

velope its agricultural resources, and improve its productions and stock. But it will take not merely one year's efforts, but continued exertions to make that improvement which is so desirable.

We would suggest the desirability of increasing and husbanding our resources for the importation of improved breeds of cattle, sheep and swine. Less will be needed the coming year for the introduction of seeds. The seeds obtained by the society have given general satisfaction. Without going into all the particulars, we may mention that the *Early Rose* potato has shown its superiority over the ordinary sorts. While they have, to a great extent, been a failure this year, it has generally yielded a large crop of sound tubers. The Norway oat seems to be worthy of "favorable mention." Russian wheat was a failure; perhaps it was not sown early enough.

This society along with the other societies of the county, has much work to do in stimulating the people to develop its agricultural resources. These resources are by no means so small as at first sight they might appear, and their development has scarcely commenced. Though a large part of the county presents a sterile appearance—its soil rocky—sandy ridges, and plains interspersed with bogs, the staple scenery in many places—not by any means inviting the expenditure of labor and capital, yet there is considerable of good soil easily cultivated. And these bogs, so uninviting, are not so useless as many think. Their black mud composted with stable manure, is just the fertilizer needed for the sandy upland. Many of these swamps now so useless might be converted into profitable cranberry plantations. The cultivation of this valuable fruit is certainly worthy of the attention of the people of Shelburne county.—Where the cranberry grows spontaneously to such perfection and in such abundance some seasons, it would certainly repay skilful cultivation. This subject should be ventilated and agitated.

Most of this county is well adapted to the growth of apple trees. By their cultivation most of the land that is rocky might be made profitable. Such soil would no doubt pay better if planted in trees than if cleared up for the production of ordinary farm products. Shelburne, away from the sea shore, is a tree growing county, and attention should be directed to the nurturing of fruit and forest trees. A little consideration will show that Shelburne is capable of being made to produce fruit in large quantities. In its natural state, with its cranberry bogs and oak groves, what might it be under skilful cultivation.

To the development of the agricultural resources of this part of the county let us address ourselves; and in order to do this we must lay aside all mere personal and selfish considerations. Let us contribute to the funds of the society not for mere gain, but that we may aid the general cause. Let our contributions be gifts to that cause which it espouses, and let us not confine our subscriptions to the dollar required by law, but make them as large as we can afford for that purpose; and though we may not immediately and directly reap a return, yet in the long run we will see the wisdom of such a course.

JAMES MCKAY, *Pres.*  
M. G. HENRY, *Sec'y.*

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF  
CLYDE RIVER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

At the appointed hour the meeting was

constituted by the President taking the chair. The Secretary then read the report, which was approved and received.

After some conversation upon the report and matters connected with the society's operation for the past year, the meeting proceeded to the election of officers for next year. The following persons were proposed and elected:—*Pres.*, James McKay; *Vice Pres.*, B. Crowell; *Sec'y. and Treas.*, M. G. Henry; *Directors*, Wm. McKay, David Swain, James Nelson, Peter Sutherland, George Thomson.

The proposal in the report respecting an Exhibition was approved, and the suggestion of the committee adopted,—three persons being appointed to confer with a like number from the other societies in the county, and take measures for securing, if possible, an Agricultural Exhibition next autumn. The persons appointed for that purpose were—Wm. McKay, Matthew G. Henry, and Peter Sutherland.

It was agreed that the conditions under which the pigs introduced by the society were to be sold, should be, that they be kept within the bounds of the society for one year for breeding purposes.

Upon the Secretary refusing to accept any remuneration for his work, a cordial vote of thanks was passed. It was agreed that the Secretary order five copies of the *Agricultural Journal*. The meeting then adjourned until the first Tuesday of February.

JAMES MCKAY, *Pres.*  
M. G. HENRY, *Sec'y.*

#### AMHERST AGRICULTURAL SOC'Y.

Agreeably to request at the last meeting, the Board of Directors of this Society made the necessary arrangements for an Exhibition, which was held, as you are aware, on the 22nd day of October last.

