

southern side of his house and rhop grape vines yielding the Isabella, Concord, and Sweet Water grapes. In good seasons these vines have been exceedingly prolific, bearing excellent grapes. Mr. Harris's Orchard has been frequently visited by persons from the United States, Annapolis, and all parts of Kings. No better proof can be given of the high character which attaches to many qualities of the fruit grown by Mr. Harris than is afforded by the fact that, during the past season, he received for the pear called the *Flemish Beauty*, \$14.00 per barrel, and for the *Louise Bonne de Jersey* pear, \$12.00 per barrel, while for the Nectarine plum he received \$12.00 per bushel.

BIG INVENTION.—Lloyd, the famous map man, who made all the maps for General Grant and the Union army, certificates of which he published, has just invented a way of getting a relief plate from steel, so as to print Lloyd's Map of American Continent—showing from ocean to ocean—on one entire sheet of bank note paper, 40x50 inches large, on a lightning press, and colored, sized and varnished for the wall so as to stand washing, and mailing anywhere in the world for 25 cents, or unvarnished for 10 cents. This map shows the whole United States and Territories in a group, from surveys to 1875, with a million places on it, such as towns, cities, villages, mountains, lakes, rivers, streams, gold mines, railway stations, &c. This map should be in every house. Send 25 to the Lloyd Map Company, Philadelphia, and you will get a copy by return mail.

Correspondence.

THE BEST CHURN.

TRURO, *Feb. 8th*, 1875.

To the Editor of the Journal of Agriculture:

SIR,—Living within the area from which milk is gathered for the "Onslow Cheese Manufacturing Company," you may possibly suppose, I have started a subject, from this stand-point, as obsolete as *Hydes' Coaches*. Such might have been the case, so far as I am concerned, had I not fortunately, about eighteen months ago, written to Porter Blanchard's Sons, Concord, New Hampshire, for one of their churns, favorably known throughout the United States as "*The Blanchard Churn*." The unprecedentedly large sale attending this churn in the American Union, and its simple construction, based upon scientific principles, coupled with the fact that the makers (father and sons) have been manufacturing and improving upon churns over half a century, led me to believe it must be the best churn in use, and unlike a score of others, patented in our own Dominion and elsewhere.

seeking notoriety as the "*ne plus ultra*" of churns, was no humbug. My venture was not long in the house before I discovered that it took less labour to work than the old dash churn, brought the butter as soon as it ought to come, and that, with little extra trouble, the butter could be salted and dressed in the churn; and, from the satisfactory manner in which it performed the whole operation of butter-making, I became satisfied that "The Blanchard Churn" was worthy of all the recommendations it had received from the Agricultural Editors and leading dairy-men and dairy-women of America. Acting upon my suggestion, last season Dickson & Jamieson, Hardware Merchants of this Town, imported a few "*Blanchards*," and met with good success in their sale. They went off, so to speak, "*like hot cakes*." Porter Blanchards' Sons have since prevailed upon this firm to become their Nova Scotian agents for the sale of their celebrated labour saving butter making machine. Farmers who wish to study the comfort of their wives and daughters, and their own interests as well, and not spend much money, to my mind, cannot do better than *go for the Blanchard Churn*. As a number are already in use among farmers in Colchester, that the soundness of my views on this very important "*Woman's Rights*" question may be thoroughly tested, I would prefer, Mr. Editor, that you should request their owners to write for the "*Journal*," what they think of "*The Blanchard Churn*."

Yours, &c.,

I. L.

THE PRIZE POTATO EXPERIMENTS.

YARMOUTH, 6th Feb., 1875.

Dear Sir,—In the New York semi-weekly *Tribune*, of January 1st and 12th, there is a statement of the results of the competition for the \$1,500 in prizes, offered by Messrs. B. K. Bliss & Sons, for the best yield, under ordinary farm culture, of the three varieties of potatoes, Extra Early Vermont, Compton's Surprise, and Brownell's Beauty. The paper of the 12th gives statements of cultivation. The two articles might well be published in *N. S. Journal of Agriculture*; for, although one of the successful competitors was a Parrsboro' man, I am firmly persuaded the greater body of our potato growers are ignorant of the methods pursued in growing from 500 to 1000 lbs. from one. We had all three kinds here last season, but not under the stimulus of \$1500 in cash prizes, not so as to ascertain in any way the largest yield. Our stock of seed was one barrel in all of the three kinds, costing \$30.00. After supplying in small lots all who came for them at the very lowest cost price, I got the remainder grown for the Society,

and we have for sale this Spring about 50 bushels of the three kinds.

C. E. B.

Reports of Agri. Societies.

BROOKFIELD AGRI. SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Brookfield Agricultural Society was held Dec. 1st, 1874, in accordance with the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture.

The Treasurer submitted his report of the finances of the Society, showing a balance on hand of five dollars and thirty-two cents (\$5.32). The number of members who have paid their subscriptions for the past year is 57.

This being the first year of the Society's existence, the funds were devoted to the purchase and keeping of stock. The Society now owns two bulls, a Durham and a Grade Ayrshire, and also a thorough-bred White Chester boar.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are:—John L. Hamilton, *President*; W. C. Kennedy, *Vice-President*; James McLellan, *Secretary*; J. K. Andrews, *Treasurer*; *Directors*, Chas. Moore, 3rd, James Kennedy, R. H. Brenton, Jacob Harvey and W. A. Hamilton.

Israel Longworth, Esq., of Truro, was nominated as a representative to Central Board.

I enclose Treasurer's financial statement, and also certified list of the number of members who have paid their subscriptions for the year.

JAMES McLELLAN, Sec'y.

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RECEIPTS.

Subscriptions from 57 members.....	\$57 00
Government Grant	43 72
From Durham Bull.....	13 50
" Joe Howe "	9 50

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DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Wm. C. Kennedy for Pig	\$	4	00
" J. L. Hamilton for Bull		40	00
" " " " " "		40	00
" " expenses.		3	55
" Chas. Morse, 3rd, expenses.		3	00
" Broom and Rope			61
" Chas. Kennedy for fire		4	39
" J. L. Hamilton, keeping Bull		1	85
" Chas. Kennedy, for keeping Bull		21	00

Balance on hand.....	\$5 32
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SAINT
ANDREWS, ANTIGONISH, AGRI.
SOCIETY, FOR 1874.

We have to report that the St. Andrews, Antigonish, Agricultural Society held its fourth Annual Meeting, at the Secretary's office, on Tuesday, the 1st inst., the President in the Chair. A committee consisting of L. Cameron, A. McDonell, and John A. Chisholm, Esqrs., was appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, when the following was reported as the financial state of the Society, viz.: