

will be a considerable increase in membership in 1873. This Society has from time to time met with considerable loss in stock that was purchased for its use, but has always supplied its place with other animals. The stock of cattle have improved very much within a few years, and farmers generally are taking more pains to keep animals that will be a credit to their farms. The policy of this Society is not so much a direct, as an indirect, benefit to all through the advantage gained by introducing superior stock.

The thorough-bred Durham Bull, Duke of Cardwell, purchased two years ago at the Provincial Sale, proved a failure, and the directors considered it useless to keep him any longer. He was sold at auction in January for \$18.00. They advertised in the Journal last winter for a thorough-bred Bull to supply his place, but could not obtain one that would suit the Society, and consequently had to purchase a Grade, to supply one section during the past season. In view of purchasing Thorough-Bred Stock at the Provincial Sale, he was sold at the quarterly meeting in September.

In accordance with resolution of last annual meeting, the Directors were instructed to take into consideration the propriety of holding a county exhibition in the autumn of 1872. They appointed a committee to call a Public Meeting in Truro on the 10th of January, at which meeting a committee was appointed to hold an exhibition in Truro, September 26th, 1872, under the auspices of the different Societies of the County, open to the competition of the Province. As many of you are aware, the exhibition proved very creditable to the County. The improvement in Stock was marked, and much admired—especially the young Devons. The officers beg to state that they are under obligations to Israel Longworth Esq., for a very able address delivered by him at the quarterly meeting in September last, and they regret that so few of the farmers availed themselves of the opportunity of hearing so interesting and instructive an address.

The Committee appointed by the Society purchased at the Provincial Sale, 2 pure-bred Bulls, Durham and Devon, which they trust will do good service. The Society now owns 3 Durham, 2 Devon, 1 Ayrshire, and 2 Grade Bulls, in all eight.

The membership for the year is 171. The returns have been duly certified and sent to the Central Board. The animals have been located for the next year. In a Society containing so many sections there will always be a choice in the animals. We trust that each section, if not able to obtain the animal it desired, will be satisfied, as all could not obtain the best.

The following is the financial statement: The receipts of the Society for the year have been \$366.83; disbursements \$445.24, leaving a balance against the Society of \$78.41. To cover this there is the Provincial Grant for 1872, now due, probably about \$115.00, and the subscription of members for the present year \$171.00, making \$286.00, which will leave to the credit of the Society \$207.50.

The following persons were elected as Officers and Directors for the coming year,—*President*, Wm. Blair; *Vice President*, Robert Putnam; *Secretary*, Isaac Barnhill; *Treasurer*, Wm. N. Dickson; *Directors*: Timothy Putman, David E. Cutten, Daniel Hislop,

Wm. Sutherland, Wm. F. Putman, Alex. Cutten and Robert Gammel.

Israel Longworth, Esq., was elected as representative of the Society, to meet with the other representatives of the County for the purpose of electing one of their number to be a member of the Central Board. A new Section was organized in Upper Stewiacke, and one in Truro, (provisionally.)

It was resolved that in the event of there not being a Provincial Exhibition held next year, that the Directors take steps to hold a County Exhibition.

ISAAC BARNHILL, *Secretary*.

BARRINGTON AGRI. SOCIETY.

BARRINGTON, Dec. 11th, 1872.

The Barrington Agricultural Society held its Annual Meeting as usual on the first Tuesday in December.

A report of the Committee for the past year was submitted, from which we extract the following:—

"During the Spring, a quantity of various kinds of seeds was obtained and distributed among members, and, though the cold weather retarded the process of vegetation, the productive results have been satisfactory, particularly in the case of Rose Potatoes, Ruta Baga Turnips, Mangold Wurtzel Beet, Belgian Carrot and most garden vegetables. The Hay Crop was abundant, and as it usually gets from \$16 to \$18 per ton, is probably one of the most profitable.

