

At the Annual Meeting it was resolved to procure for the benefit of members who are to secure them at half cost, ten copies of the "American Agriculturist" newspaper, and to procure improved breeds of farm stock, with the remaining funds of the Society.

President, Charles McKeen; *Secretary and Treasurer*, John A. Kirk; *Directors*: A. Cunningham, Isaac Archibald, S. G. McKeen, Edward McKen, Thomas McKeen, Christopher McLean and Henry McLean.

REPORT OF MABOU AND FORT HOOD AG. SOC'Y., DEC. 3RD, 1872.

At the Annual Meeting of the Mabou and Fort Hood Agricultural Society for the year ending 3rd December, 1872, the following gentlemen were appointed officers for the ensuing year,—*President*, John McKeen; *Vice President*, Robert McDougall; *Secretary and Treasurer*, Lewis Smith McKeen; *Directors*: George C. Laurence, Jr.; Edward Dulhanty, Walter McDonald, William Murray, Lauchlin McNeil.

To be member of the Central Board, Geo. C. Laurence, Sen.

Amount of funds in hands of said Society to date, including annual subscriptions, \$336.03.

JOHN McKEEN, *President*,
ROBERT McDUGALL, *Secy.*

UNION AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF EAST CORNWALLIS.

The Annual Meeting of this Society was held the 3rd day of December, 1872, as the law directs.

A large number of the Society were present. The minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The council submitted the enclosed report, which was approved of with the exception of the recommendation of the fee for service of bulls.

The Treasurer's account was submitted, showing a paid up membership of one hundred to date. The balance in the Treasurer's hands at this date being \$3.09. The account was approved of.

The Society then elected the following persons as officers for the following year:—*President*, John E. Starr; *Vice President*, Levi Eaton; *Secretary and Treasurer*, R. M. Rand; *Directors*: Jos. T. Jackson, John W. Margeson, Jonathan Rand, H. A. Eaton, Patton Wood.

R. M. RAND, *Secretary*.
REPORT.

The Council of the Union Agricultural Society beg leave to submit the following report at the close of the year:—

An unusually severe winter was followed by a late spring, which retarded all agricultural operations, and consequently a smaller portion of land was sown and planted than usual; and the whole season being wet, the crops most generally cultivated are not up to an average.

In reference to the several crops, we beg to say—First—that Hay, on good lands, was over an average crop, and of good quality, whilst that on low wet lands was a small crop, but from the frequent rains much of it must have been imperfectly cured.

Winter Wheat, but little of which was sown, was a good crop. Spring Wheat is, as

far as we can learn, a fair crop, and not much affected by wind. There was some of the Prairie Wheat sown, but we are not in a position to speak of its merits or demerits.

Rye is but little cultivated, but, we believe, is a fair crop.

Corn is rather above an average crop.

Buckwheat, of which, owing to the wet Spring, there was a large portion sown, is a good crop.

Pease—An average crop—but few raised.

Barley—Not much sown; crop below an average.

Oats—Though a heavy growth of straw, are likely to yield a small crop of grain.

Turnips—Were a good crop, though not much cultivated.

Potatoes—The most extensively cultivated of any crop in this County, were far below their usual yield, there not being, we think more than one half the quantity generally raised. The Early Rose have proved very fine for eating, but were badly affected with the rot. The Garnet Chili, though a smaller crop than usual were generally sound. Bresee's Prolific, not many planted, but a fair yield, and but little rot, and are proving very good for table use. The Prince Alberts are still more extensively cultivated than any other kind, and probably will continue to be so for some time to come.

The Society now own three Bulls, viz., Lord York, Bell Duke of Markham, and Lobo' Lad, they having decided to purchase one to replace Sir William, sold in July last.

Acting in accordance with the instructions of the Society, a member of the Council attended the sale of stock imported by the Board of Agriculture, and purchased Lord York, a bull imported into Canada from England, for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, to which is to be added the expenses attending the purchase, amounting to six dollars ninety cents.

