

hold a ploughing match about 1st October, and a sum of \$10 was set aside for this purpose.

9th November, 1870.

Society met at residence of Mr. Peter Farquharson.

The President stated this Special Meeting was held for the purpose of taking into consideration the necessity of purchasing some of the Stock imported by the Central Board. Moved by Mr. Khun, and seconded by Mr. J. Settle, that \$130 be placed at the disposal of a Committee consisting of Messrs. Khun, Ross, and Rutherford, for the purpose of purchasing Alderney Stock, at the sale of the Central Board of Agriculture, on Thursday, the 16th inst. Passed unanimously.

5th December, 1870.

Read Circular from the Secretary of the Central Board relative to the nomination of members in room of Messrs. Cunard and Northup. Those gentlemen were unanimously again named.

The following members were unanimously elected as office-bearers:—*Pres't.*, M. Tobin; *Vice do.*, A. Kuhn; *Sec'y.*, T. Short; *Treas.*, P. Farquharson; *Directors*, D. Donovan, A. Giles, J. Hoskins, E. Crosse

The Committee appointed to purchase Stock, state that they purchased from Mr. Cunard's herd a Bull Calf, Alderney breed, aged about five months, for the sum of thirty-three dollars.

Moved and seconded that five dollars per month be paid to Mr. Ross for taking care of the animal. Passed unanimously.

T. SHORT, *Sec'y.*

[The President and Secretary sent us a carefully prepared Report of the proceedings of the Society for the past year; but at present we cannot find room for more than the above Abstract.—ED. J. A.]

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PICTOU AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Directors of the Pictou Agricultural Society, at the close of their term of office, beg leave to submit this their Annual Report for the year 1869.

Your Directors have much pleasure in reporting that your Society is now in a most prosperous condition; that the roll of membership is larger than for many years, numbering seventy-nine,—a list of whose names is hereto attached.

The receipts of the Society for the past year have amounted to the sum of \$103.84; while the expenditure for the same time has been \$175.87, leaving against the Society a sum amounting to \$72.03.

In compliance with a resolution of your Society, an Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition was held at Durham on Tuesday, the 19th day of October last, which was one of the most successful Exhibitions ever held by this Society. There were 350 entries of Stock and articles in the several departments for Exhibition, and the sum of \$133.75 was paid in prizes. A list of prizes, and to whom paid, is hereto annexed.

As regards the crops, your Directors have much pleasure in reporting an abundant harvest in all kinds of Grain and Roots, while Hay is above an average crop.

Your Directors take this opportunity of acknowledging the liberality of Jas. Hudson, Esq., of Albion Mines, in presenting your

Society with five bushels of Seed Wheat, and would recommend that it be distributed among the members for cultivation.

Officers for the year 1870, viz.:—*Pres't.*, David Matheson, Esq.; *Vice do.*, Donald Fraser, Esq.; *Treas.*, James Ives, Esq.; *Sec'y.*, John McKenzie; *Directors*, John Robley, John T. Matheson, Alex. McKay, Robert McLean, Thomas Cameron.

DAVID MATHESON, *Pres't.*

JOHN MCKENZIE, *Sec'y.*

Pictou, March 2nd, 1870.

#### THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PICTOU AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Directors of the Pictou Agricultural Society, in presenting their Annual Report, have much pleasure in offering their congratulations on the satisfactory position occupied by your Society at the close of the present year.

Your Subscription List is larger than it has ever been before, numbering ninety-one members—a list of whose names is hereto annexed.

Your financial affairs are in a correspondingly flourishing condition, as will be seen by the Treasurer's account, which shows the receipts of the past year to have amounted to the sum of \$292.95; while the expenditure for the same time has been \$229.15, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer, in favour of the Society, amounting to \$63.80.

A considerable amount of your funds have been expended in the purchase of Stock for the use of members:—your Directors having purchased during the past year, in addition to that purchased in former years, one thorough-bred Alderney Bull and six Rams, imported from P. E. Island, and two Chester Boars, of the Stock purchased in Canada by the Board of Agriculture.

As regards the crops, your committee have much pleasure in reporting an abundant harvest—the only deficiency being a slight failure in the Hay.

Wheat is a good crop, and more sown than for many years. Oats, a large crop; Potatoes and other Roots, an abundant crop.

Your Directors would recommend that measures be adopted to endeavour to secure the co-operation of the several Agricultural Societies in this County in holding a County Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition next fall; and failing in securing such co-operation, that an Exhibition be held by this Society.

DAVID MATHESON, *Pres't.*

JOHN MCKENZIE, *Sec'y.*

Pictou, 6th Dec., 1870.

#### REPORT OF SYDNEY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FOR 1870.

The President and the Directors have to report that, during the year, forty-one members have subscribed to the Society's funds in time to qualify for a portion of the Provincial grant; and although this number is but one-third of some former years,—perhaps indicative of non-appreciation of the interest the Provincial Legislature takes in fostering Agriculture by liberal grants,—it will be found more efficient in working the Society, because a larger body of subscribers cannot be obtained without including stray members from distant settlements who cannot have the

use of the Prize Stock, whenever a use is found for it, which creates dissatisfaction and disunion.

The season, on the whole, has been favourable; the crops, except of Hay and Turnips, a fair average. Of previous years, Hay has not yielded more than one-half the crop of 1870. Turnips, suffering from fly and the early drought, are very inferior; Potatoes, the heaviest crop for many years; but owing to heavy fall rains, are rotting in the cellars, where stored from wet lands. Wheat has done remarkably well, although not extensively cultivated; and amongst the best samples is the Fyfe, obtained from the Central Board. Oats are a heavy crop, both in grain and straw, and very extensively sown; the Norway, very good. Barley is very good, but little is sown. Vegetables of all kinds about the same as last year. Fruits, about the same as last season; but owing to the very high winds throughout the autumn, a good deal of damage was done.

The Society has added to its Stock two Bulls, purchased at Baddeck, from the Prize Stock imported by the Board of Agriculture, a two-year old Devon—"Theodore"—which obtained the second prize at the Toronto Exhibition in September, and an Ayrshire Spring Calf, "Johnny," of pure breed, from the best Stock in Scotland and Canada. The general complaint of the deterioration in the cattle of this county should now speedily cease; because, within a circuit of less than twenty miles, there are no fewer than eight of the finest Alderney, Ayrshire and Short-Horns ever imported into any country, besides Cross Breeds and Grades.

Although the imported Sheep have been unfortunate from destruction by dogs and accidental misfortunes, the weight and quality of both Lamb and Mutton offered for sale is spoken of as evidence that much good has been effected. Swine are very scarce, and a further import is needed.

The funds are ample, and after paying for the Seed Wheat, and Oats sold to members at a great reduction, there remains in the Treasurer's hands \$74 for appropriation.

Your President has also been requested to assist in an effort to establish Biennial or Triennial Fairs in the Counties of Cape Breton. The want of some arrangement by which buyer and seller may be brought together, at periods when farming products are ready for market and exchange, is an evil more seriously felt, as year by year the "Needle in a bundle of Hay seeking," which has hitherto been practised, is allowed to continue.

You will be asked to assist in both these arrangements.

THOS. LECRAS, *Sec'y.*

Sydney, C. B., Dec. 6th, 1870.

#### WEST CORNWALLIS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The official Report of the Society shows a large increase of membership during the past year, which leads to the conclusion that a more prosperous future is opening up before us. The past year we were only able to report sixty-four paid-up members, whereas this year we have the unprecedentedly large number of ninety. These indications of prosperity have already resulted in substantial good to the Society, inasmuch as the increase of funds have enabled your Executive Com-