

Seeds and Implements, the funds of the two previous years having been spent in Stock. The Kempt Society made efforts to obtain some of the pure blooded Stock, sold at Halifax in October, but were out-bidden; at present they have to be content with grades, but hope to have better success another time. The Mutual Benefit Society of Queen's held five meetings during the year, which were well attended. Cow Corn has been introduced and found useful as fall feed for stock. It is intended to procure improved stock for breeding purposes.

In Shelburne, the Barrington Society has been extending the culture of Early Rose Potatoes, White Belgian Carrots, and other root crops, and with productive results. The Society is husbanding funds for an Exhibition. Chester White Pigs are now raised in Barrington which weigh, when a year old, from four to five hundred pounds. The Society's Grade Bull has been sold, and the Committee "earnestly recommend" the purchase of a thorough bred instead; heretofore proper care has not been taken to obtain or preserve the best stock. A discussion took place on Grasses best suited to the soil, during which the merits of white clover, timothy, red clover, and "French Grass" (whatever that may be), were in turn canvassed; also manures, fruit trees, &c.

The Digby Central Society has increased to 67 members, and owns a Durham and Ayrshire Bull. A sum of \$106 has been expended during the year.

In Lunenburg County there is only one Society. A yearling thoroughbred Bull was purchased at the sale of Imported Stock, and his price was so high as to cripple the society.

King's County has not nominated a member to the Agricultural Board, but in other respects its societies are in an active condition. At the Annual Meeting of the Union Society of East Cornwallis a large number were present. The Society now owns three imported Short Horn Bulls, viz: Lord York, Bell Duke of Markham, and Lobo Lad, all of which are reported in fine condition. Potato experiments give the following results:—Early Rose, very fine for eating, but badly affected with rot; Garnet Chili, smaller crop, but generally sound; Bresee's Prolific, a fair yield, but little rot, proving very good for table use. Prince Albert, more extensively cultivated than any other kind, and probably

will continue so for some time to come. The officers of West Cornwallis Society report uniform progress, and hope that the recent purchase of Government Stock may fully meet expectations, and that the Society's interests may be as well advanced in the late purchase as by the former purchase of Major Roland. It is well known that the Importations made from time to time by the Board, have been more highly appreciated in King's County than in any other County in the Province; the King's Societies have always been prepared to give a higher price than any other Societies; they have thus systematically secured the best animals, and as a natural result, the Cattle of King's County have now as high if not as widely spread a reputation as its apples. The stamp of approval thus set upon these Importations, in so thoroughly practical a manner, by the intelligent and far-seeing Farmers of King's County, is greatly enhanced since it has been announced that these honest Farmers are keener than merchants and wiser than philosophers.

The Eastern Annapolis Society has sent the Bull Grand Duke to Queen's County, and it is resolved to purchase the best Short Horn Bull that can be obtained. Balance in hand \$211.76.

The Paradise Society has not been so active as usual. Attempts to get up monthly meetings for discussion were not successful. Chevalier Barley was introduced at a very high price, which gave dissatisfaction, especially as it was received too late in the season, and no proper test of its value was available, although in a few instances a fair yield was obtained. A Paradise Exhibition is looked forward to next autumn. The Bridgetown Society reports great backwardness on the part of its members. The Society has under its control two Short Horn Bulls, one a very fine animal, and a good stock getter. The new Union Society of Pictou imported five pure Leicester Rams from Prince Edward Island, from the flock of H. Longworth, Esq., which have been located for the use of members. The Amherst Society held its annual meeting as usual, but the Report sent is not very full. On the other hand, the Report of the Parrsborough Society is ample; mention is made of expense incurred in going twice to Amherst to nominate a member to the Central Board. The Society gives premiums on the planting of orchards, improvement of land, and superior cultivation of certain crops; number of members 148. The details of crops and prices afford a useful basis for comparison in other districts. The Directors of the Minudie and Barronsfield Society congratulate the members on the general improvement manifested during the past year. The improvement in stock is

seen in the high prices realized for cattle sold at the late auction sales, bred from Bulls imported into the district. Improved implements have enabled farmers to till their farms with less manual labor and much more effectually. Cultivators are very useful and give general satisfaction.

In Pictou County, the River John Society is in a healthy state, with increased membership. The Egerton Society has expended \$83.65, of which prizes at Exhibition amounted to \$70.15. The Merigomish Society's Report shows an expenditure of \$191.68, chiefly for imported wheat. The New Gairloch Society imported a large quantity of grain from Scotland; the oats turned out very well, from one sample grown, 8 bushels sent to the mill yielded 204 lbs. of meal. A Durham Bull was purchased, and some Rams were imported from Prince Edward Island. Expenditure for the year \$350.45.

Colechester County is now in the front rank of Agricultural Societies. The Onslow Society is in a prosperous condition; many persons who previously stood aloof now see the improvement made in Stock by members and are seeking admission, and a considerable increase in the number of members (171 for last year) is anticipated. An Exhibition, very creditable to the county, was held at Truro, on 26th of September, the improvement in stock was marked, and much admired, especially the young Devons. A very able address was delivered by I. Longworth, Esq. Two Bulls, a Short Horn and Devon, were purchased at the Provincial Sale, so that the Society now owns 3 Short Horns, 2 Devons, 1 Ayrshire, and two Grades. During the year the Society has expended \$445.24. A new section was organized in Upper Stewiacke, and one at Truro (provisionally). Should there not be a Provincial Exhibition, a County one will be arranged. The Lower Stewiacke Society reports 47 members; stock owned, a thoroughbred Ayrshire Bull, Young Prince of Wales, which took the first prize in his class at Truro, one superior Grade Bull, and one thoroughbred White Chester Boar, all of which give satisfaction to the members. The Sterling Society, with a Membership of 50, has expended \$164.69 during the year; a Short Horn Bull and Leicester Ram have been obtained from Prince Edward Island. The Tatamagouche Society consists of 45 members; the December meeting was the largest held since the formation of the Society, and a good deal of interest was manifested in quarters whence encouragement had not been received before.

In Guysborough, the Milford Haven Society reports 76 members, and the officers say that it has done important service in Agricultural improvement in