

oats as early as possible, but the cultivated variety might follow barley. Plowing and thorough preparation of the ground in the fall was also recommended not only for barley, but as far as practicable for other crops.

Mr. Enos K. Rogers made some remarks upon the curing of hay. Had cut fifty tons this season, a great proportion of it during bad weather,—had used lime, one peck to the ton, when it was necessary, owing to unfavorable weather to store hay too green, the lime absorbed the moisture. He believed also that hay could be perfectly cured in foggy weather, in meadow and in cock, and be much better food for stock than if spread out and turned and exposed to the scorching heat of the sun until all the sweet juice were thoroughly dried up and evaporated. It is well known that herbs are perfectly and thoroughly cured in the shade, and spoiled in the sun: clovers and grasses make the best food when cured as herbs are cured.

CHARLES E. BROWN, *Sec'y.*

Annual meeting. Vice President in the chair. The report of Managing Committee received as follows:—

The Managing Committee of the County Agricultural Society herewith submit the Treasurer's account from the organization of the Society, showing receipts from all sources \$824.99, expenditures, \$714.29, balance, cash on hand, \$110.70. The expenditures for seed are merely nominal, the money being mostly returned, the account herewith submitted showing a loss of less than two per cent; so of fruits, trees, books, agricultural papers, &c. Whatever members are willing to pay cost for, will be procured at the lowest rates and supplied to them, it is only necessary to vote them. With stock, the apparent loss seems large, but if the increased value on all the improved stock is taken into account, it will be seen that the loss is only temporary, and that the ultimate gain may largely exceed that resulting from any other investment.

In reference to the stock already bought, the Devon stock has improved immensely under good care and feeding, the bull being fully entitled to the first prize at the exhibition. The Durham bull, 'Western Prince,' although received in very poor condition, has recovered in a great degree, and it is believed that his stock will justify the propriety of purchasing him.

At the quarterly meeting in February next, the amount of funds on hand will determine what appropriations for stock, seed, &c., will be expedient for the coming year. An annual exhibition will probably be most useful in maintaining an interest in, and ensuring the success of the Society.

The increasing attendance at the quar-

terly meetings, the enlarged list of members and amount subscribed for the current year, with the public attendance at, and the success of the exhibition, encourage the belief that the Society, having got fairly started, will continue to advance from year to year, until its influence extends to every part of the County.

The Committee would urge upon each member the duty of making it a point to attend regularly and punctually at all the meetings, the interest of which chiefly depends upon the number present. Measures of importance are sometimes adopted which would be modified and amended on discussion and consideration.

The Committee would also urge the necessity of liberality in subscribing towards the funds of the Society; with small means but little can be effected. It is believed that the members of the Society, living in town, will increase their subscriptions largely, if the members in the country show a proportionate liberality.

ENOS K. ROGERS,
WILLIAM BURRILL,
STEPHEN CHURCHILL,
DENNIS C. WESTON,
CHARLES E. BROWN.

Treasurer's account and report adopted. A subscription list for 1869 was signed by those present with two exceptions. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—*Pres.*, William Burrill; *Vice Pres.*, Frank Killam; *Sec'y. and Treas.*, Charles E. Brown; *Managing Committee*, Stephen Churchill, John Holmes, Enos K. Rogers, Richard N. Crosby, John Carr.

CHARLES E. BROWN, *Sec'y.*

PARRSBORO' AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The last annual meeting of the Parrsboro' Agricultural Society was held at Daniel York's, Mill Village, on Tuesday, the 3rd of December, 1867. The previous year's report was read and approved of. All the officers were reelected to serve in 1868. Letters were read from four persons stating that they had withdrawn from the Society. The Hon. Richard McHessey was nominated to serve as a member of the Central Board of Agriculture.

The Committee met at Daniel York's, Mill Village, on Tuesday, the 7th April, 1868. It was then resolved that Randolph Morris, Esq., be allowed 20s. per month during the winter months ending 31st May, for keeping the Chester white boar, and 5s. per month during the five summer months while he keeps him, his old debt of £4 3s. 9d. to be deducted from the amount; that bounties be paid this year on wheat, compost, Swedish turnips, and oatmeal, viz., on wheat 5s. for 10 bushels, on compost 5s. for 20

loads, on Swedish turnips 2s. 6d. for 50 bushels and 5s. for 100 bushels, on oatmeal 1s. 3d. for 100 lbs., 2s. 6d. for 200 lbs., 3s. 9d. for 300 lbs., and 5s. for 400 lbs.; that any of the principal officers may purchase a bull to improve the breed of cattle at the Provincial Exhibition to be held at Halifax in October next, or elsewhere, the price not to exceed £10, and that such bull, if bought, must be sold at auction, the purchaser binding himself to keep him at least two years as a breeder in Parrsboro' or Upper Maecan; that the Society take 21 numbers of the *Journal of Agriculture* for 1868, to be sold to members at half price; that claims for bounties to the amount of £1 10s., omitted in the accounts of the previous year, be allowed.

The Committee met at Daniel York's, Mill Village, on Tuesday, 3rd of November, 1868, when payments on wheat raised in 1868, £10; on Swedish turnips raised in 1868, £7 5s.; on compost made in 1868, £15 15s.; on grafted apple trees set out in 1866 and 1867, £4 5s.; keeping Chester white boar, £6 7s. 6d.; removing Chester white boar from Halfway River to Advocate Harbor, £1; £5 voted by the Society 7th November, 1867, to aid the funds of the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition held in Halifax in October, 1868; £2 12s. 6d. for 21 numbers of the *Journal of Agriculture* for 1867; £1 10s. bounties omitted in 1867, to the amount of £54 15s., were paid. It was resolved that the Society's room at Diligent River be transferred to James Wosson's, Two Islands, to be kept by him there this season in the usual way; that the Society take 11 numbers of the *Journal of Agriculture* for 1869, one number to be sent to each officer, *gratis*. Bounties due on oatmeal will be paid and brought to account in April next.

Through the year the Treasurer has received £28 16s. 3d. from members, £27 5s. of which are subscriptions due for 1868, and £1 11s. 3d. subscriptions due for years previous to 1868. He also received £18 from the Central Board of Agriculture, assigned to the Society out of the £60 Provincial money voted for the County of Cumberland for 1867. He also received £2 on sale of the Society's Chester white boar, and 7s. 6d. for his services in 1868; 10s. for *Canada Farmers* sold to members at half price in 1868, and £1 1s. 3d. for *Journals of Agriculture* sold to members in 1868 at half price, and £4 5s. contributed by members—at 1s. 3d. each—to make up a donation of £5 from their private funds to the funds of the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition held in Halifax in October, 1868. These sums, with the balance in hand from last year of £9 9s. 1½d. make the sum of the funds for this year to be £64 19s. 9½d. Out of this, pay-