

company them; but when he arrived it was in autumn, the crops were all housed, except the potatoes, and his engagements were such as to prevent the carrying out of the arrangement; but they would urge their successors not to lose sight of the scheme, but to endeavor to prosecute it during the ensuing season, as they believe much benefit would accrue from a proper system of visitation of farms being carried out.

Your committee would congratulate the society on the improvements in the markets, manifested during the past season for all kinds of agricultural produce and the cash system pursued in payment, prices for every article being in advance of what they have been heretofore, and this they would hail as the dawn of brighter days for the agriculturists of Pictou, than they have ever heretofore enjoyed.

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:—*President*, D. Matheson; *Vice-President*, John McKenzie; *Secretary*, J. D. McDonald; *Treasurer*, James Ives. *Directors*: Adam Gordon, Donald Fraser, William Rubly, Robt. McLean and Adam McKean.

All which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID MATHESON, *President*.
J. D. McDONALD, *Secretary*.

MAXWELTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The M. A. Society met in accordance with the Act, on the first Tuesday of December, when the following report was read and adopted by the meeting. In a former report sent in on August 28th, the proceedings of the society were brought down to that date. From that date to the close of the year, we now send you a copy of the report read at the meeting:

In September last a member of the society proceeded to P. E. Island and purchased a number of rams, at a cost of £24 2s. 1d.; the expense connected with their purchase will be seen in the annual account. But owing to the number of societies in the different counties of the province who had purchased rams previous to our society, the rams purchased by us were not of so superior a quality as we expected, and having still a part of our funds in hand we agreed to purchase one of the rams imported from Britain last summer,—and a gentleman in Halifax having kindly consented to attend the sale and act for us, we instructed him to go as high as £15, but as all the rams went above that amount, we failed in procuring one. We then appointed the President of the society to attend the sale of Canadian rams in Pictou, which he did, and purchased for us one of these, an animal superior to any of the kind ever

brought to the county of Pictou, at a cost of £5 10s. In looking at the stock of pigs kept by the majority, if not by all the farmers in our section of the county, we considered that they were a very inferior breed, and that there was ample room for improvement, and having still a balance of our funds in hand, we resolved to purchase a superior boar the first opportunity that offered; and a gentleman having informed us that a superior Berkshire boar could be purchased in Halifax, on reasonable terms, we engaged the services of that gentleman to purchase said animal, and have him sent to us by rail and express, to New Glasgow, to a person instructed to take charge of him.—And in conclusion would beg leave to say, that in transacting the business of the society, we have studied its best interest, by being as economical as possible under the circumstances in which we were placed, and also in the selection of the animals purchased, which, we trust, will give general satisfaction.

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—*Pres.*, James McKay; *Vice-Pres.*, Jno. Thomson; *Sec'y*, Jas. W. Patten; *Treas.*, Colin McKenzie; *Directors*, Alex. McPhee, J. D. Murray, James Patten, John McDonald, George McDonald.

Expenditure.

To amount expended in purchasing bull	-	£10	0	0
Expense in purchasing, &c.	-	1	5	0
Purchasing rams in P.E.I.	-	24	2	1
Freight and charges	-	5	18	9
Paid for Canadian ram	-	5	10	0
Freight and expenses	-	1	2	9
Agricultural Journals	-	1	5	0
Contingencies	-	0	18	9
		£50	2	4

Receipts.

Subscriptions of members	£10	0	0	
Provincial grant	-	18	5	0
Subscription of members	-	12	0	0
Provincial grant	-	15	0	0
Realized by service of bull	-	0	7	6
		£55	17	6
Balance in hand, Dec. 1865,		5	15	2

JAMES W. PATTEN, *Sec'y*.

MERIGOMISH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the M.A. Society was held in the school-house, Dec. 5th, 1865. The report showed that the number of members for the past year was forty-seven, and that the amount allotted from the provincial grant, for the encouragement of agriculture, was \$63. The sum of \$77 of the funds of the society was expended in the purchase of sheep.

Cotswold Ewe	-	-	\$55	00
Leicester Ram	-	-	22	00
Expenses attending said sheep	-	-	8	08
Stationery	-	-	0	80
			\$65	88

We intended expending the balance in hand in the purchase of hogs, but were disappointed.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—*Pres.*, Robt. Brown; *Vice-Pres.*, Ronald McVicar; *Sec'y and Treas.*, David Mitchell; *Directors*, Duncan McIntosh, Andrew P. Miller, Robt. S. Copeland, Angus McDonald, William Sutherland.

ROBERT BROWN, *Pres.*
DAVID MITCHELL, *Sec'y*.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

CALEDONIA AND KEMPT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Kempt, 23rd December, 1865.

At the annual meeting of the Caledonia and Kempt Agricultural Society held on the first Tuesday in December, the following statement was submitted—that agreeable to a resolution passed at the organization of this society, the subscription was increased to \$55, and the Treasurer's certificate for that amount, with other proceedings of the society, was forwarded to the Central Board of Agriculture for their approval; that the Board has been pleased to recognize our society, and granted us the sum of \$110, which with the above subscription makes the sum of \$165, now in the hands of the Treasurer for the use of this society.

As the season was so far advanced before our society was organized, and after waiting to know whether we would be acknowledged by the Board of Agriculture, there has not been time to act respecting the expenditure of the money, it being so near the time for the annual meeting it was thought best to submit to the whole society to decide upon.

We would also beg leave to recommend that the funds now in hand be expended in the purchase of pure stock.

The following persons were chosen for officers for the ensuing year:—*President*, Milton Douglas; *Vice-President*, Charles Cushing; *Secretary*, Edward P. Freeman; *Treasurer*, George Freeman. *Directors*: Thomas Keillor, James F. More, Michael Scott, James Douglas, John Lacy.

That this meeting consider it best to wait until the quarterly meeting in March before making any purchase, and in the meantime to try and ascertain where we can obtain such animals as we require.