

The Board have striven conscientiously to discharge the very important duties that have been devolved upon them, and they trust that their work has been of benefit to the agricultural community, and satisfactory to those under whom they hold authority.

In submitting the above,  
I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. WIMBURN LAURIE,

Pres. Cen. Board of Agriculture.

Halifax, 23rd Feb., 1878.

Comparative Statement showing the number and strength of Societies in each year, from 1864 to 1877, inclusive.

YEAR.	Number of Societies.	Number of Members.	Amount of Subscriptions.	Grants in Aid.
1st year, 1864.....	37	1714	\$1859 00	\$3010 00
2nd " 1865.....	43	2197	2384 00	3314 00
3rd " 1866.....	52	2543	2850 00	3566 00
4th " 1867.....	53	2833	3051 50	3444 50
5th " 1868.....	45	2246	2519 75	3232 50
6th " 1869.....	43	2209	2540 50	3601 00
7th " 1870.....	49	2742	3046 00	3372 00
8th " 1871.....	57	3245	3672 80	3543 00
9th " 1872.....	60	3597	4004 50	3904 00
10th " 1873.....	61	3586	3929 00	3785 00
11th " 1874.....	64	3971	4495 00	5830 00
12th " 1875.....	66	4140	4757 75	5790 50
13th " 1876.....	72	4150	5633 00	6255 00
14th " 1877.....	74	4144	4860 00	6292 00

Statement showing the number and strength of Societies in the respective Counties for 1877.

COUNTIES.	Number of Societies.	Number of Members.	Amount of Annual Subscriptions.	Amount of Grants in Aid.
Annapolis.....	7	355	\$ 399 00	\$ 400 00
Antigonish.....	3	222	251 00	400 00
Cape Breton.....	4	193	193 00	336 00
Colchester.....	7	392	407 00	400 00
Cumberland.....	7	406	449 50	400 00
Digby.....	1	109	109 00	218 00
Guysborough.....	4	182	217 00	400 00
Halifax.....	3	148	150 00	300 00
Hants.....	6	269	338 00	490 00
Inverness.....	2	123	123 00	246 00
King's.....	6	314	653 25	400 00
Lunenburg.....	3	138	138 00	276 00
Pictou.....	5	385	397 00	400 00
Queen's.....	4	193	197 00	394 00
Richmond.....	1	53	78 00	156 00
Shelburne.....	6	279	279 00	400 00
Victoria.....	3	174	173 00	346 00
Yarmouth.....	2	210	305 25	370 50
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>74</b>	<b>4144</b>	<b>\$4860 00</b>	<b>\$6392 50</b>

D. E. McKAY, Esq., writes to the effect that measures are being taken to organize an Agricultural Society at Broad Cove, in Inverness County, C. B. There are fine stretches of land there capable of supporting a teeming population.

GRANTS TO AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES FOR 1877.

ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.

Clements Agricultural Socy.....	\$ 73 63
Annapolis Royal Agricultural Socy.....	106 77
Port William Agricultural Socy.....	47 12
Paradise Agricultural Socy.....	40 10
Bridgetown Agricultural Socy.....	49 12
Laurie Agricultural Socy.....	42 11
Clarence Agricultural Socy.....	41 10
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$400 00</b>

ANTIGONISH COUNTY.

Morristown Agricultural Socy.....	\$ 250 00
St. Andrew's Agricultural Socy.....	78 33
Bayfield Agricultural Socy.....	71 67
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$100 00</b>

CAPE BRETON COUNTY.

Boulardrie Agricultural Socy.....	\$ 84 00
North Sydney Agricultural Socy.....	112 00
Sydney Mines and Little Bras D'Or Agricultural Socy.....	93 00
Sydney Agricultural Socy.....	92 00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$386 00</b>

COLCHESTER COUNTY.

Ouslow Agricultural Socy.....	\$ 126 79
Tatamagouche Agricultural Socy.....	43 16
Shubenacadie Agricultural Socy.....	40 29
Stirling, New Annapolis, Agricultural Socy.....	42 26
Brookfield Agricultural Socy.....	42 26
Lower Stewiacke Agricultural Socy.....	40 29
Waugh's River Agricultural Socy.....	59 95
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$400 00</b>

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Parrsborough Agricultural Socy.....	\$ 97 89
Scotia Agricultural Socy of Fox Harbor.....	56 95
Malaguash Agricultural Socy.....	38 26
Pugwash Union Agricultural Socy.....	38 26
Minudie and Barronsfield Agri. Socy.....	37 38
Middleboro' Agricultural Socy.....	92 10
Amherst Agricultural Socy.....	39 16
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$400 00</b>

DIGBY COUNTY.

