	...	...	Hexham Park, Hexham
Calvert, John	...	...	Colac
Campbell, The Hon. William	...	...	Brighton
Cumming, William	...	...	Mount Fyans, Darlington
Cumming, The Hon. T. F.	...	...	Waiora, Caulfield
Finlay, John	...	...	Alma Road, St. Kilda
Fisher, C. B.	...	...	Maribyrnong
Fleming, J. W.	...	...	Brunswick
Harper, Robert	...	...	Flinders Lane
Landale, Robert	...	...	Hartpury, St. Kilda
Learmonth, Messrs.	...	...	Rosecraddock, Caulfield
Lennon, Hugh	...	...	North Melbourne
Loeman, M.	...	...	Bulla
Love, Duncan (M'Naughton, Love and Co.)	...	...	Flinders Lane



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Ryan, Charles ...	...	Bourke Street West
Sanders, C. C. ...	...	Bourke Street West
Sanderson, J., and Co. ...	...	44 William Street
Sands and McDougall ...	...	Collins Street West
Sargood, Butler and Nichol	...	Flinders Street East
Schooling, R. W. ...	...	Carlsruhe Railway Station
Schultz, G. E. ...	...	Wollert
Sharpe, J., and Son ...	...	Sandridge Road
Shields and Co. ...	...	245 Elizabeth Street
Skilling, Thomas ...	...	Woodstock
Slaney, H. ...	...	Haymarket
Slee, Charles ...	...	Strangways
Smith, A. (King and Company) ...	...	Bourke Street West
Smith, George ...	...	Bulleen, Kew P.O.
Smith, Job ...	...	Northcote
Smith, Joseph ...	...	Templestowe
Smith, Hon. Dr. L. L. ...	...	Collins Street East
Smith, Thomas ...	...	Eldon House, Victoria Parade
Smith, Thomas ...	...	Essendon
Smith, W. Howard, and Sons ...	...	Market Buildings
Smithurst, E. S. ...	...	Bourke Street West
Stanford, J. C. (Powers, Rutherford and Co.) ...	...	Collins Street West
Staughton, S. G. ...	...	Woodside, Albert Park
Staughton, S. T. ...	...	Eynesbury, Melton
Steadman, George ...	...	Albion Hotel, Bourke Street
Stevenson, R. B. ...	...	Mickleham
Straker, C. D. ...	...	Three Crowns, Victoria Street
Strettle, Stratford ...	...	Bourke Street West
Sture, J. H. ...	...	Christchurch, N.Z.
Sturrock, A. C. ...	...	Elizabeth Street



Swallow and Ariell	...	...	2 Queen Street
Swan, A.	...	...	Essendon
Swan and Co.	...	...	Elizabeth Street North
Syme, D.	...	...	Blythewood, Kew
Symonds, Thomas	...	...	Creswick
Teasdale, James	...	...	Western Park, Balnarring
Thomas, R. J.	...	...	147 Elizabeth Street
Thomson, H. M.	...	...	Cocketgedong, Jerilderie, N.S.W.
Thomson, J. (Kilpatrick and Co.)	...	...	Collins Street
Thomson, William	...	...	Prospect, Kyneton
Throssell and Tankard	...	...	Flinders Lane East
Tilley, F.	...	...	Victoria Hotel, Bourke St. West
Tong, W. S.	...	...	Western Market
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Trenchard, E. (Richard Gibson and Co.)	...	...	Queen Street
Trimble, James	...	...	Green Hill
Trotman, Joseph	...	...	Glenarthur, Broadmeadows
Turner, J., and Son	...	...	Collins Street West
Tweddle, James	...	...	Green Park, Gisborne
Twinem, F. M., and Sons	...	...	Mount Alexander Road, Flemington
Virgoe, W. R.	...	...	Mathoura, N.S.W.
Voice, John	...	...	Moreland Road, Brunswick
Wade, E.	...	...	Coopers' Arms, Little Bourke Street
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Watson, J. T.	...	...	Highbank Hill, Kyneton
Watson, Moses	...	...	Little Coliban, Kyneton
Watson, William	...	...	Queen Street
Watson and Paterson	...	...	Queen Street
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Watt, Colin A.	...	...	Drummond
Watt, Ross	...	...	Rosslynne, Gisborne
Webster, George, and Co.	...	...	Flinders Lane East
West, J. and B.	...	...	Essendon
White, Daniel	...	...	Swanston Street
Whiting, G.	...	...	Alexandra
Whitley, D., and Co.	...	...	Queen Street
Whittingham, G.	...	...	74 Collins Street West
Whittingham, J.	...	...	74 Collins Street West
Williams, F.	...	...	Gisborne
Williamson, Dr. W.	...	...	Eversley
Williamson, G.	...	...	Tullamarine



Williamson, James	...	...	Riddell's Creek
Williams, Price	...	...	Franklin Street
Williams, T.	...	...	Yangery, Warrnambool
Willis, W.	...	...	Little Collins Street West
Wilson, James	...	...	Berwick
Wilson, The Hon. W.	...	...	Parliament House
Wilson, W. C.	...	...	Scott's Hotel, Collins Street
Wilson, W. H.	...	...	Merriang
Woodmason, William	...	...	Malvern
Wooley, Dr.	...	...	Collins Street East
Wright, Andrew	...	...	Essendon
Wright, E. B.	...	...	Kensington, near New- market
Wright, J.	...	...	Flinders Street East
Wright, J., and Co.	...	...	Flinders Lane
Younghusband, I.	...	...	Collins Street West
Young, Alexander	...	...	Preston
Young, T.	...	...	Collins Street East
Young, The Hon. Charles	...	...	Albert Street, E. Melbourne



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# R U L E S .

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1. The Society shall be called "THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA."

2. The objects of the Society shall be to promote the development of the Agricultural, Pastoral, and Industrial resources of the colony :—

- (1.) By holding Exhibitions, at such places and times as the Council shall appoint ; and by offering and awarding prizes and premiums at all such Exhibitions.
- (2.) By holding Meetings, at such places and times as the Council shall appoint, at which Meetings papers may be read and discussed.
- (3.) By collecting such information from agricultural publications and scientific works as may be useful in promoting the objects of the Society.
- (4.) By corresponding with Agricultural and other kindred Societies at home and abroad, and collecting from such correspondence all information which, in the opinion of the Council, may lead to practical benefit in the cultivation of the soil and breeding of stock, as well as in the prosecution of other important industries.
- (5.) By encouraging the attention of men of science to the discovery of better methods of cultivation, to the improvement of agricultural implements and machinery, the construction of farm buildings, the application of chemistry to the general purposes of agriculture, the destruction of insects injurious to vegetable life, and the eradication or utilization of weeds.
- (6.) By promoting the discovery and introduction of new varieties of cereals, vegetables, or grasses suitable to the climate, and capable of being cultivated with profit ; and also the introduction of desirable kinds and varieties of live stock.
- (7.) By collecting information regarding the management of plantations, live fences, and other subjects connected with rural improvement.
- (8.) By investigating the nature of diseases in animals or plants, and taking measures for the publication, at such times and periods as the Council may appoint, of the



information thus collected, together with all approved original essays sent in, lectures delivered, or papers read to the Society; besides making provision for the establishment of a Library and Reading-room for the use of Members.

- (9.) By remunerating any person who shall undertake, at the request of the Council, to ascertain by experiment how far such information may lead to useful results in practice, for any loss incurred by such experiments.

3. The Society shall consist of a President, six Vice-Presidents, three Trustees, Governors, Members, Honorary Scientific Members (not exceeding six in number), and Corresponding Members.

4. The President shall be elected annually.

5. The President, Vice-Presidents, and Trustees shall be elected from the class of Governors, being, or having been, members of Council; and the Trustees may hold office until disqualified, or until they are removed in due form at the Annual or at a Special General Meeting of the Society.

6. Governors shall pay a subscription of three pounds, and Members one pound, annually in advance, with power to compound for life by the payment in one sum of eight annual subscriptions.

7. Every candidate for admission into the Society, by giving his name and address, with his subscription, to the Secretary, shall be duly constituted a Member of the same, and shall have all the rights of membership till the day after the Annual Meeting then next ensuing: Provided that when any subscription shall be paid in the name of any firm or company, any one member of the same may exercise the rights and privileges belonging to the same, and may be elected to any office.

8. The Council shall consist of thirty-four Members, including the President, Vice-Presidents, and three Trustees, to be elected from the class of Governors only; the remainder to be elected indiscriminately from amongst the Governors and Members of the Society.

9. One half of the Council, excepting the President and Trustees, shall retire annually, but be eligible for re-election.

10. The Council is to be regulated in its proceedings by such By-laws as may, and shall, from time to time, be enacted by it, conformably with the Constitution and objects of the Society; but no By-law shall in any case be altered, or new ones proposed, unless notice of such intention has been given at a previous meeting and sent to each Member of the Council.

11. The Council shall have sole management of the income and funds of the Society, and also the entire management and superintendence of all other affairs and concerns thereof.

12. The Council shall have power to appoint and remove all paid officers required for duly carrying out the objects of the Society.



13. The Council shall have power to elect Honorary, Scientific, and Corresponding Members; notice of such intention having been given at a previous meeting, and a circular having been sent to each member of the Council.

14. All Governors and Honorary Scientific Members may attend meetings of the Council, and take part in discussions thereat, but shall not have power to vote.

15. The Council may fill up any vacancies in its own body created by death, resignation, or occurring in any other way amongst its office-bearers.

16. The Society's financial year shall end on the 31st of December; and a Preliminary General Meeting shall be held on the third Thursday in January, to arrange the business and receive notices of motion for the Annual General Meeting, to appoint Auditors, and to nominate gentlemen to fill the places of retiring office-bearers.

17. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in Melbourne on the third Thursday in February; at which meeting the Annual Report and Balance-sheet shall be read, all office-bearers elected, and any other business transacted of which due notice may have been given.

18. The Secretary shall report to the meeting of Council next after the Annual Meeting the gentlemen elected to fill vacancies, and the minutes shall be confirmed at the following Annual Meeting.

19. A Special General Meeting of the Society may be called at any time by the Secretary, on direction of the President, or on the requisition of ten Members of the Society; but no business shall be transacted at any such meeting other than that for which it has been called.

20. A Special Meeting of the Council may be summoned by direction of the President, or of three Members of the Council; but no business then transacted shall be valid unless confirmed by special resolution by the next Monthly Council.

21. The privilege of membership shall consist of power to vote at the election of all office-bearers, of free admission to the Library, Reading-room, Lectures; and, with two ladies, to the Society's Exhibitions and grounds at all times.

22. Any Member guilty of conduct calculated to bring the Society into discredit in connection with its Exhibitions or other objects shall be liable to be brought before the Council, and if found guilty shall be subject to reprimand, or to have his name expunged from the roll of Members, and may be disqualified from exhibiting during the pleasure of the Council.

23. These rules shall not be altered except by a majority of the Members present at the Annual or at a Special General Meeting of less than ten Members, exclusive of Members of Council.



# BY - LAWS.

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## GENERAL MEETINGS.

1. Public notice of the Preliminary, Annual, and Special General Meetings of the Society shall be given in such newspapers as the Council may decide, and by circular through post to every Member; and all matters, except the election of the office-bearers at the Annual Meeting, shall be determined by a show of hands, unless a division be called for. At every Annual General Meeting a Report, together with a Financial Statement from the Council, shall be read, and any Governor or Member present may propose any questions to the Council respecting the matters contained in such report, and comment thereon; or may refer to such other matters relating to the government of the Society and the management of its affairs as to him may seem proper; provided that his remarks have reference to some motion of which notice has been previously given at the Preliminary General Meeting.

2. At the Preliminary General Meeting in January, Notices of Motion for the Annual General Meeting in the following month will be received, Auditors appointed, and gentlemen nominated to fill the places of retiring office-bearers. Previous to the day of meeting, the Council shall have prepared a list of Governors and Members whom they propose to fill the vacant offices of President, Vice-Presidents, and Members of Council; to which list of candidates the names of any other Governors and Members may be added on their being duly proposed and seconded at the meeting.

3. The Council, at the First Ordinary Meeting after the Annual Election, shall elect its own President and three Vice-Presidents.

4. The President or his Deputy shall conduct the Election at the Annual General Meeting, and the ballot shall be kept open from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

5. To allow of a ballot being taken, printed lists of the Governors and Members duly proposed shall be given by the Secretary to each Member of the Society present, two scrutineers shall be chosen, and each Member desiring to vote shall hand to the Chairman his copy of the said list, with such names erased therefrom as he may think fit. Any list containing more than the requisite number of names unerased shall be rejected by the scrutineers.



6. Should it be deemed advisable to remove one or more of the Trustees from office, notice to that effect must be given at the Preliminary General Meeting, or one month previous to any Special General Meeting. Governors to fill the vacancies, if any, must also be nominated at the former meeting, and elected at the latter. Extraordinary vacancies amongst the Trustees may be filled up by the Council, or at the Annual General Meeting.

### THE PRESIDENT.

7. The President shall, in all official relations of the Society, take precedence of all other Governors and Members, and shall take the chair, when present, having (as well as any other Chairman of the Council) the privilege of a casting vote in addition to his own in all cases of equality in a division on any question. He shall sign all such letters, votes of thanks, and other documents as the Council may direct to be written in the name and on behalf of the Council.

### THE COUNCIL.

8. The Council shall hold a Meeting at least every month, on such day and at such hour as the Council may decide, for the transaction of the business of the Society, and may adjourn from time to time at their discretion.

9. At the Monthly Meetings the Council shall have full power to originate, discuss, and decide, by a majority of votes, on a show of hands, all questions not involving an unusual outlay of money, brought before it; provided that if any Member present regard any proposition brought forward as too important for immediate decision, he may object, and demand the usual month's notice, whereupon all discussion on the question shall cease.

10. No motion, the effect of which if carried would be to rescind any motion previously passed by the Council during the same year, shall be entertained unless one month's notice be given to the Council.

11. The ruling of the Chairman shall be final in all matters of order and practice.

12. If before half an hour after the time at which any Meeting of the Council is called a quorum of Members be not present, the Members present, or the majority of them, or any one Member if only one be present, or the Secretary if no Member be present, may adjourn such Meeting to any time not longer than fourteen days from the date of such adjournment.

13. Minutes of the proceedings of every Meeting of the Council, or of any Committee, shall be taken during their progress by the Secretary, or, in case of his absence, by some



Member present, whom the Chairman may appoint for the occasion. The minutes shall afterwards be fairly copied into a minute book kept for that purpose.

14. The Council shall, from time to time, draw up such By-laws as may appear to them expedient for conducting the proceedings of their own meetings, which shall be binding on the Members of Council, for the good management of the Society and its concerns; and all such By-laws shall be binding on all and every the Governors and Members, Honorary and Corresponding Members, officers, and servants of the Society, as well as on all Exhibitors, or their assistants, at the Society's Exhibitions.

15. The Council may appoint Committees to examine into or take action on any special matters relating to the objects or business of the Society, and may dissolve such Committees whenever they shall think proper.

16. The Council shall appoint a Banker or Bankers to the Society, to whom all sums of money received by the Secretary or other persons for the use of the Society shall be paid.

17. No money shall be drawn from the Society's Banking account but by order of the Council, after a report from the Finance Committee, and by cheques signed by two Members of such Committee, and countersigned by the Secretary. A book shall be kept in which a consecutive entry shall be made of all such payments.

18. The Secretary shall notify to the Council, on the Agenda Paper, any vacancy which may have occurred in the list of President, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, or Members of Council, at the Meeting of Council next after the happening of such vacancy; and such vacancy shall not be filled up until the Monthly Meeting of the Council which shall take place next after such notice.

19. In the absence of the President, the chair shall be taken by a Vice-President; and should neither of such officers be present, then by such Member as the Council shall choose as their Chairman by a majority of votes.

20. The quorum of a Monthly or Special Council shall be five.

21. At every Monthly Meeting of Council the order of business shall be as follows:—1. Reading and confirming minutes of previous meeting. 2. Election of officers, and nomination for vacancies. 3. Finance Committee's Report. 4. Postponed business. 5. Correspondence. 6. Motions. 7. Notices of Motions.

22. All minutes and reports read at, and adopted by, the Council shall be signed by the Chairman.

23. The report from the Council to the Annual Meeting in February shall be prepared at the Council Meeting first in that month, or at some adjournment thereof.



## COMMITTEES.

24. The Council shall elect such Standing Committees at the Monthly Council Meeting in March as they think fit, which shall remain in office until the Annual General Meeting in the ensuing year. Such Committees to consist of not more than five Members, two to form a quorum.

25. Each Committee, at its first meeting, shall elect its own Chairman for that year, and in his absence a Chairman shall be elected by the Committee for the occasion; and any Member of any such Committee who shall absent himself from three consecutive meetings without leave shall thereupon cease to be a Member of such Committee, and the vacancy so created shall be filled up at the next Council Meeting ensuing.

26. All Committees may make or adopt rules for the conduct of their business, and shall make a report of their proceedings to the Council, and shall sit until they have made their respective reports; but in case such reports shall not have been made previous to the third Thursday in February next after their appointment, their powers shall then cease.

## THE SECRETARY.

27. The Secretary shall be immediately responsible to the Council for the discharge of his various duties. He shall attend the sittings of all meetings of Council, and shall conduct the correspondence of the Society, and keep letter-books, in which copies of all letters of the business of the Society shall be entered.

28. Under the direction of the Finance Committee, he shall be responsible for all moneys received, paying such sums into the hands of the Society's Bankers, and producing at each meeting of the Finance Committee receipts for the same; and, excepting the amount allowed him for petty cash, he shall not retain in his hands any money belonging to the Society, but shall pay it over forthwith to the Society's Bankers. He shall have charge of the expenditure of petty cash.

29. He shall have the custody of all books, models, and papers belonging to the Society. All books, pamphlets, &c., becoming the property of the Society, shall be stamped with the Society's stamp at once.

30. He shall have the immediate superintendence over the clerks and servants of the Society, and shall be required to report to the Council any instances of misconduct on their part which he thinks of such a nature as to require the consideration of the Council.



31. He shall find, if required, approved security to the amount of £500, the premium to be paid by the Society.

32. The Secretary shall not exercise any of the privileges of a Governor or Member of the Society.

## FINANCE.

33. The Finance Committee shall have the immediate care of the Society's accounts, and shall meet on the Friday before the ordinary Council Meeting in each month, in order to prepare a report for the Council on the state of the Society's funds, which they shall present to each Monthly Meeting and lay before it in the following form :—

### MONTHLY CASH ACCOUNT, ENDING

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance of Petty Cash in hand last month ..				Payments by order of the Council .. .. .			
				Petty Cash expended ..			
Balance at the Bank ..				Balance in hand .. ..			
				Bank ..			
Amount of Cash received by the Secretary .. ..				Secretary ..			

as well as a statement of the payments recommended to be made, together with all the books in which entries of cash receipts or payments are made, and such documents as the business of the day may require. Should a report from the Finance Committee not have been presented to the Meeting of Council, the Secretary shall report the state of the funds to the Council, in which case the Council shall vote the moneys required without such report.

34. The Chairman of the Finance Committee shall be the Hon. Treasurer of the Society.

35. All receipts for money received on behalf of the Society shall be out of a book with counterpart.

36. All moneys received and paid shall be entered daily in a general cash book.

37. Once in every year, not later than two weeks after the Preliminary General Meeting, there shall be an Audit of the Society's accounts by a professional accountant, before whom a balance-sheet shall be laid by the Secretary, which audited account shall be presented at the Annual Meeting.



# LIST OF PRIZE-TAKERS, EXHIBITION, 1884.

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## CLASS A.—DRAUGHT HORSES.

*Stallion (imported), three years old or over—*

First prize : William Grant, Romsey—Young Ivanhoe.

Second do : William Hodge, Green Hill—Superior.

Third do : J. H. M'Culloch, Melbourne—Sir William.

*Stallion (colonial bred), four years old or over—*

First prize : Andrew Rowan, Barbower, Kyneton—Peter the Great.

Second do : Edward Griffiths, Benalla—Baron of Glenlee.

Third do : Joseph Bretherton, Romsey—Gleniffer.

*Stallion, three years old—*

First prize : W. Lawrence, Chapman-street, Hotham—Pride of Yuroke.

Second do : Robertson Bros., Colac—King Roderick.

Third do : A. Rowan, Kyneton—Young Champion.

*Stallion which competed as a one-year-old and two-year-old in the Grand Draught Horse Produce Sweepstakes, 1881-82—*

Challenge Cup : A. Bourke, Spring View, Kyneton—Black Prince (final award).

*Two-year-old Colt—*

First prize : M. Brady, Kyneton—Topsman's Pride.

Second do : Hon. Henry Miller, Kew—Glancer.

Third do : Joseph Bell, Bolton, Brighton—Champion of the South.

*Two-year-old Colt which competed as a one-year-old in the Grand Draught Horse Produce Sweepstakes, 1883—*

Challenge Cup : M. Brady—Topsman's Pride (first win).

*One-year-old Colt—*

First prize : J. T. Watson, Highbank Hill, Kyneton—Wolseley.

Second do : A. Graham, Lancefield-road—Young Ivanhoe 2nd.

Third do : R. and J. Longmire, Leigh-road—Lochiel.

*Grand Draught Horse Produce Sweepstakes—One-year-old Colt—*

First prize : J. T. Watson—Wolseley.

Second do : A. Graham—Young Ivanhoe 2nd.

Third do : R. and J. Longmire—Lochiel.

*Nominator of Sire of First Prize Colt in Produce Stakes, 1884—*

Piece of plate : T. Flynn, Kyneton—Admiral.



*Brood Mare—*

First prize : Hon. W. M'Culloch, Glenroy—Belle of Muncraig.  
 Second do : Hon. Henry Miller, Kew—Princess of Wales 5th.  
 Third do : A. Bourke, Spring View, Kyneton—Lady  
 Champion.

*Dry Mare—*

First prize : M. Power, Kirk's Bazaar—Florist (imp.)  
 Second do : W. Grant, Romsey—bay mare, s. Scotchman.  
 Third do : W. Learmonth, Moonee Ponds—Rosebud (imp.)

*Three-year-old Filly—*

First prize : J. Rennick, Evandale, Kyneton—Rosey.  
 Second do : P. O'Donnell, Spring Hill, Kyneton—Peggy.

*Two-year-old Filly—*

First prize : J. Bretherton, Romsey—Lady Mary.  
 Second do : J. Humphries, Berwick—Duchess of Barfold.  
 Third do : J. Williams, Riddell's Creek—Lady Monarch.

*Two-year-old Filly which competed as a one-year-old in the Grand Draught Horse Produce Sweepstakes, 1883—*

Challenge Cup : J. Bretherton, Romsey—Lady Mary (final award).

*One-year-old Filly—*

First prize : P. O'Donnell, Kyneton—Maggie Clyde 2nd.  
 Second do : M. Brady, Kyneton—Princess Alice.  
 Third do : J. Cochrane, Barfold—Blossom.

*Grand Draught Horse Produce Sweepstakes—One-year-old Fillies—*

First prize : P. O'Donnell—Maggie Clyde 2nd.  
 Second do : M. Brady—Princess Alice.  
 Third do : J. Cochrane—Blossom.

*Nominator of Sire of First Prize Filly in Produce Stakes, 1884—*

Piece of Plate : J. and R. Smith—Champion of the North.

*Pair of Farm Mares—*

First prize : Hon. Henry Miller, Kew—Bonny Jean and Rosebud.  
 Second do : W. J. Clarke, Glenara, Bulla—Nell and Kitty.