With a membership of forty-six and thirty-five competitors, we can, with every reason, claim the Show to have been a success. Your Board was greatly disappointed at so small a membership. After offering so very liberal a prize list—by far the most liberal ever offered by this Society—we confidently anticipated a very large increase to our numbers.

The Amherst Agricultural Society ought to be kept up so efficiently that the funds would warrant the annual expenditure of a sum sufficient to fill up a very creditable prize list, and leave a handsome balance with which to purchase different kinds of improved stock. This vicinity is lamentably deficient in good horse stock. The same may be said of our sheep and pigs. The Agricultural Society should be the means of remedying this said deficiency. Unless a lively interest is manifested in the Society by the farmers of the surrounding country, it can never accomplish these beneficial and legitimate results.

Our funds were so heavily drawn upon in making out the prize list, that we were unable to even make the attempt to purchase any of the stock recently imported and sold by the Central Board of Agriculture.

The Treasurer's account will show the balance from last year to have been \$99.99; the receipts for the year \$112.50, making a grand total of \$212.50. The expenditure for the year has been \$163.07½, thus leaving a balance in favor of the Society of \$49.21½.

The following are the officers and directors for the ensuing year:—*Pres.*, Hon. R. B. Dickey; *Vice-Pres.*, Thos. R. Black, Esq.;

*Treas.*, Wm. F. Cullen, Esq.; *Sec'y.*, Hiram Black; *Directors*, Torrey Bent, John Atkinson, Charles H. Bent, Daniel Freeman, and Thompson Keillor.

HIRAM BLACK, *Sec'y.*

#### FENWICK AGRICULTURAL SOC'Y. OF NOEL AND MAITLAND.

The Society received from the Central Board forty-five bushels of wheat, called *Fyfe*, which was sold to members at cost and charges; also a few bushels Black Sea wheat; also, one hundred pounds Alsylke clover seed,—each member who applied got 1 lb. gratis and 1 lb. at cost and charges, the balance was sold at 50 cts. per lb. Of the sheep bought at Richmond three years ago, there are only two now living, and one of these has been purchased by George Smith, Esq., Shubenacadie, about a year ago; these two are all the rams the Society now owns. The White Chester boar, bought at Richmond three years ago, is still the property of the Society. The pig bought at Onslow for the Society was sold to George Smith, Esq., for fifteen dollars. We have bought another White Chester boar at the late sale of imported stock at Richmond, for \$25. We have received from the Board of Agriculture 60 lbs. Norway oats, which was given to members to sow, the Society to have the product by paying fifty cents per bushel. A. M. Crow got 15 lb. seed, and raised from it 32 bushels; David McL. Faulkner, 15 lb. seed, 20 bushels; Asa Hamilton, 15 lb. seed, 15 bushels; W. Y. O'Brien, 15 lb. seed, 3 bushels—making in all 70 bushels. The *Fyfe* wheat, imported by the Board from Canada, produced the best crop of any wheat sown along this shore for the last three years. Black Sea wheat a failure here. Wheat this season was a heavy crop. Of straw, late sown not so well filled as last year, early sown good. Oats about an average crop. Potatoes about average crop, but rotting very much in the cellars. Other root crops average. Buckwheat about average. Hay nearly an average crop.

The following are the officers for 1871:—*Pres.*, Alexander Densmore; *Vice-Pres.*, George Smith; *Sec'y.*, George Densmore; *Treas.*, Thomas Hunter; *Directors*, Osmond O'Brien, Stephen Putman, Daniel Ross, Capt. A. A. McDougall, and Joel Densmore.

GEORGE DENSMORE, *Sec'y.*

#### MIDDLE RIVER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, VICTORIA.

The Directors of this Society have much pleasure in reporting that the financial state of the Society is quite satisfactory, and that the utmost harmony and cordiality exists among its office-bearers and members. This Society has now entered upon the twenty-sixth year of its existence and we are happy to say that notwithstanding the many troubles and difficulties with which it had to contend while in its infancy yet these are now overcome, and instead of manual labour destroying bone and muscle this is now surpassed by the use of horse-power and labour-saving machinery, an improvement which neither we nor our forefathers ever expected in this locality. This Society having imported in the summer of 1869 a superior Mowing Machine from the establishment of Messrs. A. P.