

during the past year amounts to one hundred and sixty-three dollars and forty-eight cents, (163.48), the items of which will fully appear in the account presented.

**Crop.**—Upon this subject we have to report the Hay crop largely in advance of former years. Wheat—quite below average—owing chiefly to rust, but considerable losses were made by the midge. Winter Rye good, Summer Rye less than an average. Oats quite above average. Indian Corn, full average. Some of our members have been cultivating the Long Orange Carrot, during the present year, for stock feeding. The crop is good, producing about six hundred bushels to the acre on their sandy soil, and ordinary manuring. One member raised five hundred and seventy bushels on three quarters of an acre. The Potato crop is altogether below an average one.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year:—*Pres.*, George W. Kinsman; *Vice-Pres.*, John Power; *Secy. and Treas.*, Alfred S. Rand; *Directors*, Edward Parker, Henry Shaw, James N. Spicer, James P. Kinsman, James A. Cox.

The person chosen to elect a member for the Central Board of Agriculture is Geo. W. Fisher, Esq.

Receipts, \$174.73. Expenditure, \$163.48. Balance in hand, \$10.95.

SOMERSET, Dec. 5, 1871.

## AMHERST AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF OFFICERS, 1871.

Your Board beg leave to report upon the proceedings of the closing year as follows:—That in accordance with your wishes, as expressed at the last annual meeting, the Board made the necessary arrangements for holding a Show, and offered as generous a prize list as the funds would warrant, the show was held on the 24th of last October, and although the day was fair, the entries were not as numerous as the previous year, nor the exhibition as creditable as should be in the Shire town.

On the day of the exhibition one of the Leicester Rams was sold at auction for three dollars, (\$3), the other was offered, but could not find a purchaser. When we remember that the Ayrshire Bull that was bought at great expense, was sold for beef, and now an important Ram sold for even less than his value for mutton, it is time for the Society to seriously consider if it be an advantage to import thorough-bred stock or not.

It is a matter of deep regret that only 43 persons, in this fine section of the country, find it to their interest or pleasure to belong to an Agricultural Society.

Your Board seriously think, in view of the facts of so small a membership, even considerably less than formerly, that some change in the working was desired that would interest a greater portion of the agricultural community, failing which, to wind up the operations of the Society.

The Treasurer's account will shew the receipts and expenses of the Society for current year.

We trust that your deliberations in annual meeting will result in devising some plan that will give an impetus to Amherst Society, and make it the useful and vigorous institution which should exist and be a credit to the county.

The following is the list of office-bearers for the ensuing year:—*Pres.*, Thos. R. Black; *Vice-Pres.*, Torrey Bent; *Treas.*, Charles H. Bent; *Secy.*, Hiram Black; *Directors.*, Jas. M. Layton, Jas. E. Page, Thompson Coates, Howard Smith, Ansley Black.

Receipts, \$130.21½; expenditure, \$135.47; balance due to Treasurer, \$5.22½.

The following persons were awarded prizes at the Exhibition held in Amherst, Oct. 24th, 1871:—

#### HORSES.

Best Brood Mare and Colt.....	John Embra, Jr.
2nd do do .....	Joseph Coates.
Best Carriage Horse.....	Fred. W. Bent.
2nd do do .....	Ansley Black.
3rd do do .....	John Atkinson.
Best Draft Horse.....	Thomp. Keillor.
2nd do do .....	Joseph Coates.
3rd do do .....	Thos. R. Black.
Best 3 yrs old Colt.....	Joseph Coates.
2nd do do .....	Torrey Bent.
3rd do do .....	Thos. R. Black.
Best 2 yrs old Colt (1 entry).....	Daniel Freeman.
Best 1 yr do .....	Joseph Coates.
2nd do do .....	Hood Coates.
3rd do do .....	John W. Smith.