*Lorry and Pair of Horses (turn-out)—*

First prize : Thomas Brunton, Roxburgh, Ascot Vale—Nugget and Champion.

*Lorry and Horse (turn-out)—*

First prize : Thomas Brunton, Ascot Vale—Scotty.  
 Second do : Hon. Henry Miller, Kew—Major.

*Shod Horse—*

First prize : J. and B. West, Essendon.  
 Second do : W. Kelly, Bolinda Vale, Lancefield Junction.

*Group of three Draught Mares (the property of one owner)—*

Special prize : Hon. Henry Miller—Princess of Wales 5th, Annie, and Dinah.



# GRAND CHAMPION PRIZES OF AUSTRALIA.

## *Draught Stallion—*

William Grant—Young Ivanhoe.

## *Draught Mare or Filly—*

Hon. W. M'Culloch—Belle of Muncraig.

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## CLASS B.—THOROUGHBREDS.

### *Stallion likely to improve the breed of Thoroughbred Horses (registered in stud book)—*

First prize : J. Cripps, Moonee Ponds—Motea.

Second do : S. Gardiner, Bundoora Park—Suwarrow.

Third do : W. R. Virgoe, Mathoura, N.S.W.—Albury.

### *Stallion for getting weight-carrying Steeplechasers, Hunters, and Hackneys (registered in stud book)—*

First prize : W. R. Virgoe, Mathoura, N.S.W.—Confusion.

Second do : De Lancy Forth, Miners' Rest—Columbus.

Third do : John Finlay, Wyuna, Echuca—Glenkerry.

### *Mare—*

First prize : Hon. Henry Miller, Kew—Moonbeam.

Second do : Hon. Henry Miller, Kew—Fiction.

Third do : Hon. Henry Miller, Kew—Dancing Girl.

### *Colt (two years old or under)—*

Second prize : Hon. Henry Miller—Jack.

### *Filly (two years old or under)—*

First prize : Hon. Henry Miller—Rose.

Second do : Hon. Henry Miller—Alice.

### *Two Thoroughbred Mares (the property of one owner)—*

Special prize : Hon. Henry Miller—Dancing Girl and Moonbeam.

# GRAND CHAMPION PRIZES OF AUSTRALIA.

## *Thoroughbred Stallion—*

J. Cripps—Motea.

## *Thoroughbred Mare—*

Hon. Henry Miller—Moonbeam.

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## CLASS C.—TROTTERS AND ROADSTERS.

### *American Trotting Stallion—*

First prize : J. Robertson, Lonsdale-street—Granger.

Second do : T. Aitken, East Melbourne—Len Rose.

Third do : J. A. Roberts, Bronté, Middle Brighton—Pioneer.



*English Trotting or Roadster Stallion—*

First prize : I. Gidney, Hotham—Merrylegs.

Second do : J. Bell, Bolton, Brighton—Sir Richard.

Third do : J. Bradshaw, Glenlyon—Flying Scotchman.

*Colonial-bred Trotting or Roadster Stallion—*

First prize : D. Syme, Blythwood, Kew—Beverley.

Second do : J. W. Fleming, Park-street, Brunswick—Young Merry Hawk.

Third do : F. Robbins, Port Melbourne—Merry Thought.

*Trotting Horse (harness)—*

First prize : T. Aitken, Victoria-parade—Len Rose.

Second do : F. Robbins, Port Melbourne—Brown Hawk.

Third do : F. E. Colbath, Fitzroy—Von Moltke, jun.

*Trotting Horse (saddle)—*

Second prize : E. W. Harrison, Simpson's-road—Albion.

*Trotting Colt or Filly (thirty-six months old or under)—*

First prize : W. Rose, Albion-street, Brunswick—Troubadour.

Second do : W. K. Thomson, Kamesburgh, Brighton—Patchen Chief.

Third do : J. A. Roberts, Bronté, Middle Brighton—King of Bronté.

*Trotting Contest (against time)—best average during three days of Show—*

First prize : T. Aitken—Len Rose.

Second do : F. E. Colbath—Von Moltke, jun.

Third do : F. Robbins—Brown Hawk.

## GRAND CHAMPION PRIZES OF AUSTRALIA.

*Trotting Stallion—*

D. Syme—Beverley.

*Trotting Mare—*

J. A. Roberts—Sylph.

## CLASS D.—HUNTERS, HACKNEYS, PONIES, &amp;c.

*Hunter—*

First prize : E. Bowyer, Carlsruhe—Tommy.

Second do : A. L. Johnson, Chapman-street, Hotham—Yendon.

Third do : Hon. Henry Miller, Kew—Canoe.

*Lady's Hackney—*

First prize : E. H. Cameron, Kangaroo Ground—Evelyn.

Second do : H. Lauder, South Melbourne—Phillis.

Third do : D. and A. M'Lellan, Lyndhurst—Nelly.



*Pony Stallion (between 12 and 14 hands)—*

First prize : J. H. Connor, Geelong—Mountain Hero.

Second do : C. J. Affleck, South Warragul—Rory O'More.

Third do : J. and H. Ross, Woodlea, Kyneton—Sir Watkin.

*Pony Stallion (under 12 hands)—*

First prize : Executors late T. J. Sumner, Anniesleigh, Mornington—Bonny Charlie (imported).

Second do : M. Glassford, Janiesleigh, Fern Tree Gully—Bonny Charlie 2nd.

Third do : F. T. Derham, Avonlea, St. Kilda-road—Pompo.

*Pony Mare or Gelding (under 12 hands)—*

First prize : A. T. Davis, Coburg—Flora Temple.

Second do : C. R. Porter, Brunswick—Lassie.

Third do : S. Gardiner, Bundoora.

*Shod Saddle Horse—*

First prize : J. and B. West, Essendon.

Second do : F. Wright, Tullamarine.

Third do : W. Kelly, Bolinda Vale.

*Pony Mare (between 12 and 14 hands)—*

Special prize : J. Bell, Bolton, Brighton—Molly.

## GRAND CHAMPION PRIZES OF AUSTRALIA.

*Pony Stallion (12 hands or under)—*

Executors late T. J. Sumner—Bonny Charlie.

*Pony Mare (12 hands or under)—*

C. R. Porter—Lassie.

## CLASS E.—FOUR-IN-HAND TURN-OUT, CARRIAGE HORSES, BUGGY HORSES, AND PHAETON PONIES.

*Four-in-Hand (turn-out)—*

First prize : James Garton, Little Collins-street east.

*Pair of Carriage Horses—*

First prize : J. Dunn, Williams-road, Windsor.

*Single Horse, Buggy, and Harness (turn-out)—*

First prize : J. Billin, Cleal's Hotel, Swanston-street.

Second do : J. Dunn, Williams-road, Windsor.

Third do : T. Learmonth, New Hall, Moonee Ponds.

*Buggy Horse (driven in a vehicle)—*

First prize : G. Talbot Wooley, Collins-street east—Lady.

Second do : J. Nicholson and Co., Carlton—Dandy.

*Pair of Phaeton Ponies—*

First prize : T. K. Bennet, Bourke-street east.

Second do : W. Hudson, Ardmillan, Moonee Ponds.



## CLASS F.—SHORTHORN CATTLE.

*Bull (four years old or over)*—

First prize : J. H. Angas, Angaston, S.A.—Duke of Hazle-  
cote 62nd (41,392).

Second do : S. Gardiner, Bundoora Park, Bundoora—Alvie's  
Flower Duke 3rd.

Third do : S. Gardiner, Bundoora Park, Bundoora—Coax's  
Duke.

*Bull (three years old)*—

First prize : J. H. Angas, Angaston, S.A.—Rosebery.

Second do : J. H. Angas, Angaston, S.A.—Beau Niblett.

Third do : C. A. Watt, Drummond—Cambridge Summerton  
Duke.

*Bull (two years old)*—

First prize : J. Rennick, Evandale, Kyneton—Earl of  
Siddington 2nd.

Second do : James Tweddle, Green Park, Gisborne—Cherry  
Oxford 11th.

Third do : Robertson Bros., Colac—Cherry Oxford 10th.

*Bull (one year old)*—

First prize : J. H. Angas, Angaston, S.A.—Lord Gifford 2nd.

Second do : J. H. Angas, Angaston, S.A.—Grand Duke of  
Oxford 3rd.

Third do : J. H. Angas, Angaston, S.A.—Rugia's Prince.

Fourth do : J. Tweddle, Green Park, Gisborne—Imperial  
Brunswick 4th.

*Bull Calf (under nine months)*—

First prize : James Rennick, Evandale, Kyneton—4th Duke  
of Evandale.

Second do : Ross Watt, East St. Kilda—Deborah's Victor  
Brunswick.

*Cow giving milk or in calf*—

First prize : Robertson Bros., Colac—40th Duchess of  
Derrimut.

Second do : J. H. Angas, Angaston, S.A.—Rose of Connaught.

Third do : Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., Bolinda Vale—Duchess  
of Rupertswood 3rd.

*Heifer (three years old)*—

First prize : J. Horwood, Bridgewater-on-Loddon—Tre-  
gunter's Duchess 3rd.

Second do : Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., Bolinda Vale—  
Bolinda Duchess of Derrimut 4th.

Third do : Robertson Bros., Colac—44th Countess of  
Derrimut.



*Heifer (two years old)—*

First prize: C. and A. Finlay, Glenormiston, Noorat—Winsome Matilda.

Second do: Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., Bolinda Vale—Duchess of Rupertswood 12th.

Third do: Robertson Bros., Colac—45th Duchess of Derrimut.

*Heifer (one year old)—*

First prize: Robertson Bros., Colac—49th Duchess of Derrimut.

Second do: C. and A. Finlay, Glenormiston, Noorat—Dame Fortune 3rd.

Third do: Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., Bolinda Vale—Bolinda Duchess of Derrimut 8th.

*Heifer Calf (under nine months)*

First prize: S. Gardiner, Bundoora—Agamemnon's Lady 12th.

Second do: S. Gardiner, Bundoora—6th Heiress of Roan Duchess.

*Shorthorn Bull (two years old)—*

Special prize: J. Rennick—Earl of Siddington 2nd.

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*Shorthorn Bull (any age)—*

J. H. Angas—Duke of Hazlecote 62nd.

*Shorthorn Cow or Heifer—*

C. and A. Finlay—Winsome Matilda.

CLASS G.—HEREFORDS.

*Bull (three years old or over)—*

First prize: W. Fletcher, Warrion—Warrion Duke.

*Bull (two years old)—*

First prize: W. Fletcher, Warrion—Warrion Duke 2nd.

GRAND CHAMPION PRIZE OF AUSTRALIA.

*Hereford Bull—*

W. Fletcher—Warrion Duke.

CLASS H.—AYRSHIRES.

*Bull (three years old or over)—*

First prize: Richard Gibson, Barbiston, Tullamarine—Duke of Randwick.

Second prize: W. M'Nab and Bros., Oakbank, Tullamarine—Southern Chief.

Third do: John Grant, Seafield, Tullamarine—Cicero.



*Bull (two years old)—*

First prize : R. Gibson, Tullamarine—Duke of Barbiston 3rd.

*Bull (one year old)—*

First prize : R. Gibson, Tullamarine—Duke of Barbiston 5th.

Second do : Mrs. A. Guthrie, Torgarf, Sunbury—Neibor Lad.

Third do : Robert Buchanan, Burn Bank, Berwick—  
Roderick.

*Cow giving milk or in calf—*

First prize : R. Gibson, Tullamarine—Duchess of Randwick.

Second do : R. Gibson, Tullamarine—Clementine.

Third do : W. M'Nab and Bros., Tullamarine—Annie  
Laurie.

Very highly commended : R. Gibson, Tullamarine—Peeress.

*Heifer (two years old)—*

First prize : R. Buchanan, Berwick—May.

Second do : R. Buchanan, Berwick—Dahlia.

Third do : John Grant, Tullamarine—Heather Bell.

*Heifer (one year old)—*

First prize : R. Gibson, Tullamarine—Drumlanrig's Ada 4th.

Second do : R. Gibson, Tullamarine—Ruby 2nd.

Third do : R. Gibson, Tullamarine—Peeress of Barbiston.

Highly commended : R. Gibson, Tullamarine—Drumlanrig's  
Ada 3rd.

### GRAND CHAMPION PRIZES OF AUSTRALIA.

*Ayrshire Bull (any age)—*

Richard Gibson—Duke of Randwick.

*Ayrshire Cow or Heifer—*

Richard Gibson—Drumlanrig's Ada 4th.

### CLASS J.—ALDERNEYS.

*Bull (three years old or over)—*

First prize : J. Cochrane, Elsternwick—Pride of Victoria.

Second do : W. J. Dunstan, Coburg—Young Bowen.

*Bull (two years old)—*

First prize : W. J. Dunstan, Dorrincourt, Braybrook—  
Napoleon.

Second do : Godfrey B. Mackinnon, Hawthorn—Rob Roy.

Third do : J. W. Fleming, Park-street, Brunswick—Duke  
of Brunswick.

*Bull (one year old)—*

First prize : Dr. Lempriere, South Yarra—Viscount.

Second do : W. M'George, Brunswick—King of the Ring.

Third do : J. Birch, Bell-street, Coburg—Prince Charlie.



*Cow giving milk or in calf—*

First prize : F. Peppin, St. Kilda—Jessy.

Second do : Godfrey B. Mackinnon, Hawthorn—Nancy.

Third do : Mrs. Napier, Rosebank, Essendon—Linda.

*Heifer (two years old)—*

First prize : F. Peppin, St. Kilda—Polly 2nd.

Second do : Godfrey B. Mackinnon, Hawthorn—Bella.

Third do : F. Peppin, St. Kilda—Jessy 2nd.

*Heifer (one year old)—*

First prize : John Voice, Moreland-road, Brunswick.

Second do : John Voice, Moreland-road, Brunswick.

Third do : Godfrey B. Mackinnon—Hawthorn Maid.

## GRAND CHAMPION PRIZES OF AUSTRALIA.

*Alderney Bull (any age)—*

J. Cochrane—Pride of Victoria.

*Alderney Cow or Heifer—*

F. Peppin—Polly 2nd.

## CLASS K.—BRITTANIES.

*Bull (any age)—*

First prize : John Robertson, Lonsdale-street—Tom Thumb.

Second do : W. Black, Cintra, Malvern—Sir Roderick.

Third do : W. H. Dunstan, Dorrincourt, Braybrook—Leopold.

*Cow giving milk or in calf—*First prize : W. H. Dunstan, Dorrincourt, Braybrook—  
Maggie.

Second do : W. Black, Cintra, Malvern—Jeanette 2nd.

Third do : P. Meaney, Caulfield—Minnie.

*Heifer (two years old or under)—*

First prize : W. Black, Cintra, Malvern—Estrella.

Second do : J. H. Connor, Geelong.

## GRAND CHAMPION PRIZES OF AUSTRALIA.

*Brittany Bull (any age)—*

John Robertson—Tom Thumb.

*Brittany Cow or Heifer—*

W. H. Dunstan—Maggie.

## CLASS L.—DAIRY CATTLE.

*Cow giving milk—*

First prize : Thomas Harmer, Bundoora.

Second do : Mrs. A. Guthrie, Sunbury—Dolly.

Third do : Mrs. A. Guthrie, Sunbury—Paik 2nd.



*Pen of three Dairy Heifers (under three years old)—*

First prize : R. Buchanan, Berwick—Princess, Verbena, and Beatrice.

Second do : J. Grant, Tullamarine—Nora 3rd, Garnet 2nd, Rose 2nd.

#### GRAND CHAMPION PRIZE OF AUSTRALIA.

*Dairy Cow—*

Thomas Harmer.

#### CLASS M.—FAT CATTLE.

*Pair of Fat Oxen—*

First prize : Hon. Henry Miller, Kew.

*Pair of Fat Cows or Heifers—*

First prize : J. H. Angas, Angaston, S.A.

Second do : J. Horwood, Bridgewater-on-Loddon.

#### EXTRA.

*Vaccinated Calf—*

Certificate of merit : Graham Mitchell, Kirk's Bazaar.

#### CLASS N.—MERINO SHEEP.

*Ram (over two years and six months)—*

First prize : John Horner, Mortlake.

Second do : C. Ayrey, Warranooke, Glenorchy.

Third do : T. Russell and Co., Barunah Plains, Hesse.

*Ram (under two years and six months, over one year and six months)—*

First prize : J. Horner, Mortlake.

Second do : T. Russell and Co., Barunah Plains, Hesse.

*Ram (under one year and six months old)—*

First prize : J. Horner, Mortlake.

Second do : T. Russell and Co., Barunah Plains, Hesse.

Third do : C. Ayrey, Warranooke, Glenorchy.

*Ewe (over two years and six months)—*

First prize : T. Russell and Co., Barunah Plains, Hesse.

Second do : C. Ayrey, Warranooke, Glenorchy.

*Ewe (under two years and six months, and over one year and six months)—*

First prize : T. Russell and Co., Barunah Plains, Hesse.



*Ewe (under one year and six months)—*

First prize : J. Horner, Mortlake.

Second do : T. Russell and Co., Barunah Plains, Hesse.

Third do : C Ayrey, Warranooke, Glenorchy.

*Pen of five Merino Ewes, the property of owners of from 250 to 3,000 sheep—*

Special prize : W. H. Hall, Clifton, Anakie.

#### GRAND CHAMPION PRIZES OF AUSTRALIA.

*Merino Ram (any age)—*

John Horner, Mortlake.

*Merino Ewe (any age)—*

John Horner, Mortlake.

#### CLASS O.—LONGWOOLS.

*Longwool Ram (over two and a-half years old)—*

First prize : J. and S. Austin, Mount Pleasant, Winchelsea  
—Gellibrand.

Second do : J. Horner, Mortlake.

Third do : W. Jeffrey, Glencairn, Coimadai—Sultan.

*Longwool Ram (under two and a-half years and over one and a-half years)—*

First prize : J. Horner, Mortlake.

Second do : W. Jeffrey, Glencairn, Coimadai.

Third do : T. F. Rutledge, Werronggurt, Warrnambool.

*Longwool Ram (not more than fifteen months old)—*

First prize : W. Jeffrey, Glencairn, Coimadai.

Second do : J. and S. Austin, Mount Pleasant, Winchelsea.

Third do : T. Bath, Ceres, Learmonth.

*Longwool Ewe (over two and a-half years old)—*

First prize : Christie Bros., Garvald Vale, Byaduk.

Second do : L. R. Carter, Scale Park, Clunes.

Third do : W. Jeffrey, Glencairn, Coimadai.

*Longwool Ewe (under two and a-half years and over one and a-half years)—*

First prize : J. Horner, Mortlake.

Second do : L. R. Carter, Scale Park, Clunes.

Third do : J. and S. Austin, Mount Pleasant, Winchelsea.

*Longwool Ewe (not more than fifteen months old)—*

First prize : Hon. W. M'Culloch, Glenroy, Moonee Ponds.

Second do : Hon. W. M'Culloch, Glenroy, Moonee Ponds.

Third do : Hon. W. M'Culloch, Glenroy, Moonee Ponds.



## GRAND CHAMPION PRIZES OF AUSTRALIA.

*Long-woolled Ram (any age)*—  
J. and S. Austin.

*Long-woolled Ewe (any age)*—  
John Horner.

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## CLASS P.—FAT SHEEP.

*Pen of Fat Long-woolled Wethers*—

First prize : W. R. Rutledge, Farnham Park, Dennington.

Second do : L. J. Calvert, Dreeite, Colac.

Third do : L. J. Calvert, Dreeite, Colac.

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## CLASS Q.—SWINE.

## LARGE BREED.

*Boar (over twelve months old)*—

First prize : J. H. Angas, Angaston, S.A.—Berkeley Duke  
(imported).

Second do : D. Crichton, Gembrook.

Third do : G. A. Bence, Bacchus Marsh.

*Boar (under twelve months old)*—

First prize : L. Chant, Beeac, Ondit.

Second do : J. Dixon, Stewart-street, Brunswick.

*Sow with Litter or in Pig*—

First prize : J. H. Angas, Angaston, S.A.—Lady Severn  
(imported).

Second do : T. Goodman, Kilmore.

Third do : J. Dixon, Brunswick.

*Sow (under twelve months old)*—

First prize : J. H. Angas, Angaston, S.A.—Lady Clare 2nd.

Second do : J. H. Angas, Angaston, S.A.—Lady Clare 3rd.

Third do : J. Dixon, Brunswick.

## SMALL BREED.

*Boar (over twelve months old)*—

First prize : A. Crichton, Gembrook.

Second do : H. Lane, South Preston.

*Boar under twelve months old*—

First prize : W. C. Cullen, Club Hotel, North Brighton.

*Sow with Litter or in Pig*—

First prize : J. H. Angas, Angaston, S.A.—Lady Gloucester (imported).

Second do : W. S. Tong, Western Market.



*Sow (under twelve months old)—*

First prize: J. H. Angas, Angaston, South Australia—Blanch.

*Pen of Six Bacon Pigs—*

First prize: J. H. Angas, Angaston, South Australia.

Second do: W. S. Tong, Western Market.

Third do: W. S. Tong, Western Market.

*Pen of Six Pork Pigs—*

First prize: T. Goodman, Kilmore.

Second do: W. S. Tong, Western Market.

Third do: W. S. Tong, Western Market.

#### GRAND CHAMPION PRIZES OF AUSTRALIA.

*Boar (large breed)—*

J. H. Angas—Berkeley Duke.

*Sow (large breed)—*

J. H. Angas—Lady Severn.

*Sow (small breed)—*

J. H. Angas—Lady Gloucester.

#### CLASS R.—POULTRY.

*Cochin China (Partridge or Grouse)—*

First prize: F. Daws, Caulfield.

*Cochin China (other variety)—*

First prize: C. Fox, Eastern Market.

Second do: A. Wright, Ascot Vale.

Third do: J. D. L. Morton, Prahran.

*Dorking—*

First prize: C. Fox, Eastern Market.

Second do: C. Fox, Eastern Market.

*La Fleche or Houdan—*

First prize: W. H. Dunstan, Braybrook.

Second do: W. H. Dunstan, Braybrook.

Third do: J. Alexander, Ascot Vale.

*Spanish—*

First prize: H. Gillett, Caroline-street, South Yarra.

Second do: C. Fox, Eastern Market.

Third do: C. Fox, Eastern Market.

*Leghorn (brown or white)—*

First prize: D. Kinnear, Eastern Arcade.

Second do: D. Kinnear, Eastern Arcade.

Third do: G. M. Sydenham, St. Kilda-road.



*Brahma Pootra (dark pencilled)—*

First prize : C. Fox, Eastern Market.

Second do : W. H. Dunstan, Braybrook.

Third do : W. H. Dunstan, Braybrook.

*Brahma Pootra (light pencilled)—*

First prize : C. Fox, Eastern Market.

Second do : Watts Bros., Box Hill.

Third do : T. Goodman, Kilmore.

*Game (brown-breasted reds)—*

First prize : John Robertson, Lonsdale-street east.

Second do : John Robertson, Lonsdale-street east.

Third do : C. Fox, Eastern Market.

*Game (black-breasted reds)—*

First prize : C. Fox, Eastern Market.

Second do : W. T. Lowe, South Preston.

Third do : C. Fox, Eastern Market.

*Game (Duckwings)—*

First prize : C. Fox, Eastern Market.

Second do : C. Fox, Eastern Market.

*Malay—*

First prize : W. Sergeant, Richmond.

Second do : J. Cochrane, Elsternwick.

*Golden Spangled Hamburg—*

First prize : C. Fox, Eastern Market.

Second do : D. Kinnear, Eastern Arcade.

Third do : D. Kinnear, Eastern Arcade.

