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THE REGULATIONS AFFECTING AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

The New Act Comes into Force February 1st, 1907.

As the dates for the annual meetings of Agricultural and Horticultural Societies are near at hand, our readers will doubtless be interested in learning something of the laws that will govern the procedure of these organizations.

The new laws come into force on February 1, 1907, but the next annual meetings of these organizations will be held on the dates fixed under the old Act, viz.: Horticultural and Township Societies on Jan. 9, and District Societies on Jan. 16; and the usual two weeks' notice must be given in local newspapers together with bills posted in places of common resort.

In future, societies will no longer be known as "District," and "Township," but every society in the province will be placed on the same basis in regard to the receipt of its government grant and will receive such grant in proportion to its expenditure for agricultural purposes during the past three years, as shown by their sworn annual statement to the Department of Agriculture. A definition of what may be considered "Expenditure for Agricultural Purposes" is given in the Act.

Societies will be known by the name and place where they held their last annual exhibition unless they prefer some other, then the new name must be determined by the members thereof, and approved by the Minister of Agriculture.

Under the new law it will not be permissible for Horticultural Societies to offer prizes for competition at exhibitions held under the auspices of Agricultural Societies. These last named organizations, however, may use their own funds for the offering of prizes for horticultural exhibits.

Hereafter no prizes can be offered for grade male stock.

Spring stallion and cattle shows shall receive a special grant equal to one-half the sum expended, but such sum shall not exceed \$50. Where seed fairs are held the maximum grant shall be \$25.

Societies investing in horses, cattle, sheep or swine, for the improvement of stock, will receive a grant ranging from \$50 downward, for each registered male animal in these classes.

No society shall be entitled to receive a grant exceeding \$800.

Under the new Act restrictions in regard to the conducting of games of chance have been made more stringent.

The annual meetings to be held in January of District, Township and Horticultural Societies, which for the last time will be convened under the old Act, will be the most important ones in the history of these organizations. All who are interested in making of primal importance the educational features of these societies, and in improving the quality and quantity of the products of the farm, factory and garden, should attend these meetings on January 9th and 16th.

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A terrible bull fight raged in our town one day last week, and it is likely there would have been blood shed, had not our valiant Harry separated the combatants with sledge hammers. The bride and groom have returned from their honeymoon and settled down to the common place again.

Things have quieted down since the pig stacks have been threshed. Wandering swine will not now be let loose at night to arouse the peaceful citizens.

Jack is still threshing and whistling, "The bell rings out for Sarah." Kicking a cow does not always pay. You might as well put it asleep in the deep.

Mr. and Mrs. G. McBride have returned to our midst.

An engagement will shortly be announced that will startle the gossips. If it were only the month of June we might get a sprinkle of ashes of roses.

It seems that if honey is plentiful on the Eastern Hills there is an abundance of tanglefoot on the Western Plains.

Headford has had an attack of the jaundice and now it has the shingles.

VAUGHAN COUNCIL.

The above council met at the Township Hall, Vellore, on Tuesday December 11.

Members present: J. N. Boyle, reeve; J. A. Cameron, I. Devins, D. C. Longhouse, J. S. McNair.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Longhouse, seconded by Mr. Cameron, the treasurer was authorized and instructed to pay a large number of road accounts.

By-law 820, to authorize the sale of the land that formed the highway over and across the east half of lot 11 in con. 8, township of Vaughan, was read a second and third time and passed, Mr. Geo. Elliott being the purchaser.

By-law No. 825 was passed appointing Polling Booths, Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks for the municipal elections as follows:—

1—Polling Sub-Div. 1—Victoria Hall, Thornhill; D. R. O., Wm. M. Bowes Poll Clerk, W. H. Clubine.

2—John Charles' House, Patterson; D. R. O., Wm. S. Rumble; Poll Clerk, Wm. Washington, jr.

3—Temperance Hall, Edgely—D. R. O., Jos. Quantz; Poll Clerk, Wm. P. Kinnee.

4—Masonic Hall, Maple; D. R. O., W. E. Nixon; Poll Clerk, J. J. Kaiser.

5—Mrs. Wiggins' shop, Pine Grove; D. R. O., John Hogg; Poll Clerk, M. O'Rourke.

6—Mrs. Stump's house, Purpleville; D. R. O., Roger Harvey; Poll Clerk, Wm. Watson.

7—Mrs. Fleming's house, lot 15, con. 9; D. R. O., Wm. Wood; Poll Clerk, Jas. Wood.

8—Lankin's shop, Kleinburg; D. R. O., Geo. Kellam; Poll Clerk, E. J. Kurtz.

Devin—McNair—That the treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay to James O'Connor, \$50, on account for repairing stable.—Carried.

A petition signed by ratepayers in Maple and Thornhill was laid before the council requesting that the township funds be transferred from the Standard Bank to the Sterling Bank. Mr. Urquhart and Mr. Miller represented the Sterling Bank, and Mr. Loosmore and Mr. Byrne, the Standard Bank. The members of the council expressed themselves as being satisfied with the Standard Bank, and declined to make the transfer.

The council adjourned to meet at the clerk's office, Maple, on Saturday, 15th inst., at 1 p. m.

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LANGSTAFF.

School report for November, Senior IV.—Emily Rankin, Mary Lowery, Garland Langstaff.

Junior IV.—Alice Page, Gladys Bell.

Senior III.—Robbie Lowery.

Inter. III.—Nellie Page, Lizzie Rankin, Irene Chapman.

Junior III.—Stewart Page, Wellington Monkman, Amy Ball, Joe Ireland.

Senior II.—Violet Casely, Nathan Chapman, Katie Chapman.

Junior II.—Ellsworth Weldrick, Kathleen Rankin.

Part II.—Dennis White.

Senior Part I.—Garland Langstaff, Lornie Weldrick, Russell Monkman, Donnie Drury, Enid Drury, Elva Weldrick, Dudley White.

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