

reference to Provincial Exhibition, to be held in Halifax, in October, 1874, read. On motion Sixty Dollars was voted to the Prize Fund of the Exhibition. The Society then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:—*President*, John E. Starr; *Vice-President*, Jno. T. Newcomb; *Secretary* and *Treasurer*, R. M. Rand; *Directors*, Levi Eaton, Jos. T. Jackson, Edwin Chase, Leander Rand, Patton Wood; *Auditors*, A. G. Marsters, John E. Ellis.

R. M. RAND, *Sec'y*.

The Report of the Council of the Union Agricultural Society, of East Cornwallis, for the year ending Dec. 2nd, 1873.

1. The quantity of hay harvested this season does not appear to be quite up to an average; but the quality is much superior to that of last year, making the value of the crop fully up to ordinary times.

2. The oat crop has in general been scarcely an average. The Norway oats have proved to possess little or no advantage over the common black oat. Some good samples of surprise oats have been raised, but late seed time and the tendency to depreciation, militate very much against oat crop in general.

3. What few samples of wheat that have been grown, have been reasonably good, and farmers would do well to give more attention to this crop, now that the weevil has in a great measure ceased its ravages. Barley, rye and buckwheat have their appropriate places in farm management, being raised by only a portion of our farmers, and have yielded perhaps an average crop.

4. It is regretful to be obliged to report that the yield of orchard fruit has been exceedingly small—apples in particular have, in some instances, proved almost a total failure.

5. Potatoes have yielded abundantly, and are quite superior in quality. Many new varieties are coming into use, and it is highly commendable that Agriculturists spare no pains to propagate new and valuable sorts.

6. With regard to the more successful management of farming operations, we would recommend that farmers look more carefully to the acquisition and proper use of fertilising agents. And although the farmers of this County have merited a character for wisdom and shrewdness, yet, greater advances should be made, and we would recommend the formation of farmer's clubs, for the consideration and discussion of such subjects as bear on their agricultural interests.

7. With regard to the purchase of more stock, we would recommend that in case this Society should deem it necessary to make any further additions, that younger animals should be obtained, and none but those of certified Pedigree.

We would recommend that the bull Lobo Lad be sold.

(Signed,) J. T. JACKSON,
JONATHAN RAND,
PATTON WOOD,
JOHN W. MARGESON.

WINDSOR AGRIC. SOCIETY.

WINDSOR, Dec. 16th, 1873.

SIR,—The Annual Meeting of the Windsor Agricultural Society, took place on the first Tuesday in December; when the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:—*President*, Rev. H. P. Almon; *Vice-President*, Robert Bacon; *Secretary*, Alfred Thomas; *Treasurer*, James Dill; *Directors*, J. Dimock, John Taylor, J. W. Maxner, Wm. Palmer, H. Brown.

It was resolved that the bull Orion be sold at Public Auction, which, after carried out, the sale realized over forty dollars, the Society have still two imported Bulls; which are on service on the same terms and places as last year.

It was moved and seconded that all the Society's imported stock be sold, and the money occupied to increase the Prize list, trusting to private means for the future; this motion was not carried. The Society contributed Fifty Dollars towards the General Exhibition. A larger sum was at first proposed, but the more prudent members thought that the funds of the Society would hardly allow of it. The sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars was voted for the local Fair, to be held on the first Tuesday in September.

Your obedient servant,

ALFRED THOMAS, *Sec'y*.

TATAMAGOUCHE AGRIC. SOCIETY.

TATAMAGOUCHE, Dec. 16th, 1873.

The Annual Meeting of the Tatamagouche Agricultural Society was held in the Town Hall, at 2 o'clock, p.m., on the 2nd inst. The minutes of last Annual Meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer submitted his account, a copy of which is annexed. The number of members is 40, each having subscribed and paid \$1. The most of the office-bearers were re-elected as follows:—*President*, James Clarke; *Vice-President*, William A. Patterson; *Treasurer*, Joshua Slade; *Secretary*, Robert Cunningham; *Directors*, George Slade, Angus McDonald, Isaac Blair, John Johnson and Thomas Roberts.

Israel Longworth, Esq., Truro, was nominated as a suitable person to be a member of the Central Board of Agriculture. The meeting voted one-third of our Government grant for 1874, towards the Prize Fund of the Provincial Exhibition to be held in 1874.

The Society now owns one thoroughbred Ayrshire Bull, and one grade Bull, and has also imported 6 grade ram lambs,

from Prince Edward Island, this last season; but one of them was counted unfit for a breeder, and was therefore sold at auction for the sum of \$1.70. Since the last Annual Meeting, the Society has purchased and sold to members about 200 bushels of seed oats, 200 lbs. clover seed, and 15 lbs. turnip seed.

During the last year the Society has held monthly meetings for the discussion of Agricultural topics, and has found them very interesting, and intend to continue them. In this locality the Spring of 1873 was very favorable for Agricultural operations, and the crops were got in the ground early, and in fine condition. Hay turned out a good average crop, and grain showed every appearance of an abundant harvest up till the great storm on August 24th, which blasted and withered everything that was green, even noxious weeds and useless bushes, and scattered desolation on every hand, and showed no mercy to the crops of farmers, either rich or poor, consequently the grain crops have not turned out more than half an average.

Potatoes and turnips turned out a good average. The year of 1873 will be long remembered here as a hard one on farmers, for while few have had more than half a crop of grain, some have had almost none. Fruit a complete failure.

The financial accounts of the Society stand as follows:—

PROCEEDS.	
Balance from last year.....	\$ 24.40
Government Grant.....	25.51
Subscriptions of members.....	40.00
Lamb sold.....	1.70
	\$101.61
Bull Service.....	6.00
	\$107.61
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Paid for Grade Bull.....	\$ 27.00
" " Ram Lambs.....	33.00
" " Keep of Ayrshire Bull.....	54.00
" " " " Grade Bull.....	2.50
Paid for sundries.....	6.15
	\$122.65
	107.61

Balance due Treasurer.....\$ 15.04
ROBERT CUNNINGHAM, *Sec'y*.

AMHERST AGRIC. SOCIETY.

AMHERST, Dec. 15th, 1873.

The adjourned Annual Meeting of our Society was quite well attended, and considerable enthusiasm was awakened. The officers for the current year are:—*Pres.*, Thos. R. Black; *Vice-Pres.*, Torry Bent; *Treas.*, Chas. H. Bent; *Sec'y.*, Hiram Black; *Directors*, Jas. E. Page, Hood Coates, John Atkinson, David Corbett and Wm. Freeman.

The sum of \$25 was voted subscription towards the Provincial Exhibition fund.

A person by the name of Hiram Black, was nominated by the Society as suitable for appointment to the Central Board.

I am strongly in hopes that our sub-