

Agricultural Society for Campbelltown.

A PUBLIC meeting was held in the Town Hall, Campbelltown, on Monday evening, for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming an agricultural society. The meeting was largely attended, and the proceedings were most enthusiastic throughout. The Mayor (Ald. Barker) occupied the chair, and included in those present was the member for the district (Mr. John Kidd).

The Mayor having explained the object of the meeting, the secretary read a letter from the Rev. T. V. Alkin, who, although unable to attend the meeting, was in hearty sympathy with the movement and would be willing to assist it in every way.

Mr. J. H. Sullivan moved the first resolution, viz., "That all the gentlemen present be a committee of the whole to form an agricultural society for Campbelltown." He thought there would be no difficulty whatever in the way of forming a society, and was quite sure that if the people of the district took the matter up heartily the organisation would be carried to a successful issue.

Ald. Gamble seconded the motion. The matter was one, he said, which should not be allowed to slip. The little show held on Saturday last had been a great success, and he saw no reason why one on a larger scale should not be equally as successful. He thought no difficulty would be experienced in obtaining a suitable piece of land for a show ground. The Minister for Lands had some time ago promised to get a piece of land resumed for re-

creation purposes for the people of Campbelltown, in lieu of the large areas of land that the Government had taken up.

Mr. John Kidd, in supporting the motion, said that he was indeed very pleased that the matter of forming an agricultural society for the town had been so heartily taken up. At the commencement they should be very careful not to go on too large a scale. Seeing that the Government had taken over so much land from Campbelltown, the question of securing a show ground should not be a difficult one. The better way would be for the council and the townspeople to approach the Government and endeavor to get a piece of land resumed as a recreation reserve for the town. In forming this agricultural society, they should bear in mind that if £50 were subscribed the society would receive help out of the Government vote, so he thought that it would be well to try and raise the £50 so as to receive the Government support. In concluding, Mr. Kidd promised to forward the interests of the society in every possible way.

Ald. Doyle and Mr. Shanley also spoke in support of the motion.

The Mayor said that he quite agreed with Mr. Kidd in reference to approaching the Government with regard to obtaining a piece of

land for a recreation reserve for the town, which could also be used as a show ground. He would lay the matter before the council, and he was quite sure that Mr. Kidd would help them to obtain the land.

The motion, on being put, was carried unanimously.

Ald. Gamble moved,—“That Mr. Fred. Sheather be appointed hon. secretary.”—Seconded by Mr. Stanley, and carried.

Mr. A. J. Gore was appointed hon. treasurer, on the motion of Messrs. Shanley and Jas. Kershler.

Ald. Gamble moved,—“That the annual subscription to the society be 10s 6d.” He thought that the price was one at which all could become members.

Ald. Doyle seconded the motion, which was carried.

About 40 gentlemen handed in their names as willing to become members of the society.

An executive committee of twelve members was appointed to draw up a code of rules to govern the society, viz., Messrs. Barker, A. R. Payten, Jas. Taber, Gamble, Shanley, G. Spearing, Fred. Moore, Jos. Rudd, Stanley, Tate, G. Kershler, and E. R. Williams.

Several other matters were discussed, after which

Ald. Doyle moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded Messrs. Gamble and Harden for placing their grounds at the disposal of the recent show committee.—Seconded by Mr. Passmore, and carried by acclamation.

Ald. Gamble acknowledged the compliment.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

The executive committee will meet in the council chambers on Monday evening next.