

rams, one Leicester ewe, and two bulls, the one Durham and the other a Devon.

Hay has been a very good crop this season. Potatoes and all kinds of grain have been somewhat inferior.

DAVID MOORE,
DUNCAN McLEAN.

You will find below a few resolutions passed by our Society, which you will please lay before the Central Board of Agriculture.

1st. When this Society was made acquainted that the managers had consented to give five pounds out of the Provincial Grant of next year, for the benefit of our Provincial Exhibition, it was moved, and passed by the Society, that £7 10s. be given in place of £5. So you can count on the £7 10s.

2nd. Moved and passed, that Colonel Lawrie be recommended as a suitable person to fill the vacancy in the Central Board.

3rd. Moved by Colonel Lawrie, and passed.—Whereas the method pursued by those empowered to provide the meat for the Army and Navy is by tender and contract, and on account of competition, it is generally taken very low, and to prevent the contractor from sustaining a loss, he buys an inferior quality of beef, which causes the consumer to live on a poor article; and has likewise the effect of ruling the market for all other kinds of meat, and consequently there is no encouragement for the farmer to provide a first class quality.

Resolved—Therefore that the Secretary of the Central Board of Agriculture be requested to bring before the Board the propriety of advising the authorities that provide or arrange for the supply of the beef for the Army and Navy, that they would follow the English system of providing said article.

YARMOUTH TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Hebron, Yarmouth, Dec. 11, 1867.

DEAR SIR,—I herewith forward report of the Annual Meeting of the Yarmouth Agricultural Society, together with a statement of the financial condition of the Society, &c.

The Society met in annual meeting on the 3rd inst., at 10 o'clock, A.M. Josiah Raymond, Esq., Pres., in the chair.—Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Treasurer's account submitted, showing balance on hand of \$196.82½ Provincial Grant for 1867 yet unknown; account passed. Voted that Society continue for another year.

The following officers were then elected. Pres., Henry Saunders; Vice-Pres. and Treas., Charles Caham; Secretary James Crosby; Directors, Alexander

Crosby, Isaiah Crosby, William Durke, Charles Butler, Samuel Crosby.

The Society has held no Exhibition this year, it being thought preferable to omit it for one year, and appropriate the funds to purchase of stock. Society now wishes to purchase two Bulls, one Devon and one Alderney, and one or more Alderney Heifers to the extent of the funds. The only expenditures of the Society for the year is the sum of \$8.84c for rent, fuel, postage, advertizing &c.

I remain yours truly
JAMES CROSBY, Sec'y.

AGRICULTURAL PERIODICALS.

We have frequent enquiries from Secretaries of Societies, respecting the periodicals best adapted to farmers in the Province; and it may therefore be well, notwithstanding our limited space, to endeavour to indicate briefly the contents of the various Journals received during the past month.

The *American Agriculturist*, (Orange Judd & Co., 245 Broadway, New York—\$1.50 per annum,) opens with one of Landseer's dog pictures, and a very pretty picture it is for a dog club if not for a sheep farmer. There is a very interesting letter from Mr. Judd, who has been on a pleasure trip in Europe, who tells how he crossed Garibaldi's path near Rome, and what he saw on the sides of Vesuvius and in the partly exhumed streets of the ancient city of Pompeii. But the Journal is an agricultural one, and the principal articles are on agricultural subjects. There is a paper of great value on the crossing of our Domestic Cattle with the Buffalo of the Western prairies; both half breeds and quarter breeds are figured, the flesh is said to be superior, the animals of great weight; and we trust some of our Red River friends who have the means so conveniently at command, will show us that something good can come out of the Great West of which we hear so much. We have scarcely room to enumerate the titles of the most interesting papers: Road-making, Draining, House Plants, Bees, Our Sugar Supply, Fences, Peruvian Guano, and the Chincha Islands with drawings, the American Mistletoe with woodcut, an Apple Portrait, the Mount Vernon Pear, Horseradish, Tomatoes, Mignonette, Domestic Hints,—these are but a tithe of the useful articles to be found in this most valuable of the American Agricultural Journals. There are likewise the advertisements of the various nurserymen and seedsmen, which to our farmers are quite as valuable as the editorial matter.

The *Canada Farmer* has articles on the Structure and Office of Leaves, How to Exterminate the Thistle, Notes on Tree Plantations, the Winter Management of

Stock, (the remarks on which should be carefully read by all our farmers), an improved Check and Driving Rein, which will, no doubt, work well enough when the horse is quiet; a classification of Native Hogs, Influenza in Horses, various Dairy articles; others on Etymology, Social and Industrial Condition, Poultry, Fish, &c. The *Canada Farmer* ought to circulate widely in all our Agricultural Societies, most of the articles being well adapted to our latitude. The Editor devotes an article to the Reaping Machine, in which he remarks that the Rev. Patk. Bell of Carmyle, Perthshire, "claims" to be the inventor of the machine. Now, Mr. Bell does not "claim" anything of the kind, in the American sense of the term; but all those who know the history of the machine, know that Mr. Bell was the inventor.—And the Farmers of Britain are now raising by subscription a testimonial of their gratitude and esteem.

The *American Stock Journal* is replete with information respecting the various breeds of horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, poultry, and even smaller fry. If any one wants to know more than he already knows of the varieties of domestic animals, or if he wants to know the best ways and means of attending to their wants and comforts, and how to fatten up the finest animals at the least expense, let him turn over the pages of Messrs. Boyer & Co's. *Stock Journal*, of Gum Tree, Chester County, Pa., price \$1 per annum. The January number commences a new volume. It contains the usual amount of valuable articles, among which we notice, "Health of Dairy Stock in Winter." "The Most Profitable Breeds of Sheep." "Ayrshire Cattle." "Winter Diseases of Horses." "Jersey Cows." "Founder in Horses." "Hints on Care of Stock for January." "Improved Manger—Feeding Horses." "Rural Economy." "Ventilate your Stables." "Keep only the Best Stock." "Short-Horns as Milkers." "China or Hong Kong Geese." "Goiter in Lambs." "Winter Work in the Barn and Stock Yard." "Hamburg Fowls," &c. Every farmer should subscribe for it.

The *Colonial Farmer* of Fredericton, New Brunswick, gives an interesting record of the doings of the farming community in that part of the Dominion. It is as much a newspaper as an agricultural journal, but the selections are very judicious.

The *Gardeners' Monthly*, Philadelphia, \$2 per annum, is an excellent gardening journal, which reaches us occasionally. Our fruit growing friends would do well to look into the pages of the Monthly, in which judgments that are apparently candid, but sometimes rather unmerciful, are given respecting new varieties of fruit. We regret to observe a notice of the death of Dr. Dewey, of Rochester, a well