

SHELburnE COUNTY.

BARRINGTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Barrington Agricultural Society was held in the Court house on Tuesday, Dec. 5, 1865, the president in the chair. The committee submitted their report, which was adopted by the society.

Your committee beg to report that they forwarded the declaration, with the other requisite papers, to the Central Board of Agriculture, for the purpose of lawfully coming under the Act and obtaining the grant, after which we succeeded in obtaining the sum of \$100, being double the amount subscribed. We also beg to report that we ordered our agent in Halifax to attend the sale of pigs and rams at Richmond Depot, but they were sold at a higher rate than we thought best to give at present.

We now give an account of the receipts and expenditures of this society.

By subscriptions from members -	\$50 00	
Provincial grant -	100 00	
		\$150 00
For six Agricultural Journals -	\$3 00	
Books for Sec'y and Treas. -	0 34	
Postage and telegrams -	0 65	
Expenses drawing grant -	1 00	
		\$4 99
Cash on hand -	145 01	
		\$150 00

Your committee would recommend that members renew their subscription for the ensuing year, and that the money so obtained, together with what is on hand, be expended early in the spring in the purchase of stock, more particularly pigs and sheep, seeds and fruit trees. We would also recommend that an agricultural exhibition be held next autumn, and small premiums awarded to deserving exhibitors.

Where can we procure seeds, Goodrich potatoes—also improved fruit trees, apples, pears and plums, those that are adapted to this province?

Our society's year begins with April; we wish to know if we pay our subscription previous to that if we can draw the grant, or at what period in the year is it due? By answering the above you will greatly oblige.

R. H. CROWLEY Sec'y.

[Application for the Goodrich potatoes should be made to some of the gentlemen who obtained them last year, and whose names have been given in the *Agricultural Journal*. Mr. Sidney Shaw, and several other gentlemen in Cornwallis, have good apple trees for sale, that may be depended upon as true to name and well suited to

the province. There is a good selection of plums in the Horticultural Gardens, Halifax, where also we presume pears may be obtained. The Board is desirous that societies should be in a position to draw their grants as early in the season as possible, but no grants can be drawn until authorized by the Board at the semi-annual meeting in October; any delay beyond that date that has hitherto occurred in distributing grants, has been caused entirely by the dilatoriness of societies in sending in the requisite returns. —Ed.]

VICTORIA COUNTY.

ST. ANN'S AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the society was held on Tuesday the 5th December. The annual report of the officers and directors was read and adopted. The treasurer's accounts were found correct. All the office-bearers for last year were re-elected for the present year, viz:—*President*, John Robertson; *Vice-President*, Luther McLeod; *Sec'y*, John Morrison; *Treas.*, McLachlin McKimmon.

The first annual meeting of the society was held in terms of the act on the first Tuesday of December last, at which meeting it was agreed to make arrangements for the purchase of two Durham young bulls, if the funds of the society should be found sufficient to cover the cost and expenses. The probable cost being ascertained and submitted to the meeting in April, it was considered advisable to abandon the idea of importing the bulls for at least one year.

Observing that so many in the society's district gave more attention to the improvement of the hook and line and other fishing gear, than to that of their farming implements, it was considered necessary to order some forks for the spring work. Something over twenty-one dollars worth of forks was purchased, and sold to members for little less than first cost. We are under the impression that in some localities where no attention has been hitherto paid to the utility of improved farming implements, their introduction by the societies would be a good step in the direction of improvement.

Six rams and three ewes, improved breeds, have been just imported from Halifax, and are ready to be sold to the members of the society.

We also believe that through the medium of these societies a decided improvement will be distinctly observable, not only in the different kinds of live stock, but in all farm returns.

In this district many of the people being more dependent upon the fisheries than upon their farms, no system is observable in their farming operations. The manure heap is left exposed to the

weather, and no attention paid to compost. But such as have turned their attention to the proper securing of stable manure and compost heaps, together with the simple rotation of a few crops, the improvement is decidedly observable.

The hay crop in general is more than average. All the small patches of wheat gave a good return. The yield of oats and barley was a good average. Owing to the blight attacking the potatoes so early in the season, the yield was nothing to what it was last year.

Abstract of Receipts and Disbursements up to 5th December, 1865.

To subscriptions for year ending	
December, 1864 - - -	\$40 00
Provincial Grant - - -	40 00
Amount of subscriptions for year ending Dec. 1865 - - -	53 00
Provincial Grant do do -	62 00
Amount of proceeds of forks sold by society - - - - -	13 55
	\$228 55
Amount of receipts -	\$228 55
<i>Expenditure.</i>	
Books, Stationery and Postages	\$8 35
Forks bought, including expenses	21 25
Sheep do. do freight do	68 90
	\$98 50

Dec. 5, 1865, bal. on hand to date \$130 05
(Sale of Sheep to be added.)
JOHN ROBERTSON, Pres.
JOHN MORRISON, Sec'y.

MIDDLE RIVER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

This society was instituted as far back as the year 1845, (although newly organized under the Act of 1864), and ever since has acted with the utmost cordiality and friendship among its members, and always endeavoured to conform to the instructions of the Hon. the Board of Agriculture, while in existence.

This report is now humbly submitted with a grateful acknowledgment for the great encouragement bestowed by the Provincial Legislature of Nova Scotia, in liberally allowing a bounty for improvements. These improvements have been greatly increased by the members of the society, and every year progressively and visibly yielding essential benefit. It would be useless to give the circumstances of these advantages in detail; but with full assurance there is no experienced agriculturist by reporting in a retrospect what has been the state of the respective farms, and what their land now is, but will readily acknowledge the improvement made. In short, farmers have greatly overcome their prejudices; and the different modes of cultivating lands at the present day supersede every old and unexperienced system.