

extent of £600 stg., I hope your fruit-growers will send something that will be a credit to Nova Scotia. The only thing I fear if will be held rather early in the season, but I will only be too glad to give any further information if required. In the room along with the fruit was a large lot of cut flowers, such as asters, stocks, verbenas, roses, &c., and the competition in the various classes was very sharp. The show of vegetables was very fine, the leeks being something more than extra.

A band of music added to the attractions of the show, and as the day was fine the show was well patronized, and must have been a complete success both in a horticultural and financial point of view. I hope and trust the day is not far distant when Nova Scotia will be able to boast of at least one horticultural show in the season that would be a credit to the province and remunerative to those who take it in hand. And there can be no doubt such shows can be made to pay under proper management; only enlist the aid and sympathies of the public, and the show will become a fixed fact.

Yours, &c.,

HALIGONIAN.

Reports of Agri. Societies

CHESTER AGRICULTURAL SOC'Y.

The annual meeting of Chester Agricultural Society was held on Dec'r. 7th, 1868, as per due notice, when the officers of the ensuing year were chosen as follows: *Pres.*, Edward Heckman; *Vice Pres.*, Charles Lordly; *Sec'y.*, H. B. Mitchell; *Treas.*, Joseph Beyanson; *Directors*, John Church, David Hume, Samuel Isoner, Patrick Corney, and Christopher Boylen.

As the year has been so dull, financially, and it being almost impossible to collect subscriptions, the Society has been dormant all the season and no stock kept on hand, consequently no report of proceedings can be made; but we have appointed another meeting for the 23rd of January, 1869, and in the interim an endeavour will be made to establish a branch society in New Ross, an agricultural settlement some twenty miles distant inland, after which I trust to be able to furnish you with financial statement and a short report. Having the balance of our last year's grant on hand, with the hope of securing that of the present year, we will be in a better position to start ahead again. We propose now, instead of the Society owning and keeping bulls, which absorbs nearly all its funds, to pay a certain sum towards the keep of bulls of approved breed in each of our several districts. Our Cotswold rams have doubled the size of the lambs where they have been kept, but our farmers generally will not be induced to reap the full benefits.

No spirit, no enterprise among them, with few exceptions.

H. B. MITCHELL, *Sec'y.*

[A lamentable state of affairs, which we hope is only temporary. We always thought that Chester was rather a spirited place.—*Ed. J. of A.*]

ST. ANN'S AGRICULTURAL SOC'Y.

The St. Ann's Agricultural Society met in annual meeting on the 1st December, Luther McLeod, Esq., President, in the chair. The officers for last year continued in office during the ensuing year. The Treasurer's account examined and found correct. In May \$160 were disposed of in purchasing wheat, timothy seed, clover seed, and some agricultural implements, for the use of the Society. These articles were distributed for less than cost. The amount of money in Treasurer's hands at present is \$32; also bills due to the Society to the amount of \$160. It was resolved to use all the funds of the Society next spring in importing improved seeds.

Respecting the state of the crops, it is now so generally known that it is unnecessary to make any remarks about it. The hay was a good average. In this locality the different grain crops filled well, though not very heavy in the straw; by the continuance of wet weather at the time of housing it was more or less damaged. Potatoes a better average than was known here for the last twenty years.

LUTHER MCLEOD, *Pres.*

J. MORRISON, *Sec'y.*

[The only means we have of obtaining reliable information respecting crops in the various Counties, is through the Reports of Societies. They cannot, therefore, be too full or too carefully prepared.—*Ed. J. of A.*]

PARADISE AGRICULTURAL SOC'Y.

The annual meeting of the Paradise Agricultural Society was held at A. Bent's Hall, Paradise, on Tuesday, the first day of December, 1868, in accordance with the law. The President in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

After some miscellaneous business it was moved by Avar Longley, Esq., seconded by Samuel Balcom, Esq., that we proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year, when the following were balloted for and duly elected:—*Pres.*, Israel Longley; *Vice Pres.*, Isaac Longley; *Sec'y.*, William Leonard; *Treas.*, Stewart Leonard; *Directors*, W. R. Dodge, John Longley, Benjamin Leonard, Robert Marshall, Alfred Vidito. Moved

to adjourn to meet at this Hall on the first Tuesday of April next.

W. E. STARRATT, *Sec'y.*

YARMOUTH COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Quarterly meeting. A large attendance. The Vice-President in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The published report of the exhibition referred to. The premiums awarded at the Exhibition, amounting to \$204, were distributed as far as possible.

Mr. James D. Archibald so far overcame his natural bashfulness and diffidence in public as to address the meeting at some length, making some interesting comments upon the exhibition, its tendency to promote improvement, &c.

It was asked if the premiums were not to be awarded to exhibitors for articles of their own growth, or production, or three months possession, to which an affirmative reply was given; it was then asked of the exhibitor, to whom the premium for the largest collection of potatoes was awarded, if all the varieties were of his own growing, and upon his admission that three of the varieties were borrowed, the collection thereby reduced to nine varieties, it was voted that the premium be shared with Mr. Archibald, who also exhibited nine varieties.

Some expression as to the value of the seed procured in the spring having been solicited, a discussion followed on the cultivation and crop of the Goodrich potato. The general opinion seemed favourable to the variety,—the yield had been large and with a few exceptions but little affected with disease. Some who had grown them thought them superior in quality to any other variety, while others considered them inferior to Jackson's,—soil and culture affecting the quality of this as of other varieties.

The season having been unfavorable for grain, neither wheat nor barley, except in a few instances, has yielded a fair crop. Wheat has been generally abandoned in the County, owing to its uncertainty,—it might do well one year, or two years, or three, and fail the next ten, whereas barley and oats were always sure crops; for this reason, and as prices here have ruled of late years, they may fairly be preferred to wheat, even when the supply of bread is the sole object.

Mr. Archibald stated that his barley had been quite equal to any crop he had ever raised in Colchester County, where they prided themselves upon their barley. His experience was, that to get a good crop of barley, it must be sown very early, the first thing in the spring. A young member asked if oats should not be sown first—he had always heard, oats first then barley. The Custos suggested that it would be well for him to sow his wild