

Private enterprise has done something in the importation of stock. I will mention an instance:—Twenty years ago Mr. Taylor, a farmer, came from the old country to New Brunswick, and settled in the Parish of Stanley. Being used to sheep farming he brought a few Cotswold sheep, and until the day of his death he every year had some stock brought out in lumber vessels. He was willing to lend to his neighbours and the consequence was, the finest sheep in New Brunswick were to be found in Stanley. Sunbury County purchased sheep from him, and had at one time superior sheep, but by in-and-in breeding they have become deteriorated. For twenty years I have attended Agricultural shows in that locality, and I find, since the death of Mr. Taylor, their sheep have deteriorated every year. This improvement in the sheep of that settlement was effected by the private enterprise of a man who was assessed on not more than \$500 worth of property. I think it very advisable to appoint a committee to wait upon the Government to acquaint them with our views, and likewise to have the matter discussed in the House of Assembly.

Mr. McLaughlan—There are very few members of the Board but wish to have an exhibition held, and by going cautiously to work we can accomplish something which will please every body at the Board. The suggestion of the last speaker will meet the views of all; should the importation of stock be decided upon for another year, the proposed exhibition for this year would be adopted unanimously. The amendment was then adopted.—*Colonial Farmer.*

Agricultural Reports.

ANNAPOLIS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

ANNAPOLIS, DEC. 3RD., 1872.

The Annapolis Agricultural Society held their Annual Meeting this day in accordance with the Agricultural Act, in the Court House at Annapolis. The President in the Chair.

The attendance of members was larger than at any previous meeting. The Minutes of the last annual and subsequent meetings were read and approved. James Horsfall, Esq., E. E. McDonald, Esq., and G. F. Hoyt, Esq., were appointed a Committee to audit the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, who reported the same correct. The President having been delegated by the Society to attend the sale at Halifax, in October last, of stock imported by the Board, then submitted his report, that not having funds of the Society at his disposal sufficient to purchase an Ayrshire Bull old enough for service, he had purchased the Short Horn Durham Bull, General Grant, for one hundred and sixty dollars, and had him put in the stable of J. L. Rice, Esq., near the Court House, where he could be seen by the members, and which I am happy to say met the hearty approval of all the members present; his girth is seven

feet six inches, and he weighs nearly two thousand pounds.

The President's report was unanimously received, nearly all the members present preferring the Durham to the Ayrshire. A special Committee was appointed to make the necessary provision for the keep of the two bulls now owned by the Society, the services of which were fixed at one dollar each to cows of members, and two dollars each to non-members.

The Society then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, when the following were appointed. *President*, George Whitman, Esq.; *Vice-President*, James Horsfall, Esq.; *Treasurer*, Alexander Harris, Esq.; *Secretary*, Stathern Bailey, Esq.; *Directors*; J. M. Harris, E. E. McDormand, William Jefferson, Rev. Walter Grey, and James Whitman, Esqs.

Cash received from 73 members.....	\$73 00
Subscribed by Members towards purchase of Bull.....	39 80
From services of Durham Bull, Sir Charles..	70 00
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	\$182 80

EXPENSES.

Paid for Stationery and Advertising..	\$4 08
Paid for keep of Bull, Sir Charles.....	95 00
On account purchase Durham Bull	
General Grant.....	70 00
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	\$169 08

Balance in Treasurer's hands.....\$13 72

The Society now own two Short Horn Durham Bulls, viz, Sir Charles, cost in March 1871.....	\$113 00
General Grant, cost for purchase and keep to Dec. 3rd, 1872.....	172 60
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	\$285 60

Government Grant not received, is still in the hands of the Treasurer of the Central Board of Agriculture, on account of purchase of Bull, General Grant, and the Society to arrange balance when statement is received.

STATHERN BAILEY, Sec'y.

REPORT OF THE HARDWOODLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, DEC. 3RD 1872.

The Directors of the Hardwoodland Agricultural Society, at this their seventh Annual Meeting, beg leave to present the following report:—

We have to congratulate the Society on the general improvement that has been manifested in it during the past year, both in the interest taken by the members and the healthy condition of our funds.

We sold our Durham Bull, and sent a man down to the Government sale to purchase some of the imported Stock, but we regret to say he failed to do so, although we have purchased a Grade Ayrshire Bull. The improvement in our Stock is seen by all.

Owing to the backwardness of the Spring, we were late getting in our crops, which affected the yield. The hay was a good crop.

We submit our financial report for the year ending Dec. 2nd., 1872, which is as follows, viz:—

Paid for 584 bushels Oats	\$32 77
" 110 lbs. Cloverseed.....	13 20
One Bull.....	38 00
Sundries.....	15 00
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	\$98 87

Recd. Government Grant for 1871.....	\$52 85
Subscription of members.....	52 00
Cash on hand from 1871.....	22 00
Sale of Durham Bull.....	30 00
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	\$156 85
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	98 87
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	\$57 98

Leaving a balance on hand, per Treasurer's account, of \$57.98, without our Government Grant for 1872.

Our officers for the present year are as follows:—*President*, Donald Ferguson; *Vice-President*, Archibald Grant; *Secretary*, William J. Withrow; *Treasurer*, Alexander McDonald; *Directors*: John Ferguson, Evan McDonald, John N. Fraser. The above report adopted.

DONALD FERGUSON, *Pres.*
WM. J. WITHROW, *Sec.*

UNION AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, DIGBY.

ST. MARY'S BAY, 1st. Jan., 1872.

The Annual Meeting of the Union Agricultural Society was held on the 3rd December. The following persons were elected officers for the ensuing year:—*President*, Wm. H. Haines; *Vice-President*, Asa Porter, Jr.; *Secretary and Treasurer*, Joseph S. McNeill; *Directors*; Wm. H. John, Wm. Seley, George Saxton, Wm. Gavel and Wm. H. Porter. Representative, Wm. H. John.

Receipts and Disbursements are as follows:—

Cash paid for Goods as per Bill.....	\$162.57
Freight, Postage, &c.....	1.78
Paid Secretary.....	8.00
Balance on hand.....	0.40
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	\$172.75

Cash on hand from 1871.....	\$14.83
Treasurer of Central Board.....	51.06
Subscriptions 59 members.....	59.00
Cash for Goods sold.....	47.86
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	\$172.75

JOSEPH S. MCNEIL, *Sec.*

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