*Golden Pencilled Hamburg—*

First prize : D. C. Morpeth, Ascot Vale.

Second do : D. C. Morpeth, Ascot Vale.

*Silver Spangled Hamburg—*

First prize : D. Kinnear, Eastern Arcade.

Second do : D. Kinnear, Eastern Arcade.

*Silver Pencilled Hamburg—*

First prize : C. Fox, Eastern Market.

*Black Hamburg—*

First prize : D. Kinnear, Eastern Arcade.

Second do : D. Kinnear, Eastern Arcade.

*White-crested Polish—*

First prize : John Mann, Esplanade, Williamstown.

Second do : John Mann, Esplanade, Williamstown.

Third do : C. Fox, Eastern Market.

*Polish (other variety)—*

First prize : D. Kinnear, Eastern Arcade.

Second do : D. Kinnear, Eastern Arcade.



*Game Bantam (Black reds)*—

First prize : J. L. Swan, Essendon.

Second do : J. Cochrane, Elsternwick.

Third do : J. Flanagan, a'Beckett-street.

*Game Bantam (Duckwings)*—

First prize : G. Sydenham, St. Kilda-road.

Second do : J. L. Swan, Essendon.

*Bantam (other variety)*—

First prize : C. Fox, Eastern Market.

Second do : G. M. Sydenham, St. Kilda-road.

Third do : G. M. Sydenham, St. Kilda-road.

*Turkeys*—

First prize : C. Fox, Eastern Market.

Second do : C. Fox, Eastern Market.

Third do : T. Goodman, Kilmore.

*Guinea Fowl*—

First prize : C. Fox, Eastern Market.

Second do : C. Fox, Eastern Market.

*Gander and Goose*—

First prize : A. A. Kong Meng, Malvern.

Second do : T. Goodman, Kilmore.

Third do : C. Fox, Eastern Market.

*Drake and Duck (Aylesbury)*—

First prize : J. Robertson, Lonsdale-street.

Second do : T. Goodman, Kilmore.

*Drake and Duck (Rouen)*—

First prize : J. Robertson, Lonsdale-street.

*Drake and Duck (common)*—

First prize : C. Fox, Eastern Market.

Second do : C. Fox, Eastern Market.

*Drake and Duck (Muscovy or other variety)*—

First prize : C. Fox, Eastern Market.

Second do : C. Fox, Eastern Market.

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 CLASS S.—DOGS.
*Greyhound Bitch*—

First prize ; A. Swan, Essendon Hall.

*Fox Terrier Dog, aged*—

First prize : W. Beilby, South Yarra—Decker (imported).

Second do : E. Twopenny, Dunedin, N.Z.—Belvoir Tom (imported).

CHAMPION CUP.—*Fox Terrier Dog or Bitch*—

W. Beilby—Decker.



*Fox Terrier Bitch (aged)—*

First prize : W. Beilby, South Yarra—Satire.

Second do—A. H. Hopton, North Fitzroy—Dahlia.

*Fox Terrier Dog (under twelve months)—*

First prize : W. Beilby, South Yarra—Stevedore.

Second do : A. H. Hopton, North Fitzroy—Pricallili.

*Fox Terrier Bitch (under twelve months)—*

First prize : M. H. Curtis, West Melbourne—Countess.

Second do : J. D. Muir, Fitzroy—Lady.

*Pointer Dog or Bitch—*

Second prize : D. and A. M'Lellan, Lyndhurst.

*Retriever Dog or Bitch—*

First prize : F. Walmsley, Kensington—Darkey.

Second do : C. D. Lennon, Hotham—Rover.

*English Setter Dog or Bitch—*

First prize : J. C. Blackburn, Fitzroy—Cupid.

Second do : C. R. Porter, Brunswick—Rollo.

*Gordon Setter Dog or Bitch—*

First prize : F. Olney, Thomastown—Sappho.

Second do : D. C. Morpeth, Ascot Vale—Meg.

*Spaniel Dog—*

First prize : R. Mailer, Coburg—Fido.

Second do : D. Robinson, Malvern—Van.

*Spaniel Bitch—*

D. Robinson, Malvern—Duck.

*Mastiff Dog or Bitch—*

First prize : J. A. Roberts, Middle Brighton—Fidelis (imp.)

Second do : Hon. L. L. Smith, Collins-street—Vosco.

*Sheep Dog—*

First prize : H. Clifton, West Melbourne—Boss.

Second do : L. B. Graham, Lonsdale-street east.

*Sheep Bitch—*

First prize : A. Ellis, Fitzroy—Lassie.

Second do : H. Clifton, West Melbourne—Koozer.

*Bull Terrier Dog or Bitch—*

Second prize : G. Le Fevre, Collins-street east—Fury.

*English Terrier Dog or Bitch—*

First prize : W. M. Elkins, Russell-street—Mudgee.

Second do : T. Goodman, Kilmore—Wallace.

*Skye Terrier Dog or Bitch—*

First prize : J. Robertson, Lonsdale-street—Laddie.

Second do : A. Kilgour, Clifton Hill—Trixie.



*Broken Hair Terrier Dog or Bitch—*

First prize : W. E. Bagshaw, Adelaide, S.A.—Topsy.

Second do : J. Hamilton, Fitzroy—Nelly.

*Any other pure breed—*

First prize : P. Menney, Caulfield—Rugan (Pomeranian).

CLASS T.—CARRIAGES, BUGGIES, CARTS, HARNESS,  
&c.*Carriage—*

First prize : D. White, Swanston-street.

Second do : W. Crutch, Latrobe-street west.

*Landau—*

First prize : W. Crutch, Latrobe-street west.

Second do : J. Dunn, Williams-road, Windsor.

*Double Buggy (with hood)—*

First prize : G. F. Pickles and Sons, Sandhurst.

Second do : D. White, Swanston-street.

Commended : Fitzroy City Carriage Co. (Limited), Smith-street, Fitzroy.

*Double Buggy (without hood)—*

First prize : Fitzroy City Carriage Co. (Limited), Smith-street, Fitzroy.

Second do : W. Crutch, Latrobe-street.

*Single Buggy (with hood)—*

First prize : G. F. Pickles and Sons, Sandhurst.

Second do : G. F. Pickles and Sons, Sandhurst.

*Single Buggy (without hood)—*

First prize : D. White, Swanston-street.

Second do : Fitzroy City Carriage Co. (Limited), Smith-street, Fitzroy.

Commended : D. White, Swanston-street.

*Whitechapel—*

First prize : Fitzroy City Carriage Co. (Limited), Smith-street, Fitzroy.

Second do : Fitzroy City Carriage Co. (Limited), Smith-street, Fitzroy.

*Waggonette (for hire)—*

First prize : C. Gough, Ascot Vale.

*Waggonette (for private use)—*

First prize : D. White, Swanston-street.

Second do : Fitzroy City Carriage Co. (Limited), Smith-street, Fitzroy.



*Express Waggon—*

First prize : Fitzroy City Carriage Co. (Limited), Smith-street, Fitzroy.

Second do : G. F. Pickles and Sons, Sandhurst.

*Spring Cart (for farmer's use)—*

First prize : G. Parsons, Flemington.

*Farm Waggon—*

First prize : G. Alston, Bulla.

Second do : J. and B. West, Essendon.

*Farm Dray—*

First prize : J. and B. West, Essendon.

Second do : Gilbert Alston, Bulla.

*Set of Pair Horse Carriage Harness—*

First prize : D. Altson, Bourke-street west.

Second do : D. Altson, Bourke-street west.

*Set of Double Buggy Harness—*

First prize : Gregg and Lord, Elizabeth-street.

Second prize : D. Altson, Bourke-street west.

*Set of Single Buggy Harness—*

First prize : D. Altson, Bourke-street west.

Second do : C. Gantzman, Bourke-street west.

*Set of Waggonette Harness—*

First prize : D. Altson, Bourke-street west.

Second do : D. Altson, Bourke-street west.

*Set of Cart Harness—*

First prize : Gregg and Lord, Elizabeth-street north.

*Gentleman's Saddle—*

First prize : D. Altson, Bourke-street west.

Second do : D. Altson, Bourke-street west.

*Stock Saddle—*

First prize : J. J. M'Grath, Wagga, N.S.W.

Second do : D. Altson, Bourke-street west.

*Lady's Saddle—*

First prize : D. Altson, Bourke-street west.

Second do : D. Altson, Bourke-street west.

*Collection of Saddlery and Harness—*

First prize : D. Altson, Bourke-street west.

## EXTRA.

*Double Seated Pony Carriage—*

Silver medal : D. White, Swanston-street.

*Collection of Trunks and Portmanteaus—*

Silver medal : J. Curtis, Bourke-street west.

*Collections of Clocks, Thermometers, &c.—*

Silver medal : T. Gaunt, Bourke-street east.



# CLASS U.—FARM PRODUCE, DAIRY PRODUCE, AND WINES.

## *Cheese, old (500 lbs.)—*

First prize : J. M'Kendrick, Kilmore.

Second do : T. Keys, Dandenong.

Third do : A. O'Keefe, Barnedown.

## *Cheese (100 lbs.)—*

First prize : T. Keys, Dandenong.

Second do : A. O'Keefe, Barnedown.

Third do : T. Keys, Dandenong.

## GRAND CHAMPION PRIZE OF AUSTRALIA.

### *Cheese—*

J. M'Kendrick.

### *Salt Butter (100 lbs.)—*

First prize : G. E. Schultz, Woolert.

Second do : T. Longmire, Werona.

Third do : S. Jeffrey, Yan Yean.

## GRAND CHAMPION PRIZE OF AUSTRALIA.

### *Salt Butter—*

G. E. Schultz.

### *Powdered Butter—*

First prize : Mrs. Phillips, Franklinton.

Second do : Roberts and Parry, Franklinton.

Third do : J. M'Farlane, Lyndhurst.

### *Fresh Butter—*

First prize : T. Longmire, Werona.

Second do : Roberts and Parry, Franklinton.

Third do : W. Dougall, Franklinton.

## GRAND CHAMPION PRIZE OF AUSTRALIA.

### *Powdered or Fresh Butter—*

Mrs. M. Phillips.

### *Bacon—*

First prize : S. Grimes and Co., Moreland-road, Brunswick.

Second do : F. A. Gazzard, Allansford.

Third do : J. C. Hutton, Preston.

## GRAND CHAMPION PRIZE OF AUSTRALIA.

### *Bacon—*

S. Grimes and Co.

### *Hams—*

First prize : J. C. Hutton, Preston.

Second do : J. C. Hutton, Preston.

Third do : Watson and Paterson, Bourke-street west.



## GRAND CHAMPION PRIZES OF AUSTRALIA.

*Hams—*

J. C. Hutton.

*Wheat—*

J. H. Angas, Angaston, S.A.

Highly commended: C. Kierath, Chiltern.

*Oats—*

Roberts and Parry, Franklinford.

Highly commended: A. Polson, Moyston.

*Six Sides of Bacon and Six Hams—*

Special prize: John Rohead, Brunswick.

## GRAND CHAMPION PRIZES OF AUSTRALIA.

*Red Wine—*

D. R. M'Gregor, Queen-street.

Highly commended: J. Currie, Little Collins-street west.

Commended: A. Bruhn, Emu Vineyard, Sandhurst.

*White Wine—*

A. Bruhn, Emu Vineyard, Sandhurst.

Highly commended: D. R. M'Gregor, Queen-street.

Commended: J. Currie, Little Collins-street west.

*Dry Reisling Wine—*

Special prize: A. Bruhn, Sandhurst.

Highly commended: J. Currie, Little Collins-street west.

## EXTRA.

*Bee Hives—*

Certificate of merit: S. L. Chapman, Chapel-street, Prahran.

*Tomato Sauce and Pickles—*

Certificate of merit: A. Holt, 233 Swanston-street.

*Tomato Sauce—*

Certificate of merit: A. Russell, Fitzroy-street, Fitzroy.

