

members present, which added to the interest of the meeting.

During the year a Fan Mill and Separator was imported from New York, but does not appear to have given general satisfaction.

The farmers connected with the society expressed themselves well pleased with the ram lately purchased at the agricultural sale at Halifax. Since the purchase he has been kept by different members of the society for the use of their sheep, and ordered by the society to be sold on first Monday of January next.

It was ordered by the meeting that in March next arrangements be made for the agricultural proceedings of the ensuing year.

It is to be regretted that the farmers resident within the Lunenburg Agricultural District, with but few exceptions, have not taken that active interest in the society that they ought, by furthering the noble intention of the Legislature in passing the act for encouragement of Agriculture.

The grain crops throughout the County have been very light the present year.

The potato blight was very general throughout the County, particularly among the early kinds; and had it not been for the well-timed importations from P. E. Island, the supply for the winter would have been very short.

Our market has been well supplied with beef, notwithstanding the extensive shipment of cattle to Halifax from the port of Lunenburg. The steamer *Empress* took away thirty head of beef cattle in one trip.

The hay crop is short, but the open winter will help out the young cattle.

If the funds will admit of it, an agricultural exhibition or ploughing match may be anticipated during the Fair of 1867.

The benefit of the old society is still very visible in the County in the improved appearance and breed of cattle, and in the agricultural implements now in use, particularly the plough. So that the act passed from year to year for the "encouragement of agriculture" has not been passed in vain, but is doing its well-intentioned work slowly yet surely.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

DANIEL OWEN, *Sec'y.*

GLENELG AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL FAIR—CROPS.

The Officers and Directors of the "Glenelg Agricultural Society" beg leave to submit their report, as follows:—During the year just past, we have to state that not so much improvement has been accomplished in the way of agriculture as might be desired. Agreeably to resolution of last annual meeting, an exhibition

was held at Mr. Isaac Archibald's on the 16th October, which was not as largely attended as might have been expected.—The show of live stock, though limited, was of good quality. The show of domestic manufacture was excellent. Grain and roots were not largely exhibited, but were of superior quality. The amount paid for premiums is \$51.95.

During the month of October there were purchased for the Society, at Antigonish, five ram lambs and six ewe lambs of superior breed, at a cost of four dollars each and four dollars expenses on the whole; these were sold to members of the society at a public sale, and realized the sum of \$29.50. The bull and rams purchased by the society last year at P. E. Island have been kept in the society, and have, we believe, given universal satisfaction. The cost of keeping these animals has been \$30.

The crops during the past year were generally abundant. Hay has not been more abundant for many years, but in consequence of continued wet and unfavourable weather during harvest, a considerable quantity was secured in a bad state, and more on low meadow land not mown at all, but on the whole there has been more saved in good condition than for many previous years. Oats are well filled, and heavy in straw, and will, no doubt, be an average crop. Wheat, so far as we can learn, is an inferior crop, in many instances not being sufficient to repay the husbandman for his labour in growing it. Buckwheat is considered rather above the average. Potatoes generally were an abundant crop, and so far as we can learn are doing well in the cellars.

At our annual meeting this year it was agreed to sell the bull and rams to members of the society, to be kept in the district for one year. It was also agreed to expend the sum of \$80 in an exhibition next October.

SAMUEL ARCHIBALD, *Pres.*

J. A. KIRK, *Sec'y.*

WEST CORNWALLIS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

STATE OF THE CROPS—IMPROVEMENT OF STOCK.

The West Cornwallis Agricultural Society submits the following annual report:—

The hay in this section of the country was a fair average crop, but owing to the wet weather in the latter part of the season some of the hay on the low meadows was injured. Wheat was very little sown in this district, owing to the fly, which still continues to injure the crops. Rye, oats and barley were a full crop, but some loss was sustained by the wet weather at the time of harvest. Buckwheat and Indian corn was a good crop on lands

that were well prepared. Beans good. Potatoes where rather below an average crop, and considerably diseased. Turnips, carrots and other roots gave a good return for the labour expended. Fruit was rather below an average yield, but the quality good.

This Society are making great exertions to have their cattle and sheep of a superior class, and have expended all their spare funds for the purchase of such animals as were needed in this district to improve the breed; and much regret is manifested in this district that the horses imported last season were not such animals as would suit the wants of this country.

This Society has disposed of one of their Durham bulls on account of a wen on the jaw. They have now in the Society one Ayrshire bull bought in New Brunswick about fourteen months ago, and one Durham bought last April.

This Society highly appreciate the manner the Board have taken for the distribution of the public money, the fairness of which cannot be questioned.

ELIAS CALKINS, *Sec'y.*

FENWICK AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NOEL AND MAITLAND.

We have made arrangements to take into our Society Selma and Maitland districts; and agreed that the Society should be called the "Fenwick Agricultural Society of Noel and Maitland."

J. J. O'BRIEN, *Sec'y.*

BRIDGEWATER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Report of the officers and directors of the Bridgewater Agricultural Society, made at the annual meeting of said society, December 8th, 1866, adjourned from December 4th, 1866.

The Society was organized on the 24th February last, and the following persons were chosen as officers and directors in the same:—

Pres., Abraham Hebb, Esq., M. P. P.; *Directors*, Henry Cook, Charles Bieno, Robert West, Thomas T. Keeffer, and William Hebb; *Sec'y and Treas.*, Mather B. Desbrisay.

There are 67 members.

At a meeting held on the 17th of March last, Messrs. Simeon Hebb and Josiah Cook were appointed a committee to purchase for the society a two year old bull. In pursuance of such appointment, a bull of the age mentioned was purchased, and the sum of thirty-six dollars paid therefor. It is expected that, as the animal was selected from good stock at Windsor, improvement will soon be visible in the cattle raised in this district.

A bushel of the best flax seed was also purchased for the society, by the Presi-