The bulls have been kept the past year to our satisfaction, and are now in fine condition. The best one has been largely patronized, Bell Duke having served one hundred and thirty cows; Lobo Lad seventy-five; Sir William, twenty-five.

We would recommend that for the next season the price of service of bulls, be for Lord York, five dollars; B. D. of M., two dollars and fifty cents; and Lobo Lad, one dollar. And would also recommend, as there appears to be considerable difficulty in collecting monies due the Society in time to meet our liabilities, that, after the first Tuesday in April, the Secretary be directed to furnish the keepers of bulls with a list of all unpaid accounts, both for service of bulls and yearly dues, and the keepers of bulls are not to allow the bulls to serve any cows belonging to members who have unpaid accounts, till they settle such accounts.

GUYSBOROUGH AGRI. SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Guysborough Agricultural Society was held at the Chedabucto Hall, this day, Dec. 3rd, 1872, according to the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture.

Wm. DesBarres, Esq., the President, in the Chair. Messrs. Abner Hart, George Scott and Alexander Terry, were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, who, after examining the same, report-

ed that they had found them correct, the balance in the Treasurer's hands being \$25.08.

The Society then proceeded to the electing of officers for the ensuing year, when the following persons were elected:—*President*, Godfrey Peart; *Vice President*, Abner Hart; *Secretary and Treasurer*, Wm. Hartsborne; *Committee of Management*: Wm. F. DesBarres, George Scott, Whitfield Scott, Edward Dillon and Robert Johnston. Wm. O. Heffernan, Esq., was elected the representative to meet the representatives of different Societies in this County for the purpose of electing one of their number to represent this County at the Central Board.

Our Society was organized in March, 1872, and numbers 45 members, the names of whom I have already sent you. The means at our disposal the past year being very small, we expended in the purchase of Early Rose Potatoes and some small seeds, which were sold to members at a discount of 25 per cent.

We contemplate expending the Provincial Grant next year in the purchase of stock, especially sheep, which are much needed in this County, which we hope will meet the approval of the Central Board.

WM. HARTSHORNE, *Secy.*

DIGBY CENTRAL AGRI. SOCIETY.

Report of the Officers and Directors of Digby Central Agricultural Society, presented at the Annual Meeting held Dec. 3rd, 1872.

In reporting to you our proceedings, we beg leave to remind you, that, at the close of the last year, the Society had but one bull, then being kept by Emery Turnbull, for the sum of forty dollars, for the year ending 13th May, 1872.

At a meeting of the Society, held on the 13th of April last, it was decided to get another bull, and John Dakin, Esq., was appointed to purchase it. He visited Annapolis County, and obtained a very fine Durham Bull, two years old.

At a meeting of the Society, held on the 11th day of May last, James W. Pool offered to keep the Ayrshire Bull for one year for forty dollars; and John Dakin, Esq., offered to keep the Durham Bull for one year for thirty-eight dollars, which offers were accepted.

Our Society at present numbers sixty-seven (67) Members, being fourteen more than last year, having subscribed \$75.50

We have also to inform you of the Receipts and Disbursements during the year:—

Cash in hand from last year, \$7.07	American	
" Silver; Canada Currency.....		\$ 6.51
" Government Grant for 1871.....		63.25
" Income of Bull ".....		8.50
" Subscriptions for 1872.....		75.50
		\$153.76
Cash paid for keeping Bull.....		\$ 40.00
" " Purchase of Bull and Expenses...		54.00
" " Keeping Bull.....		4.00
Secretary's Salary, Stationery and Postage.....		8.00
		\$106.00
In hands of Treasurer.....		\$ 52.76

As there is some prospect of our having an increase of Grant, our Society will be in a better position the coming year.

Respecting the Crops, we beg to report, that Hay was good, above an average crop.—Wheat good, but little sown.—Barley not as good as last year, much hurt by drought, at the time of heading.—Oats, a very light crop.—Buckwheat, poor.—Indian Corn, very good where planted; many farmers were pre-