*Home-made Bread—*

Certificate of merit: Miss E. Symonds, Scrub Hill, Creswick.

*Collection of Apples—*

Certificate of merit: Miss E. Symonds, Scrub Hill, Creswick.

*White Peas—*

Certificate of merit: W. Lewis, Shepherd Flat.

*Exhibit of Grain (in ear and in bottles)—*

Certificate of merit: J. Johns, Katandra.

*Combined Grape Mill and Stripper—*

Certificate of merit: A. Bruhn, Sandhurst.



## CLASS W.—MANURES.

*Collection of Artificial Manures—*

First prize : Cuming, Smith and Co., Yarraville.

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## CLASS X.—MACHINERY AND IMPLEMENTS.

*Collection of Field Implements—*

First prize : Hugh Lennon, North Melbourne.

Second do : James Grant and Co., Elizabeth-street north.

Third do : James M'Ewan and Co., Elizabeth-street.

*Newest and Best Improvement in Field Implements produced within twelve months prior to Show—*

Highly commended : Hugh Lennon, North Melbourne.

Highly commended : M'Calman and Garde, North Melbourne.

*Best Stand of Agricultural Machinery—*

First prize : T. Robinson and Co., Elizabeth-street north.

Highly commended : James M'Ewan and Co., Elizabeth-street.

Highly commended : D. Munro and Co., Queen-street.

*Newest and Best Improvement in Agricultural Machinery—*

First prize : J. Nicholson and Co., Bouverie-street, Carlton.

Commended : M'Lean Bros. and Rigg, Elizabeth-street.

## GRAND CHAMPION PRIZES OF AUSTRALIA.

*Portable Steam Thrashing Plant—*

T. Quinlivan, Coghill's Creek.

Highly commended : D. Munro and Co., Queen-street.

*Elevator for Stackyard—*

D. Syme, Blythswood, Kew.

*Elevator for Field—*

D. M'Donald, Coburg.

Commended : J. and B. West, Essendon.

*Reaper and Mower—*

Hugh Lennon, North Melbourne.

Highly commended : Trustees G. Munro, Ballarat.

*Reaper and Binder—*

Briscoe and Co., Little Collins-street west (see page 7).

*Stripper—*

J. Nicholson and Co., Bouverie-street, Carlton.

*Winnowing Machine—*

J. Nicholson and Co., Bouverie-street, Carlton.

*Broadcast Sowing Machine—*

M'Lean Bros. and Rigg, Elizabeth-street.



*Single Furrow Plough—*

M'Calman, Garde and Co., North Melbourne.

*Double Furrow Plough—*

M'Calman, Garde and Co., North Melbourne.

*Triple Furrow Plough—*

M'Calman, Garde and Co., North Melbourne.

*Harrows—*

J. Howden, Broadford.

## EXTRA.

*Hay Rake—*

Certificate of merit :

*Patent Plough Wheels—*

T. Henderson and Co., Elizabeth-street north.

*Squatter's Tools, &c.—*

Certificate of merit : J. R. Hubbard and Co.

*Gas-making Apparatus—*

Certificate of merit : Binnie's Victorian Patent Gas Co.,  
18 Collins-street east.

*Otto's Gas Engine—*

Certificate of merit : Cowan and Co., 76 Flinders-lane west.

*Davis Sewing Machines—*

Certificate of merit : H. Bishop and Co., 79 Bourke-street  
east.

*Peirce's Patent Piggeries, Fowlhouses, Dog Kennels, Troughs,  
Wheelbarrows—*

Five certificates of merit : A. E. Peirce and Co., Franklin-  
street.

*Wire Strainer and Repairer—*

Certificate of merit : S. A. Fulton, George-street, Sydney.

*Steam Ploughing Plant and Traction Engines—*

Certificate of merit : Gibbs, Bright and Co., Flinders-lane.

*Wheat Separator—*

Certificate of merit : Gibbs, Bright and Co., Flinders-lane.

*Collection of Dam Scoops—*

Certificate of merit : D. Munro and Co., Queen-street.

*Centrifugal Pumps—*

Certificate of merit : Robison Bros., Flinders-street.

*Waterlift Pumps—*

F. Flood, Lonsdale-street west.

*Monitor Pumps—*

Certificate of merit : J. Danks, Bourke-street west.

*Collection Steam Engines and Pumps—*

Certificate of merit : Tangye Bros., Collins-street west.



*Collection of Bellows—*

Certificate of merit: J. Porta and Sons, Little Lonsdale-street west.

*Excellence of Workmanship of Agricultural Implements—*

Certificate of merit: Executors G. Munro, Ballarat.

*Sheep-ear Labels, &c.—*

Certificate of merit: E. Dark and Co., Little Bourke-street west.

*Patent Cultivator and Collection of Harrows—*

R. Cockerill, Elizabeth-street north.

*Collection of Chaffcutters, Corn Crushers, and Bark Cutters—*

Certificate of merit: John Buncle, North Melbourne.

*Windmills—*

Certificate of merit: D. Munro and Co., Queen-street.

*Earth Scoops and Wool-press—*

Certificate of merit: Robinson and Sons, A'Beckett-street.

*Wool-press*

Certificate of merit: Price Williams, Franklin-street.

*Hornsby's Hedge Cutter—*

Certificate of merit: Briscoe and Co., Little Collins-street west.

*Plough and Safety Attachment for Horse Gear, &c.—*

Certificate of merit: D. Edwards, Elizabeth-street.

*Althouse Windmill—*

Certificate of merit: M'Lean Bros. and Rigg, Elizabeth-street.

*Hot-air Engine and Pump—*

Certificate of merit: Briscoe and Co., Little Collins-street west.

*Portable Saw Benches, Engines and Pumps—*

Certificate of merit: Aird and M'Crae, 22 King-street.

*Patent Wire Strainer—*

Certificate of merit: W. Willis and Co., Little Collins-street west.

*Patent Clothes-Washing Machine—*

Certificate of merit: S. Lowe, Lonsdale-street east.

*Collections of Seed, &c.—*

Certificate of merit: E. S. Smithurst and Co., Bourke-street west.



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New Zealand Loan Co.				George Webster and Co.	10	10	0
(Cup) - - - -	21	0	0	H. P. Welch and Co.	- 10	10	0
Dr. Plummer - - -	21	0	0	W. C. Wilson (Scott's			
Robertson Bros. - -	21	0	0	Hotel) - - -	10	10	0
C. B. Fisher - - -	18	15	0	D. Altson - - -	5	5	0
Proprietors <i>Australasian</i>	15	15	0	Banks and Co. - -	5	5	0
Australasian Mortgage and				Bligh and Harbottle	- 5	5	0
Agency Co. - - -	10	10	0	John Currie - - -	5	5	0
John Blyth and Co. -	10	10	0	P. G. Dixon - - -	5	5	0
Briscoe and Co. - -	10	0	0	R. Goldsbrough and Co.			
<b>T.</b> Brunton - - - -	10	10	0	(Limited) - - -	5	5	0
J. G. Dougharty - -	10	10	0	Greig and Murray -	5	5	0
Felton, Grimwade and				Robert Harper and Co.	- 5	5	0
Co. - - - -	10	10	0	H. Hearne - - -	5	5	0
Gibbs, Bright and Co. -	10	10	0	James Henty and Co.	- 5	5	0
James Gibb - - - -	10	10	0	Kilpatrick and Co.	- 5	5	0
Richard Gibson and Co.	10	10	0	Matthew Lang - -	5	5	0
Francis Henty - - -	10	10	0	Hugh Lennon - - -	5	5	0
Lorimer, Rome and Co. -	10	10	0	Henry Moss - - -	5	5	0
Albert Miller - - -	10	10	0	M'Naughton, Love and			
David Mitchell - - -	10	10	0	Co. - - - -	5	5	0
M'Arthur, Brind and Co.	10	10	0	J. A. Roberts - - -	5	5	0
R. M'Cracken and Co. -	10	10	0	George Robertson -	- 5	5	0
Hon. W. M'Culloch - -	10	10	0	C. D. Straker - - -	5	5	0
James M'Ewan and Co. -	10	10	0	Warne and Reid - -	5	5	0
M'Lean Bros. and Rigg -	10	10	0	W. Watts (for 1885)	- 5	0	0
Newell and Co. - - -	10	10	0	Alston and Brown -	- 3	3	0
Paterson, Laing and				John Buncl - - -	3	3	0
Bruce - - - -	10	10	0	Daniel White - - -	3	3	0
J. M. Peck - - - -	10	10	0	W. Dean and Co. -	- 2	2	0
Sands and M'Dougall -	10	10	0	T. Gaunt - - - -	2	2	0
Sargood, Butler and				Godfrey and Bullen	- 2	2	0
Nichol - - - -	10	10	0	Robertson and Moffat	- 2	2	0
James Service and Co. -	10	10	0				
L. Stevenson and Sons -	10	10	0	Total (including Cup)	£585	2	0
Swallow and Ariell -	10	10	0				



# APPENDIX.

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## LECTURE BY J. L. DOW, ESQ., M.L.A.,

*Delivered before the Members of the Society and Representatives of the  
Agricultural Societies of Victoria.*

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MR. Dow said the idea of reading this paper had been suggested to him by Dr. Plummer, as the result of a conversation upon the federal system adopted by the agricultural societies of the United States. In that country there was first the ordinary agricultural societies throughout the States, next the federation of these Societies into central boards, which boards in their turn were knit together with the great central head, the Agricultural Department at Washington. As we in Australia were not yet, however, federated into a union of colonies, as were the United States, it would only be necessary in the paper to deal with the system of federation as existing within the bounds of a single State, and to that end a description might be given of how the agricultural societies worked within California, the state that, in its general conditions, most nearly resembled the colony of Victoria. From such a description he regarded it as possible that suggestions might be gleaned by the representative meeting he had the honour of addressing which might lead to the adoption of some similar system here, in order to bring about a better combination of agricultural effort among the societies of Victoria than at present existed. The working of the federal principle among American agricultural societies was first brought under his notice last summer in Sacramento, the capital city of California. One of the interesting features of Sacramento is its State Agricultural Society. Here we have an association of representative men working according to a plan by which they combine the offices held in Victoria by the Government Department of Agriculture on the one hand and the National Agricultural Society of Victoria on the other.

What is called the State Agricultural Society of California may be described as a board of twelve members elected from, and representative of, all parts of California, whose proceedings are invested with the State authority by an Act passed specially to that end. The Act may be thus summarized:—The association is declared a State institution. Twelve resident citizens representing different portions of the State are appointed as a board of agriculture. The appointments are by the votes of the agricultural societies. The board classifies itself, by lot or otherwise, into four divisions of three members each, whose terms of office expire at the end of one, two, three, and four years respectively. These members are charged with full control of all the property of the institution and with the direction of all its proceedings, together with the appointment from their number of a president (holding office for one year), a secretary and a treasurer. They meet once a quarter, or oftener if required. The board uses all suitable



means to collect and disseminate all kinds of information calculated to educate and benefit the industrial classes, develop the resources and advance the material interests of the State, and make such suggestions and recommendations as experience may suggest for the improvement and advancement of agriculture and kindred industries, reporting to the Governor of the State annually a full account of their transactions, statistics, information gained, together with a balance-sheet for the year. The Act has further provided for the division of the whole of California into twelve districts, each district including such a number of counties as lie most conveniently into each other, and whose interests are most in common. These district boards are composed of one member sent from each agricultural society within the district, and the members elected as presidents of these district boards are the district representatives who are sent to the central board of agriculture. The classification of the district members into lots, and subsequent re-election, are conducted in the same manner as the State board. Each district board is required to send annually to the secretary of the State board a report of the transactions of their society, a balance-sheet for the year, and all facts and statistics showing the development and improvement of agriculture in their districts, to facilitate which the State association furnishes necessary schedules and blank forms for filling up. All these returns are arranged to come in by a certain time of each year, when the State board publishes a volume of its transactions and those of the district boards for the year. This volume includes excellent practical papers delivered during the year by members of the State and district societies, and altogether forms a most instructive annual record of progress during each year.

