

ham, and consisted of between 80 and 90 Leicesters and one Cotswold. A third importation of Cattle, Horses, and Sheep, was made by Hon. Samuel Chipman and Mr. John Northup about 1857, including, among the Horses, Green Mountain Boy.

In later years, under the direction of the present Agricultural Board, revived and re-organized in 1864, and of which he was throughout an active and most useful Member, Mr. McHefsey, accompanied by Messrs. J. J. Northup and Lawson, selected a large number of thorough-bred Cattle and Sheep in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec. This was one of the most valuable importations ever brought into the Province, and several of the animals, together with their progeny, bore red tickets at the recent Provincial Exhibition.

We have referred briefly, and as accurately as our imperfect acquaintance with past events in Nova Scotia permits, to some of the public work done by Mr. McHefsey in the interest of his brother farmers. Of his usefulness in wider spheres it is not necessary for us to speak. In the various relations of life he was esteemed, respected and beloved, and his memory will long be cherished not only in and around Windsor, where his manly form was so familiar, but wherever he was known.

J. B. BOWSER, Esq., a Short Horn Breeder at Grand Pre, King's County, writes to us:—"An importation of superior thorough-bred Short Horn Stock would be very desirable, as soon as possible. I am glad to have an intimation that the Central Board have the matter in consideration." This reference is made, we presume, to the discussion that took place at the Halifax County Society's recent meeting, when the Chairman called attention to the necessity of a higher class of thorough-bred stock than any we have as yet imported.

We have received the following Communication from Colonel Laurie, and desire to call the attention of the officers of Agricultural Societies to its contents:—

OAKFIELD, Dec. 5th, 1874.

DEAR SIR,—

I send you the pedigrees and particulars of two more Devon Calves,—please enter them in the Herd Book, and send me the certificates at your convenience. Will you kindly mention in your next

issue of the *Journal*, that any persons wishing to purchase thorough-bred Devon stock, can now obtain them from me. I have now 16 head, and my object is not so much to accumulate a large herd as to maintain the stock pure, and spread thorough-bred cattle throughout the Province. It appears to me it is high time that we depended more on the stock raised in the Province and less on importations, and when we do go outside it should not be for ordinary pedigree cattle; we already have a good many of these amongst us; but for something really choice, that will give a higher standard to our herds. I want to see more of our farmers form thorough-bred herds, and home-bred cattle should receive more encouragement; this would lead to a higher style of farming amongst us.

Yours truly,

G. WIMBURN LAURIE.

A NEW SOCIETY IN PICTOU CO.

At a meeting of inhabitants of Mill Brook and vicinity, in the County of Pictou, held this day, Dec. 1st, 1874, in the School house, for the purpose of forming an agricultural Society, (instead of the Gairloch Agricultural Society which has ceased to exist) 36 persons were present.

Kenneth Ross, Esq., in the chair. Alexander McKay, Esq., M. P. P., Secretary. Resolved, That this meeting do proceed to form an Agricultural Society, to be called the Mill Brook Agricultural Society.

The following are the officers elected for the ensuing year:

Pres.—Alexander McKay; Vice-Pres.—Kenneth Ross; Treas.—James McKay; Sec.—Alex. Ross. Directors.—John Sutherland, John McKay, Wm. Munroe, Fergus Fergusson, and Angus McLeod. David Matheson, Esq., Representative to Central Board.

MILL BROOK, PICTOU CO., Dec. 8, 1874.

SIR,—The Gairloch Agricultural Society having ceased to exist, we would very respectfully ask of your Board to be recognized as one of the Agricultural Societies of the County in its stead, ours to be called the "Mill Brook" Agricultural Society.

Enclosed herewith you will find the subscription list signed by fifty members, each of whom has paid the sum of one dollar as their annual dues, also the office-bearers for ensuing year.

By having the application brought before the Board, and if possible obtain their consent to our request, you will confer a great favour on the subscribers to the Declaration.

Yours, &c.,

ALEXANDER ROSS,
Sec'y Mill Brook Agricultural Society, via
Glengarry.

A letter has also been received from D. Matheson, Esq., member of the Board, who recommends the recognition of the new Society. The Rev. N. Brodie likewise expresses himself as satisfied that the new Society will work better than the old one.

A CAUTION TO A SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR.

At the Shropshire (England) Quarter Sessions, Oct. 21, John Titley was indicted with obtaining by false pretences, on August 27, the sum of 37s. in prizes from the Shifnal Cottagers' Horticultural Society. The prisoner had represented to the Secretary that he lived at Gorsey within 4 miles of Shifnal, to which distance the operations of the Society were confined, and he was accordingly allowed to compete in vegetables, flowers and fruits. The prisoner obtained prizes to the extent of thirty-seven shillings. The Secretary visited Gorsey Bank, and ascertained that the prisoner did not reside there, but beyond the four mile line; he examined the fruit, flowers and vegetables in the prisoner's garden, and found that they were of a totally different and inferior character to those which obtained the prizes. The prisoner subsequently refunded the money. He had been led into the nefarious transaction by a gardener in the neighbourhood, who had supplied the articles and received a portion of the prize money. The jury found the prisoner guilty, and he was sentenced to 21 days hard labour.

EFFECTS OF TREES IN CITIES

We have received the second number of a new monthly periodical, "*The American Garden*," which promises to supply the Horticulturists and Florists on this side of the Atlantic with the garden news of the world in an intelligible and elegant form. The first article in the number is a fair sample of the way in which subjects are treated, and we extract it, not for this reason alone, but because it contains information that should be known by the citizens, and especially the rulers, of our own City of Halifax:—

The necessity, by means of proper sanitary regulations, of improving the health of the inhabitants of large towns and cities, and thus decreasing the death rate has, of late years, largely engaged the attention of medical men and the more enlightened of our citizens and legislators. To bring about improvement, Boards of Health have been established in most of our large cities, mostly composed of medical men, and frequently clothed with very arbitrary and plenary power to enforce the regulations they adopt. Authorized to make inquisitorial visits they go from