Digby Central Agricultural Socy.....	\$ 218 00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$400 00</b>

GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY.

Milford Haven Agricultural Socy.....	\$ 138 25
Glenelg Agricultural Socy.....	73 74
Guysborough Agricultural Socy.....	114 27
Argyle Agricultural Socy.....	73 74
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$400 00</b>

HALIFAX COUNTY.

Halifax County Agricultural Socy.....	\$ 126 00
Lower Musquodoboit Agricultural Socy.....	90 00
Upper Musquodoboit Agricultural Socy.....	84 00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$300 00</b>

HANTS COUNTY.

Newport Agricultural Socy.....	\$ 55 62
Union Agricultural Socy. of Maidland.....	84 62
Enfield Agricultural Socy.....	71 01
Fenwick Agricultural Socy. of Noel.....	47 34
Progress Agricultural Socy of Hadwoodland and Nine Mile River.....	47 34
Windsor Agricultural Socy.....	91 67
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$400 00</b>

INVERNESS COUNTY.

Mahon and Port Hood Agricultural Socy.....	\$ 152 00
N. E. Margaree Agricultural Socy.....	94 00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$246 00</b>

KING'S COUNTY.

King's County Central Agri. Socy.....	\$ 72 25
Union Agri. Socy. of E. Cornwallis.....	102 57
West Cornwallis Agricultural Socy.....	55 72
King's County Agri. Socy, Horton.....	45 31
Aylesford Agricultural Socy.....	72 41
Farmers' Agri. Socy of N. E. Cornwallis.....	51 44
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$100 00</b>

LUNENBURG COUNTY.

Mahone Bay Agricultural Socy.....	\$ 108 00
New Ross Agricultural Socy.....	80 00
Centreville Agricultural Socy.....	83 00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$276 00</b>

PICTOU COUNTY.

Pictou Agricultural Socy.....	\$ 195 47
Egerton Agricultural Socy.....	70 53
Millbrook Agricultural Socy.....	52 39
River John Agricultural Socy.....	41 31
Merrigomish Agricultural Socy.....	40 30
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$400 00</b>

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

North Queen's Agri. Socy, Caledonia.....	\$ 84 00
Kempt Agricultural Socy.....	50 00
M. B. Agricultural Socy of Brookfield, Pleasant River.....	82 00
Liverpool Agricultural Socy.....	134 00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$394 00</b>

RICHMOND COUNTY.

Richmond Agricultural Socy.....	\$ 156 00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$156 00</b>

SHELburne COUNTY.

Barrington Passage Agricultural Socy.....	\$ 93 19
Barrington Agricultural Socy.....	53 78
Shelburne Agricultural Socy.....	57 35
Clyde River Agricultural Socy.....	58 78
Wood's Harbour Agricultural Socy.....	57 35
Cape Negro Agricultural Socy.....	74 55
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$400 00</b>

VICTORIA COUNTY.

Middle River of Victoria Agri. Socy.....	\$ 164 00
St. Ann's Agricultural Society.....	100 00
Baddeck Agricultural Socy.....	82 00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$346 00</b>

YARMOUTH COUNTY.

Yarmouth County Agricultural Socy.....	\$ 250 00
Yarmouth Township Agricultural Socy.....	120 50
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$370 50</b>

CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

Committee Room, Province Library, }  
27th Feb., 1878. }

Present--Members of the Board--Col. Laurie, President; Hon. Albert Gayton, Commissioner of Works; C. E. Brown, David Matheson, John Ross, W. E. Starratt, Israel Longworth, Dr. Lawson, Secretary.

Members of Agricultural Committee of House of Assembly--Donald Archibald, M. P. P., Chairman; Hon. Albert Gayton, Avar Longley, M. P. P.; Alex. McKay, M. P. P.; Wm. A. Patterson, M. P.; C. H. Davidson, M. P. P.

Col. Laurie, President, explained in detail the operations of the Board for the past year, the working of Societies in the different counties, and the measures contemplated for the ensuing season. The Agricultural societies were finding their way, more and more every year, to their legitimate work, but there were still some over which the Board had to exercise a strict control. The annual report contains full statistics of the societies, of the Provincial Exhibition, and of the thoroughbred stock in existence throughout the Province.