As an example of the kind of practical work performed in the agricultural interest by means of this organization, it should be noted that in the United States there is no official agency employed for the collection of the agricultural statistics other than such as is here described. Mr. Edwin. F. Smith, the secretary of the State board at Sacramento, issues yearly, before harvest, blank harvest schedules to competent men connected with the various district societies throughout the State, to be filled up, and upon receiving them he subjects the returns to a careful analysis from the standpoint of an expert well acquainted with the country, and thus arrives at a summary which is accepted by the agricultural statistician at Washington as his official return, when making up the total crop yield of the United States. The subsidy or agricultural vote passed by the State legislature varies in amount according to requirements; and, in addition, the central board has a stipulation with the State printer to have 4,000 copies of the annual volume, printed and bound in cloth, free, together with the printing of all such job work as is necessary for carrying out the provisions of the Act. When it is remembered that the twelve district societies cover the whole of California, which is twice as large as the colony of Victoria, and comprises altogether fifty-two counties, it will be seen that the system of having a central State board, with its subsidiary district institutions, is one that aims at considerable compactness of action. The annual fairs of the societies are not so numerous as are the agricultural shows of the colonies, but it has to be admitted that they thereby gain very considerably in quality. Superior as the district fairs are, however, they are only regarded as preparatory competitions for the great event of the year—the State Exhibition at Sacramento. This exhibition takes place during the early part of September (the second month of the Californian autumn), and lasts during the whole week. Nor is the fair confined to agricultural exhibits only, for every conceivable product or manufacture is welcomed, and prizes awarded according to merit. An immense pavilion presents during fair time something the appearance of the Melbourne or Sydney exhibitions, space in which is paid for by exhibitors of all sorts of commodities, who find in the State Fair one of their biggest markets, for “everybody goes to the State Fair.” An adjoining park is enclosed for



the live stock exhibits. Sacramento is a city of parks, and one of the finest has been enclosed and set apart for the State Fair and races—for it must not be forgotten that races, both trotting and “running,” which is the Americanism for racing, are special features of Californian agricultural fairs. From all points of the State the people flock to this big annual event. Sacramento being situated as nearly as possible in the centre of the State, and at a point where the railway system converges from all directions, renders the capital city peculiarly well suited for a large annual gathering, and that it is a large one the railway authorities ensure by the practice of a broad, business-like policy. Owing to the broad and intelligent principles on which the railways are run under private enterprise, all exhibits are forwarded to the fair and back (unless sold) to their destinations free, while for the visitors a specially low excursion rate obtains during the fair time. For 1882 the central board subsidy amounted to 7,500 dollars, and the district agricultural societies in proportionate amounts.

This State society disburses a sum that has been going up yearly until 1882, when the amount reached over 40,000 dollars, or £8,000 in our currency. An annual payment of 5 dollars, or £1, qualifies for membership, which includes free admission to the fair, and non-members pay 25 cents for each day's entry. Some idea of how the public patronize the exhibition is obtained from the fact that the last State Fair previous to my visit, viz., that of September, 1882, the receipts for admission amounted to 22,000 dollars. A total of 20,000 dollars was paid away in prizes, one-half of which sum went to the trotting matches and races; but this amount was nearly made up to the society from the entry money of horse owners who put in their trotters and “runners” for the various events. This trotting and running is a very strong feature of the State Fair, the management not leaving, as Australian agricultural associations do, all the trotting and racing sport to the clubs. As the annual fair is looked upon by the general public as a holiday week, the board has arranged so that all are satisfied. Up to about two o'clock is devoted by the public to an examination of the agricultural, mineralogical, industrial, and mercantile exhibition within the pavilion, and to a stroll through the live stock being shown in pens and on parade in the park. The afternoon is devoted to first-class sport, which the visitors can witness from an immense grand-stand. Here the lover of racing can enjoy all the delights of that fascinating recreation, and the stock-raiser or stock-buyer, who probably seeks information of a more practical turn, can judge for himself, by the exhibition of their prowess, how the animals shown for prizes in the forenoon come out afterwards in their competitive display of speed, combined with endurance and weight-carrying capacity. The headquarters of this Central Agricultural Board of California presents features that I submit might be copied with advantage in Victoria, where we have a Minister of Agriculture, a Secretary of Agriculture, and a Department of Agriculture, yet there is no tangible place to be found representing what all these high-sounding names would suggest to a stranger coming into the colony for the purpose of settling. Now, here in Sacramento, you can walk straight up to the office of the State Agricultural Society, and find a bright, intelligent, and courteous secretary, who will tell you to “walk right in here, sir, and take a seat,” when he will then proceed to supply you with any information connected with the resources of the State that you may choose to ask him for. The secretary's office, adjoining the pavilion, is a large roomy building, which combines the working head-quarters of the association with a complete bureau of agriculture, including a library comprising all volumes and pamphlets that have been published, bearing not only upon the agriculture of the State, but upon every other matter which is in any way connected with that industry. Among the numerous permanent exhibits the system of registering and tabulating the various seeds grown struck me as valuable. Take wheat, for example: here you have samples of the grain carefully



put away in small wide-mouthed bottles, on which is labelled the name of the variety, the yield, the district where grown, the season of sowing, and other particulars obtained from the practical farmer, and so on with all other products. The State society has grown so rapidly that its present pavilion and secretary's office had become too small, and a new pavilion was approaching completion at the time of my visit—July, 1883. The business people of Sacramento contributed 40,000 dollars, to which the State added a similar amount, and for the total 80,000 dollars a handsome structure, giving 110,000 superficial feet of additional space, was being obtained in the shape of a dome-surmounted hall 400 feet square, from which four 100-foot wings extend in the form of a cross. The roof is 95 feet from the ground, thus providing room for a spacious gallery, which sweeps clear round the building. In this building was to be established a permanent exhibition of Californian products, including agricultural, mining, industrial, geological, and mercantile departments, together with a division for curiosities and antiquities; the whole to be open to the public free during the period between the State fairs.

The foregoing illustrates in a general way the appointment and working of the central board, and now a representative district may be taken to show how the district boards operate. As has been already mentioned, the twelve districts into which California is divided are so mapped out as to provide as nearly as possible for identity of interest in each. Thus the coast districts of the State are chiefly devoted to vine and fruit growing, and San Francisco is the head-quarters of a district board dealing chiefly with these interests, just as in other parts wheat-growing, stock-breeding, and other industries are more special to those districts. In the same way that we have seen the central or State board exercising executive functions in connection with such matters as the collection of agricultural statistics, so also are the district boards empowered to take such action as may be necessary to conserve or promote their special interests. Taking the district under notice as an example, it is found that the vineyard and orchard interests are the more important ones within its radius, and to these the most attention is devoted; just as in a wheat-growing or irrigation district the cultivation of cereals and the conservation and distribution of water respectively receive the larger degree of attention. Phylloxera among Californian vines is prevalent, and, with the exception of San Bernardino, every fruit-growing county in the State has its orchards afflicted by some destructive pest, such as red spider, codlin moth, mealy bug, root louse, saw fly, scale insect, and the many varieties of the borers; yet Californian wine and raisin production is largely increasing, and Californian canned fruits are placed on Australian markets. Our system is to apply for the appointment of a Government official to deal with the suppression of vine or fruit diseases, who may be an expert, or simply a political friend of the Minister; but the Californian system places the nomination in the hands of the people most interested—viz., those of the district.

Upon inquiring in San Francisco for the best man to apply to for being put in the way of finding out where the leading orchards and vineyards of California were situated, I was at once referred to Mr. John H. Wheeler, the secretary of that district board, whose offices are at 111 Leidesdorff-street, and which I found to be the thoroughly organized head-quarters of these interests. The secretary is a salaried official, and not a member. The board requires to meet not seldomer than every three months, to consult upon such measures as may be best calculated to promote the vine and fruit-growing interests of the State, when travelling expenses to the members are allowed. Amongst the duties of the board under the Act are the appointment of a qualified person to deliver at least one lecture annually, at central points of the district, for the purpose of imparting instruction in methods of culture, pruning, fertilizing, fermenting, distilling, rectifying, fruit and raisin drying, treatment of diseases, or prevention and destruction of insects, as the requirements of each place



may show to be most important, and to disseminate useful knowledge by printed documents, and correspondence upon everything bearing upon the viticultural and horticultural interest. Amongst the duties of the secretary, it is specified that he shall collect statistics and other information showing the condition and progress of the industries in question up to latest dates throughout his district, together with the collection of information concerning land suitable for fruits and vines, and to impart to all inquirers instructions concerning the localities of such lands, prices, cost of cultivation, means of transportation, and similar information, without charge to such inquirers, and to correspond with all persons, societies, colleges, and schools of agriculture, and to prepare a report for submission to the board at each of its half-yearly meetings for publication. It is further specified that the Californian University shall direct its professor of agriculture to provide for all necessary scientific examinations connected with analysis of soils, determination of alcoholic strength of wines, reports on woods best suited for wine casks, entomological researches upon orchard and vineyard pests, scientific discoveries bearing upon vine and fruit diseases, and such other information of a like kind as may be of advantage to the board. Towards these objects the State legislature annually grants such a sum as may be deemed warrantable upon the board showing a yearly statement, verified by the president, specifying in detail the manner in which the moneys have been expended, together with an estimate of expenses for the coming year. For the year 1882 the sum of 17,000 dollars (£3,400) was granted. In addition to Mr. Wheeler, the secretary, the board have authority to appoint two other important salaried officers, named chief viticultural and chief horticultural inspectors respectively, who are charged with the responsibility of preventing the spread of vine and fruit diseases, and insect pests, enforcing quarantine regulations, and governing the distribution and disposal of anything calculated to spread horticultural or viticultural disease. Amongst the duties of this district board, also, is the furnishing of a yearly report from the district they represent for publication in the annual report. The State board annual report, therefore, is a most instructive volume, containing a paper by some local authority upon everything connected with the fruit and vine growing industry, and of these reports, Mr. Wheeler informs me, a copy is sent first to each vigneron and orchardist in the State; second, to every newspaper, municipal body, and agricultural society in America; and, third, to all leading associations connected with viticulture and horticulture outside of America. This latter distribution, Mr. Wheeler further tells me, he has endeavoured to make as widespread as possible, and the reports, he finds, have been the means of bringing many persons to California for the express purpose of engaging in fruit growing, grape growing, raisin drying, and wine making. Upon arrival in San Francisco, they proceed straight to the head-quarters of the board, where they find a complete viticultural and horticultural bureau and museum, with an officer in charge, whose business, both verbally and by the supply of printed statistics and directions, is to start the inquirers into grape and fruit production under the most favourable auspices.

