

The above will leave a balance of \$49 82½ to the credit of the Society, as can be seen, independently of the Provincial grant, which we trust will add \$100 more to our funds—making the entire sum to commence the forthcoming year \$149 82½, which, with the funds accruing, it is proposed that Chester Pigs and Bulls be purchased.

Approved by the Annual Meeting held this 5th day of December, 1871, at St. Andrew's.

JAS. McDONALD, Pres.
A. CHISHOLM, Sec'y.

MERIGOMISH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

This Society held its annual meeting on the 5th of December, and the Secretary gave in the following report, which was adopted:—

To meet the wants of the Society we imported four White Chester Pigs, (two boars and two sows). The boars was sold to members, to be kept one year for the free use of the Society; the sows were sold to members, to be kept for two litters. We also got two barrels of the celebrated Early Rose potatoes, which were distributed free among the members.

We have also to inform you of the financial affairs of the Society. (The accounts show a balance in hand of \$30.86½.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year, viz:—*Pres.*, William Olding; *Vice-Pres.*, William Dunn; *Sec'y.* and *Treas.*, John S. Copeland; *Directors.* James Lumer, James Roy, Edwd. Finlayson, Duncan McIntosh, James R. McDonald.

WILLIAM OLDING, Pres.,
JOHN S. COPELAND, Sec. & Tres.

PICTOU AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The directors of the Pictou Agricultural Society, in closing the business of the year just ending, beg leave to report that the receipts of your Society for the past year have amounted to the sum of \$615.68½, while the expenditure for the same time has been \$684.71, leaving a balance against the Society amounting to \$69.02½.

The provincial grant for the present year has not been received, so that that sum, together with fifty dollars promised by the Gairloch Agricultural Society as a contribution to the Exhibition fund, but not yet paid, will, when received, leave a small balance in favor of your Society.

The membership of your Society numbers 132, a list of whose names we give you.

With regard to the operations of your Society, during the past year, your directors have to report that but little has been done in adding to the stock owned by

your Society; having but purchased one Chester Boar.

In compliance with a recommendation contained in the last annual report, a correspondence was opened with the several Agricultural Societies in the County, asking their cooperation in holding a County Exhibition, which resulted in securing the assistance of River John, Egertown and Gairloch Societies in holding a County Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition in Pictou, open to the Province, each of the above named Societies agreeing to pay the sum of \$50.00, your Society agreeing to pay the remainder.

Your directors have much pleasure in reporting the complete success which crowned their efforts in this matter, being the best exhibition, in all respects, ever held in this County. The sum of \$485.50 was offered in prizes, of which sum \$422.50 was paid to successful exhibitors.

Judging by the numbers on the Society's list of members, and the amount of funds paid in during the past year, your directors have much pleasure in reporting this Society in the most prosperous condition ever attained during the thirty-six years of its existence.

With regard to the crops we have to report the Hay an average crop; Wheat, a good crop; Oats, good; Potatoes, a small crop; Turnips and other roots good; Buckwheat, good; Barley, good; Peas, Beans, &c., a good crop.

The stock owned by the Society has been placed, during the past year, in localities where it was believed the greatest service would be secured to the largest number of members, a course which your directors would recommend to their successors in office during the ensuing year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID MATHESON, Pres.
JOHN MCKENZIE, Sec'y.

PICTOU, Dec. 5th, 1871.

The following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for the year 1872, viz:—*Pres.*, David Matheson; *Vice-Pres.*, Donald Fraser; *Treas.*, James Ives; *Sec'y.*, John McKenzie; *Directors.* Thos. Grant, Hugh Donovan, Roderick McKenzie, Robert Patterson, Alexander McKay.

JOHN MCKENZIE, Sec'y.

STERLING AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

We have to report for the information of the Central Board of Agriculture, that the annual meeting of the Sterling Agricultural Society was held on the first Tuesday of December. When the report of the proceedings of the Society for the past year was presented to the meeting, it was moved and seconded that the report be received, which passed unanimously.

The following are the office-bearers for the ensuing year:—*President*, David Wilson; *Vice-Pres.*, Andrew Warwick; *Treas.*, Wm. Byers; *Sec'y.*, Wm. Creighton. *Directors*, Thomas McDonald, Jas. McCulley, James Cox, Robert Wilson, and Alexander Swan.

The meeting decided that the Directors purchase a pure Durham Bull, if he could be obtained to supply the place of the one sold. Also, the meeting appointed the Secretary of this Society as their Representative to the meeting with the other representatives of the County.

The receipts and disbursements of the Society for the past year, are as follows:

RECEIPTS.		
	<i>N. S. Cy.</i>	<i>D. Cy.</i>
Balance from last year	\$41 61	\$40 53
Provincial Grant	33 00	32 12
Services of Bulls	15 90	15 68
Bull sold		19 50
Members' Subscription	48 00	\$155.63

EXPENSES.		
Paid for keeping of Bull	\$29 01	
Deduction on Clover Seed	6 38	
Secretary's Salary, Postage, &c.	6 50	\$41.89

Balance.....\$113 75

D. WILSON, *President.*
WM. CREIGHTON, *Sec'y.*

WEST CORNWALLIS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

To the members of the West Cornwallis Agricultural Society—

Gentlemen—The officers of your Society have the gratification of reporting to you the uniform progress of the Society, and the success which has attended your efforts in the stock raising department. We would call your attention to the marked improvement in the stock produced from the "Major Rowland," as one of the most substantial arguments in favour of purchasing thorough-bred animals. We must admit that improvements have been made through the introduction half-bred bulls, but at the same time express our certain knowledge, from the experience of the past, that no such advantages can be looked for from their importation or use as are about certain to follow the importation and use of thorough-bred cattle. We therefore recommend the importation of one more thorough-bred bull for the Society's use the coming season.

We have to report to you the most satisfactory condition of your finances, although your receipts are something less for membership this year than on former occasions. Your receipts the present year are, 1st—fees of annual subscriptions of membership, seventy six dollars; 2nd, Provincial grant, seventy dollars; 3rd, for use of bulls, nineteen dollars and fifty cents; 4th, balance on hand last year, nine dollars and twenty-three cents; total, one hundred and seventy-four dollars and seventy-three cents, (\$174.73). The whole expenditure of the Society