

dent, of which quantities were sold to members at one shilling per quart. The flax raised from this seed has, from its superior quality, given great satisfaction, and we would respectfully recommend its more general use.

In conclusion we beg to remark, that if the farming population and all who feel an interest in the advancement of agriculture, would support this society not only by contributions to its funds, but by personal exertions in its behalf, they would, there is good reason to believe, reap a gratifying reward in a vast improvement of crops and stock, and they would feel the good effects of mutual counsel and support gained through the meetings of the society—and by annual exhibitions of crops, stock, farming implements, and specimens of handiwork, for which provision is made by law, and of which, we trust, due advantage will hereafter be taken.

The accounts show a balance of \$1.90 in hand.

ABRAHAM HEBB, *Pres.*
M. B. DESBRISSAY, *Sec'y.*
Bridgewater, Dec. 12th, 1866.

OBITUARY.

R. A. JONES, ESQ.—We regret to learn, by a letter from Alex. Cameron, Esq., of the death of R. A. Jones, Esq., Secretary of the Baddeck Agricultural Society. Mr. Jones took an active part in the re-organization of the Society a few years ago, and has since then discharged the duties of Secretary in an able and conscientious manner. He was a young man of promise, much respected in the circle in which he moved, and ever ready to lend a helping hand in pushing on any useful enterprise in his neighborhood.

Miscellaneous.

SMALL TALK.

The small talk about town has been all about Mr. Townsend's display of commercial fishes, Mr. Jones's show of scientific ones, Prof. How's exquisite minerals, Mr. Downes's work which shows so well that fine feathers make fine birds, and Dr. Gilpin's furs that speak of comfort in the cold weather.—Dr. C. C. Hamilton, M. P. P., has made some valuable contributions to the agricultural department of the exhibition that came too late to be shown in the Council Chamber.—There is a great scarcity of young pigs about Halifax this season.—At the *Sun* office lately we were shown a most singular specimen of the rhizome of *Osmunda cinnamomea*, a Nova Scotian fern, which,

by a few artistic touches from Mr. McKay of the Naval Yard, had been made to assume a very fair likeness to a wood-chuck or a beaver—Large quantities of hay have been brought into the city lately, but the price keeps up to about \$19 a ton; in Fredericton it is from \$8 to \$10.—Good pork has lately been selling in Halifax at 8 cents a pound.—The New Brunswick Provincial Exhibition for 1867 will be held at St. John; the rink has been secured for the purpose and the arrangements are nearly completed.—All the horses belonging to the Province have been sold except Lassitude, a fine Chestnut, which it is the intention of the Board to retain.—Mr. Duncan Campbell, of the Emigration Department, is agitating the expulsion of "Stinking Willie" from the fields of Picou; Willie is an unwelcome immigrant.—A Toronto heifer fattened for Christmas beef weighed alive 2700 lbs.—A movement is on foot in England to substitute leather sandals for shoes for children.—In the Western States a good many cattle die from eating smutted corn; ergotted timothy is likewise injurious.—Raphanus caudatus, the Rat Tail Radish, or, as some call it, the Snake Radish, is being largely advertised by English seedsmen; this is the remarkable vegetable fully described by us last year, but which requires to be grown and personally known to be appreciated.—The "Peabody" is a new dwarf English pea, 15 inches high, said to be very fine.—We find the *Sun* office to be a regular *new* "curiosity shop" in the way of freaks of nature and frolics of art; going into the office the other day on a matter of business, we found the editor with a pipe in his hand made out of a birch fungus, *Polyporus betulinus*. We fear it will not last so long as the miscalled briar root, *bruyere*, heather, but it will perhaps have a more powerful narcotic action. The German tinder, of which every student at a German University has a pocketful, has a similar source; botanically it is called *Polyporus ignitarius*.—The London Horticultural Society is to hold a Show at Bury, St. Edmonds, next summer; a local guarantee fund of \$5000 has been raised, besides a large number of cups as prizes. The ladies of Bury are to give one cup.—We have several enquiries for good bulls, Durhams, Alderneys and Ayrshires particularly, and pigs, and shall be glad to hear of any such for sale with prices.—A good many of our Agricultural Societies are purchasing animals and preparing land for seed, with a view to the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition of 1868. The race is not to the swift, but to the farmer who takes Time by the forelock.—The Chester Society has an excellent bull for sale.—Mushrooms were never so scarce as during the past season.—A very valuable grey fox was recently shot near Bedford.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A large number of Annual Reports of Agricultural Societies have been received. Such portions of these as are of general interest to the public will be published in the *Journal of Agriculture* as speedily as possible, and as nearly as possible in the order in which they have been received.

Secretaries of Societies that have not sent in to the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture the names of their representatives nominated for the Board in room of those members whose turn it is to retire, are requested to do so without delay.

BULL FIGHTS AT THE PARIS EXHIBITION—Late papers inform us that there are to be six bull-fights at the Paris Exhibition—a relic of cruel barbarism side by side with the products of civilization.

PEARS.—The Massachusetts Agricultural Club have unanimously agreed upon the following as the best twelve varieties of pears, taking all things into consideration, as quality, thriftiness of the tree, value in the market, etc., viz.: First six, the Bartlett, Louise Bonne de Jersey, Urbaniste, Beurre d'Anjou, Sheldon and Seckel; second six, the Onandago (Swan's Orange), Werriam, Doyenne Boussock, Vicar of Winkfield, Paradise d'Automne and Fulton.

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