3 The establishment of at least one agricultural college in each State of America is provided for by an Act of Congress, and in connection with these valuable educational institutions the central or State boards are found of great value. On the one hand, the central board receives suggestions through the district representative calculated to be of benefit to the general agricultural interest, and combined with the influence brought to bear through the central boards the legislature is enabled to have necessary action taken; and, on the other hand, after certain steps have been taken, such as for example the establishment of an agricultural college, then it also comes in as a valuable auxiliary in the way of supervision. At the time of my visit to California, the Agricultural College of that State was not in session; but during my tour through America I had the opportunity of visiting those of other States, and the one in Massachusetts



might be taken as a fairly representative example. The terms of this college are arranged so as to alternate eight months' work with an aggregate of four months' vacation. Professor Clark, practical instructor of agriculture and superintendent of the nurseries, who showed me round, informed me that the faculty comprised Professors P. A. Chadbourne, president; H. H. Goodell, modern languages; C. A. Goessman, chemistry; S. T. Maynard, botany; A. B. Bassett, physics and civil engineering; Manly Miles, agriculture; Lieutenant Bridgeman, military science; T. F. Winchester, veterinary science and practice; R. W. Lyman, rural law; and E. Hitchcock, elocution. The foundation of the College, Mr. Clark stated, was an endowment by grant of land made under a law passed by Congress in 1862, which provided, as the clause sets forth, "for the endowment, support, and maintenance of at least one college in each State, where the leading object will be, without excluding scientific and classical studies, and including military drill, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanical arts in such manner as the legislatures of the respective States may prescribe, in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life." In addition to the permanent land endowment granted by the Congress, the local parliament at various times, as necessity arose for extensions and improvements, had made liberal grants from the State funds, and fees were charged the students of £2, £2 10s., and £1 per term for tuition, laboratory expenses, and room rent respectively, together with 10s. per week for board. The total expenses for each student, including books and all requirements, Mr. Clark estimated to average about £60 per annum. The number of students on the register at the date of his visit was 110, which, pending further extension, about taxed the full capacity of the college. The property of the college was vested in a board of trustees, of which the Governor of the State was president, and the general supervision of the working of the college was committed to the Central Board of Agriculture. In answer to a question as to what was about the annual sum required to run a college of this kind, Mr. Clark furnished the balance-sheet for 1882, which showed that the year's expenses amounted to £4,800, of which £2,000 was the proportion paid for salaries; and the year's income had amounted to £5,000, of which £2,200 had been received from endowment fund account, and the balance from the sales of farm and nursery produce, students' fees, and four annuities which had been left to the college. In addition to these annuities one had been left for the payment of one free scholarship, and eleven other free scholarships were provided by the trustees. Candidates for admission required to be fifteen years of age, must be furnished with certificate as to character, and must pass an examination in English grammar, geography, arithmetic, algebra through the simple equations, and the history of the United States. The regular course of study occupies four years, the first, second, third, and fourth of which are described as the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior years respectively, and the subjects include practical farming and stock breeding, botany, chemistry, mathematics, physics, and languages. The various subjects are made to alternate with practical work on the farm, and special days are set apart for each in due order. Students who finish the whole course receive the degree of Bachelor of Science, and also become qualified to receive the diploma of the Boston University, thereby becoming entitled to all the privileges of its alumni. Graduates of the Massachusetts Agricultural College are found occupying responsible positions, not only in their own State, but all over America; and some of the more recently established institutions in the Central and Western States refer with pride to the fact that this and that professor of their faculty was "an Amherst boy."

During the reading of his paper Mr. Dow was frequently applauded, and after the discussion on it had ceased a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer.



## LETTERS SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL BY THE SECRETARY OF THE SOCIETY.

*"Melbourne, November 11, 1884.*

"THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL, NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF  
VICTORIA.

"GENTLEMEN,—The hon. the Minister of Agriculture, by offering a sum of money at this Society's shows as grand champion prizes of Australia—for prize exhibits from provincial shows—has endeavoured to bring about a thoroughly representative exhibition; and the system has been fairly successful. The idea has been admitted to be an excellent one, and one which should be further developed. The following suggestions are offered with that object. Let it be made a condition in the Government grant to agricultural societies that all first prize exhibits (wherever practicable), or, at all events, all champion exhibits at provincial shows, must be entered and compete for these grand champion prizes of Australia. In any case where this condition is not complied with, the Government subsidy to be withheld. No society could then ignore this condition, nor would it be in its interest to do so, even apart from the question of subsidy. Its effect would certainly be increased entries and keener competition at the provincial shows, as there would be the extra inducement, if a champion prize were won, of going on and competing for the grand champion prize of Australia, which, for its intrinsic value alone, would be worth competing for, without counting the enhanced value of the exhibit in the event of winning the prize. The result of bringing together on the metropolitan ground the choice exhibits from every district in the colony would be that there would then indeed be a thoroughly representative exhibition, which would properly mark the annual progress of agriculture, where agriculturists and others would be enabled to arrive at a proper standard of excellence, and which would thus have a really educational influence. In order to add to its success, the Government might offer special facilities for the transit of exhibits, and run cheap excursion trains—farmers' trains—as was done with such success in one instance this year. It was said that this Society's show could not exist apart from the races, but the late exhibition exploded that idea, for it showed that the metropolitan exhibition was enough in itself to induce people to visit the metropolis, as on no previous occasion was there a greater number of country visitors present. The Government has granted the Society a splendid show-ground, 30 acres in extent, where this year's exhibition was the most extensive yet held. This, however, should only serve as a stimulus to further endeavours to develop it, so that it might be made still more representative and attractive, when people from all parts of the colony, as also from the other colonies, would flock to it, and the metropolitan people not directly interested might be educated up to patronizing it more extensively.

"As most people are aware, the question of sales is so intimately connected with exhibitions, that it is not possible to part them. The fact of the best stock, &c., of the whole colony being brought together, would not only bring the buyers and sellers of this colony together, but, as Melbourne from its geographical position is so centrally situated with regard to the other colonies, buyers and sellers from them would congregate here; not only that, but owners would send their choicest exhibits to represent the other colonies in competing for the grand champion prizes. This could easily be arranged, and would only be carrying out the original idea, for are not the prizes offered as 'Champion of Australia?'



"If the sympathies of all Victorian societies were enlisted in this matter, and they were induced to have their several districts thoroughly represented, the leading societies, the stockowners, and others of the neighbouring colonies would no doubt co-operate, when this Society's grounds, which are eminently suited for the purpose, would be made most attractive and instructive as an exhibition, and would also become the great emporium for the interchange of the choice stock, produce, and other industries of the whole colonies, and the occasion of the exhibition would be worked up into a regular agricultural carnival week, surpassed only by the great Cup meeting.

"Were this accomplished its influence would not only permeate through all the country societies and give them a healthy fillip, but would extend to the sister colonies—and while advancing the interests of this institution would be of immense service to the agriculturists and pastoralists of Australia—while the extra traffic on the lines would be no mean addition to the railway revenues.

"I beg to submit the foregoing to the Council, and if approved respectfully suggest that the same be transmitted to the hon. the Minister of Agriculture for his consideration.

"I have, &c.,

"THOMAS PATTERSON, Secretary."

"Melbourne, December 9, 1884.

"THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL, NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA.

"GENTLEMEN,—I purposely omitted details and explanations from my previous letter so as to keep it within a reasonable length, or it would probably not have been made public. Now, however—thanks to the press—its subject matter has been well ventilated, and such a general opinion has been expressed in favour of the proposed scheme, if it can be brought into operation, that it will no doubt be followed up. Though at first sight so many difficulties seem to present themselves, these all disappear when the proposal is properly thought out, and leave no doubt of its practicability, all that is required being its approval by the Council and its adoption by the Minister of Agriculture. The clauses which are said to be impracticable and unjust, on account of making the granting of subsidy to societies subject to the caprice of an exhibitor, have been quite misunderstood, as no such thing is either expressed or intended. This is at once seen when the details are given, which are as follow:—Every society (as most do at present) to offer champion prizes in their various classes; and to be required to accept entries, subject to a regulation that all exhibits which win a champion prize—that is, all champion exhibits—shall (when practicable) be entered, and compete for the grand champion prizes of Australia. This to be made a condition in the Government grant, and any society not complying with it, the subsidy to be withheld. There the direct responsibility of the societies will cease, and the matter rest with the exhibitors. To control them the societies also to be required to withhold the champion prizes from the winners till the exhibits are entered and compete for the grand champion prizes. This, however, after the system is fairly commenced, will scarcely be necessary, for if the Government—and it will pay them to do it—offer special facilities for carrying these exhibits, so that the expense will be nominal, any owner who is so fortunate as to have an exhibit selected to go to the metropolis to represent his district in this great competition, as it will no doubt become, will only be too glad to avail himself of such an excellent opportunity and means of advertising his herd, stud, or farm, as the case may be.

"A weekly paper complains—and rightly, too—of the inconvenience it would be to owners to have to bring stallions to the show, when held as usual; but my idea is to hold two shows—a stallion parade, &c., in the early spring, and a great general show, say in the early autumn, when all



champion exhibits during the season at the country shows could be collected in Melbourne, when samples of the season's grain and produce could be secured, and when there would be a great probability of settled fine weather. The harvest would be over, the crops sold, and farmers would have time and money at their disposal. Then, with the cream of every province brought together on the spacious show-grounds, surely the city residents would be attracted, while the country people, jealous of their districts' reputation, would flock to town to see how their representative exhibits looked along with others, and would profit by their observation, as also by their interchange of ideas; and no doubt Mr. Speight would offer them every facility for doing so.

"Another reason for altering the date of the show is that this year the dates of the Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane exhibitions clashed, or came very close together. One or two of the leading shorthorn breeders have complained to me of this, and said a different arrangement is required. If this Society's show were held, as proposed, about March, the Sydney people might hold theirs as they used to—well on in April—then the Brisbane and Adelaide shows would follow about August and September, as held this year, which should suit exhibitors admirably.

"It has been said to me that this institution will be benefited by these proposals at the expense of the country societies. That this also is a mistake can be proved from past experience. When the grand champion prizes were first offered at this Society's Show, it was made a condition that all exhibits entering for them should have been exhibited and have won a first prize at some country show during the previous 12 months, but such a large number of owners, having choice animals and articles which had not been so exhibited, wished to enter for these prizes, that the Council had to induce the Minister to revoke the condition. This was necessary, because the idea was commenced at the wrong end. Had the proposals now submitted been in force, these owners, who did not think it worth while sending their exhibits to country shows, would have been induced to do so, in order to qualify them to compete for the grand champion prizes, and would thus have contributed to the success of their local shows; and similar results will ensue in future. While making it imperative that champion exhibits shall compete for the grand champion prizes, it will perhaps be well not to limit the competition to them, but (except in special cases which it is unnecessary to detail), nothing should be allowed to enter which has not been previously exhibited and awarded a prize at a country show. Where societies are working with a common object, care should be taken that all imposed conditions and regulations are, as far as possible, for their mutual benefit.

"I fear to trespass too long on the time of the Council or I should like to say more on the practical results of bringing this scheme into operation, as well as on the way it will stimulate individual producers to excel their previous efforts and raise their standards of excellence, and thus increase the aggregate agricultural wealth of the colony. I should like also to show how advantageously the much-required single and professional judging system will work in connection with it; in fact, how, to carry it out to perfection, it will be absolutely necessary to improve on the present (in too many cases) haphazard style of awarding prizes. I should further like to show how it will break new ground, as, by having the characteristic exhibits and productions of all parts of the colony brought together, it will enable new arrivals and others to ascertain at once, by personal observation, the districts best suited for the branches of agriculture in which they wish to engage. I shall, however, only add that I have visited a good many country shows this season in different parts of the colony, and while in the yards, with the exhibits before me, have gone through the various classes thinking out this scheme, and seeing how it is likely to do in practice, and I find no difficulties about it, but believe it will work most satisfactorily to all concerned, and so I respectfully submit it to the Council.—I have, &c,

"THOMAS PATTERSON, Secretary."



*Report of Special Committee appointed to consider and report on the proposals of the Secretary relative to the Grand Champion Prizes and the further development of the Society's Exhibitions.*

After consideration, they recommend "that the clauses requiring the Societies to accept entries subject to a regulation that all champion exhibits must be entered and compete for the Grand Champion Prizes, as well as to retain the champion prizes till the exhibits are so entered, be modified into a request to the Minister of Agriculture to insert a clause in the regulations impressing on the Societies the desirableness of their champion exhibits being entered for these Grand Champion Prizes, so that the several districts of the colony may be fully represented in this competition, with the object of bringing about the results set forth in the letters."

Also, "that the Minister be requested to ask the Societies to arrange the dates of their shows so that no two exhibitions shall be held on the same day."

They also recommend "that the Society's Show be not held in Autumn; leaving it, however, to the Council to fix the most suitable date."

Also, "that the Council hold a Parade of Stallions, and a sale in connection therewith, in August."

They further report "that, while recommending the modifications and amendments as aforesaid, they wish to record their approval of the spirit of the ideas and suggestions embodied in the letters submitted by the Secretary, and thank him for bringing the subject forward."