#### NEAT CATTLE.

Best pair Oxen.....	Joseph Coates.
2nd do do .....	Howard Smith.
3rd do do .....	Thomp. Coates.
Best pair 3 yrs old Steers.....	David McElman.
2nd do do .....	John Atkinson.
3rd do do .....	Thomp. Coates.
Best pair 2 yrs old Steers.....	Wm. L. Pipes.
2nd do do .....	John W. Smith.
3rd do do .....	D. McElman.
Best pair 1 yr old Steers.....	D. McElman.
2nd do do .....	John W. Smith.
3rd do do .....	Joseph Coates.
Best pair Steer Calves.....	Thomp. Keillor.
2nd do do .....	Howard Smith.
3rd do do .....	Thomp. Coates.
Best Cow.....	Torrey Bent.
2nd do .....	D. McElman.
3rd do .....	Wm. L. Pipes.
Best 2 yrs old Heifer.....	Joseph Coates.
2nd do do .....	Wm. Fitchet.
3rd do do .....	May. Freeman.
Best 1 yr old Heifer.....	Wm. Fitchet.
2nd do do .....	Samuel Black.
3rd do do .....	John Atkinson.
Best Heifer Calf.....	Torrey Bent.
2nd do do .....	Thomp. Keillor.

#### BULLS AND PIGS.

Best Bull, 2 yrs old & upwards.....	Wm. L. Pipes.
2nd do do .....	Thomp. Keillor.
Best Bull 1 yr old & upwards.....	D. McElman.
2nd do do .....	May. Freeman.
Best Bull Calf (1 entry).....	Torrey Bent.
Best Boar (1 entry).....	Thomp. Keillor.

#### SHEEP.

Best Ram.....	Joseph Coates.
2nd do .....	Hood Coates.
Best Ram Lamb.....	D. McElman.
2nd do do .....	N. J. Gordon.
Best Ewe.....	N. J. Gordon.
2nd do .....	D. McElman.
Best Ewe Lamb.....	Thomp. Keillor.
2nd do do .....	Thomp. Coates.

#### BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Best Firkin Butter.....	Torrey Bent.
2nd do do .....	J. Glendenning.
3rd do do .....	Hiram Black.
Best Tub Butter.....	Torrey Bent.
2nd do do .....	Wm. Fitchet.
3rd do do .....	Ansley Black.
Best Cheese.....	May. Freeman.
2nd do .....	Wm. Freeman.
3rd do .....	John Logan.

#### CEREALS.

Best Wheat.....	J. Glendenning.
2nd do .....	May. Freeman.
Best Barley.....	John Logan.
2nd do .....	H. Delesdernier.
Best Buckwheat.....	May. Freeman.
2nd do .....	Thos. R. Black.
Best Oats, White.....	Jas. M. Layton.
2nd do .....	J. Glendenning.
Best Oats, Black.....	Jas. M. Layton.
2nd do .....	May. Freeman.
Best Timothy Seed.....	Jas. M. Layton.
2nd do .....	H. Delesdernier.
3rd do .....	M. Harrison.

#### HORTICULTURAL.

Best Potatoes (table).....	N. J. Gordon.
2nd do do .....	Torrey Bent.
Best Potatoes (stock).....	H. Delesdernier.
2nd do do .....	Ansley Black.
Best Turnips.....	Thos. R. Black.
2nd do .....	Hiram Black.
Best Beets.....	Thos. R. Black.
2nd do .....	Hiram Black.
Best Mangolds (1 entry).....	Thos. R. Black.
Best Parsnips.....	Ansley Black.
2nd do .....	Hiram Black.
Best Carrot (white).....	Thos. R. Black.
2nd do do .....	S. Harrison.
Best Carrots (orange).....	Thos. R. Black.
2nd do do .....	Ansley Black.
Best Onions (1 entry).....	S. Harrison.
Best Corn.....	Sam. Black.
2nd do .....	Jas. M. Layton.
Best Cabbage.....	Thos. R. Black.
2nd do .....	John W. Smith.
Best Cauliflower.....	D. McElman.
2nd do .....	S. Harrison.
Best Pumpkin.....	May. Freeman.
2nd do .....	Hiram Black.
Best Tomatoes.....	S. Harrison.
2nd do .....	Jas. M. Layton.
Best Beans.....	Jas. M. Layton.
2nd do .....	Ansley Black.
Best Peas (1 entry).....	S. Harrison.

#### WOOLLENS.

Best Hearth Rug of any material (1 entry).....	John W. Smith.
Best Hearth Rug (rag).....	Hood Coates.
2nd do do .....	C. Farrington.
Best pair Mittens.....	John Atkinson.
2nd do do .....	Thos. R. Black.
Best pair Socks.....	Thos. R. Black.
2nd do do .....	John Atkinson.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. R. BLACK, Pres.

HIRAM BLACK, Secy.

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