Owing to the lack of sufficient funds, the Committee were unable to hold an exhibition as ordered at the last Annual Meeting, and they have deemed it advisable to husband the Society's means until sufficient has accumulated for that purpose, as well as the purchase of improved Stock. The Chester White Boar was sold last winter, to be kept entire until Summer. His issues have proved a valuable improvement on the old stock, some having weighed when a year old from four to five hundred pounds.

The Bull (a Grade) was sold recently, and it is earnestly recommended that a thorough-bred be purchased the ensuing Spring. It is believed our breed of cows was some years ago of a superior quality, but is now somewhat degenerated, and that an effort should be made to resuscitate its good qualities by breeding with approved Stock. Farmers possessing good Stock are requested to raise all their calves, and others not possessing them are advised to obtain the good breeds. This is particularly urged, as heretofore proper care has not been taken to preserve the best stock.

The Treasurer reports the receipts for the year \$162.59; expenditure \$72.05, leaving a balance on hand of \$90.54.

The following officers were then elected:—*President*, A. C. A. Doane; *Vice President*, John K. Knowles; *Secretary*, R. H. Crowell; *Treasurer*, F. Homer; *Directors*: Robert Hogg, Israel Doane, Alex. Watson, Nehemiah Doane and Josiah Coffin.

After which discussions took place, relative to the different kinds of grasses best suited to our soil, some preferring white clover and the commonly called French grass vicia seem natural to this region, and is well liked by cattle, others timothy and red clover. The different kinds of manures and how to apply them; fruit trees, and how best to cultivate them, and sundry other matters came under

consideration, and after a pleasantly, and we trust profitably spent evening, the meeting adjourned to convene on the first Tuesday in April next.

A. C. A. Doane, Esq., was elected an elector for a representative to the Central Board.
R. H. CROWELL, *Secretary*.

KEMPT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Society purchased a quantity of clover and timothy seed last Spring, which was given to members of the Society at cost and charges.

We have purchased one Grade Devon Bull, at a cost of about thirty-five (\$35.00) dollars (bills not all received,) which was sold at auction for twenty-eight dollars—members of the Society only being allowed to purchase.

We gave some assistance to one member towards purchasing a Grade Ayrshire; and a Grade Durham, a cross of Durham and Alderney, is engaged to arrive in the Spring. We were anxious to obtain some of the pure blooded Stock, sold at Halifax in October, and made an effort to do so, but were out-bidden. We hope to have better success at another time.

The crops in this section have in general been good. Notwithstanding the unfavorable Spring, Hay was a full average crop and secured in good condition.

Potatoes, a good crop, and excellent in quality. Grain of all kinds a fair crop, except Buckwheat, which was light in yield.

The season has been unusually favourable for pasturage, and stock is generally in fine condition.

WILLIAM E. FREEMAN, *Secty*.

GLENELG AGRICULT. SOCIETY, CO. GUYSBORO'.

The Officers and Directors of Glenelg Agricultural Society, beg leave to report as follows:—A resolution adopted at last meeting, sixteen bushels Early Canada Fyfe Wheat were procured for seed, and also fourteen bushels Early Rose Potatoes, and 200 pounds Red Clover Seed, which were distributed in equal proportions to members of the Society at half cost. The wheat has proved to be an inferior crop. Your committee feel the day has gone by when we can rely upon wheat as a safe crop, and think farmers in this locality act wisely in sowing small quantities of it. The Early Rose Potatoes have given an abundant yield. The season, however, was favorable for potatoes, and all sorts planted have given an abundant yield. The apparent necessity existing for an improvement in farm stock prompts your committee to suggest the propriety of appropriating the funds of the Society for the purpose of procuring, during the ensuing year, animals suitable to the wants of the farm. It is a matter of regret that no attempt was made to procure one or more of the animals recently imported and sold at Halifax by the Board of Agriculture.

There are now in the hands of the Secretary and Treasurer to the credit of the Society, sixty dollars and eighty-seven cents (\$60.87), this sum not including the annual subscriptions of members for this year.

JOHN A. KIRK, *Secretary, pro. tem.*
GLENELG, 3rd Dec., 1872.