

DARTMOUTH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

5th DECEMBER, 1871.

At a regular meeting of the members of the above society, held this evening at the residence of Peter Farquarson, Esq., present:—M. Tobin, *Pres.*, A. Kuhn, *Vice-Pres.*, J. Short, *Sec'y.*, P. Farquarson, *Tres.*, J. Ross, A. Hutchinson, S. Rutherford, J. Lamont, A. Tobin, John Little, Jno Huskins, E. Crosse, John Beck, Jas. Arnold, R. T. Isenor, A. Tulloch, R. Little and A. Rutherford.

Minutes of 7th and 12th of April were read and confirmed.

Read Circular from Board of Agriculture, dated 24th of October, 1871, relative to an act passed during the last session of the Provincial Legislature, requiring each Agricultural Society to elect a representative at the Central Board.

Moved by A. Kuhn, and seconded by P. Farquarson, that M. Tobin, Esq., be nominated by this society, in accordance with the act. Passed unanimously.

Moved and seconded that twenty dollars be paid the Secretary, as compensation for his services. Passed unanimously.

At auction, it was moved and seconded that Jas. Rutherford take charge of the Bull for the next 4 months, at the rate of \$7.40 per month, to expire on the 16th April. Passed unanimously—with the understanding that members should have the services of the Bull for fifty cents, and non-members one dollar each.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—*Pres.*, M. Tobin; *Vice-Pres.*, A. Kuhn; *Sec'y.*, T. Short; *Tres.*, P. Farquarson; *Directors*, D. Donovan, A. Giles, J. Hoskins and E. Crosse.

The following list of prizes was announced:—

<i>Wheat.</i>	
1st Prize—J. Ross, 60 lbs per bush.,	.....\$2.50
2nd " —J. Hoskins, 59½ " " "	..... 1.50
<i>Black Oats.</i>	
1st Prize—R. Little, Senr., 41 lbs per bush.,	\$1.50
2nd " —J. Ross, 39 " " "	1.00
<i>White Oats.</i>	
1st Prize—J. Hoskins, 41½ lbs per bush.,	..\$1.50.
2nd " —A. Tulloch, 38½ " " "	.. 1.00.
<i>Barley.</i>	
1st Prize—A. Kuhn, 53½ lbs per bush.,	...\$2.50
2nd " —J. Little, 52½ " " "	... 1.50
<i>Parsnips.</i>	
1st Prize—A. Kuhn, 13½ lbs per doz.,	.....\$1.00
2nd " —J. Little, 10½ " " "	..... 0.75
<i>Beets.</i>	
1st Prize—J. Ross, 40½ lbs per doz.,	.....\$1.00
2nd " —A. Kuhn 31 " " "	..... 0.75
<i>Carrots, (late).</i>	
1st Prize—H. Giles, 15½ lbs per doz.,	.....\$1.00
2nd " —R. Little, 14 " " "	..... 0.75
<i>Carrots, (early).</i>	
1st Prize—A. Kuhn, 11½ lbs per doz.,	.....\$1.00
2nd " —R. Little, 7½ " " "	..... 0.75

<i>Cabbage.</i>	
1st Prize—E. Crosse, 185½ lbs per doz.,	...\$1.00
2nd " —R. Little, 134½ " " "	.... 0.75
<i>Butter.</i>	
1st Prize—A. Rutherford, 10 lbs.,	.....\$2.50
2nd " —A. Tulloch " " "	..... 1.50
<i>Turnips, (seed).</i>	
1st Prize—A. Kuhn.....	.....\$2.00
<i>Turnips.</i>	
1st Prize—P. Farquarson, 152 lbs per ¼ rod.	\$2.50
2nd " —H. Giles, 146 " " "	2.00
3rd " —A. Tulloch, 136 " " "	1.50
<i>M. Wurtzel.</i>	
1st Prize—A. Tulloch, 202 lbs per ¼ rod.,	..\$2.50
2nd " —D. Conovan, 193 " " "	... 1.50
<i>Potatoes.</i>	
1st Prize—E. Crosse, 119½ lbs per ¼ rod.,	..\$2.50
2nd " —J. Ross, 197½ " " "	... 2.00
3rd " —J. Little, 99 " " "	... 1.50
<i>Drainage.</i>	
E. Crosse, 20 rods.....	\$3.40
A. Tulloch, 22 rods.....	2.74
R. Little, Jr., 27 rods.....	4.59
<i>Ploughing Match.</i>	
1st Prize—J. Ross.....	\$9.00
2nd " —H. Giles.....	8.00
3rd " —J. Morcash.....	7.00
4th " —J. Rutherford.....	6.00
5th " —J. Arnold.....	5.00
6th " —A. Rutherford.....	8.00
7th " —J. Kuhn.....	2.00

Meeting then adjourned until 29th of March, 1872.

T. SHORT, Sec'y.

HALIFAX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

HALIFAX, 5th Dec., 1871.

This day the County of Halifax Agricultural Society held their Annual Meeting, in accordance with the Agricultural Act, in the Rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Among those present were William Duffus, Esq., W. C. Silver, Esq., W. Veith, Esq., J. J. Northup, Esq., Alex. Anderson, Esq., Andrew Downs, Esq., Thomas Leahy, Esq., J. M. Geldert, Esq., Alfred Saunders, Jr., Esq., W. A. McLeod, Esq., Colonel Milsom, Professor Lawson, and others.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, Henry Yeomans, Esq., was requested to take the chair.

The Secretary read a letter from the Hon. Sir William Young, President of the Society, expressing regret for unavoidable absence, in consequence of the opening of the Supreme Court to-day. However ill-judged the Act of last session might be accounted, Sir William stated that it was the duty of the Society to do what in them lay to carry it out, and suggested the appointment of one of the members to meet the representatives of the other Societies in the County in order to keep the organization up till the Legislature improved the present Act. It would never do to permit the results of the recent successful efforts to perish.

A letter was likewise read from Colonel Laurie, stating that the Quarter Sessions met at the same hour as the Society, which would prevent some members attending, but that he hoped to be present before close of the meeting.

A letter was also read from George Madill, Esq., Milford, offering suggestions as to the course to be pursued in reference to the special business of the Society, and expressing regret at the want of imported stock, either Ayrshire or Devon. It is a long time to wait till next Fall, after waiting a year already, and if effective steps are not taken in this regard, it will be impossible in his district to continue the subscriptions.

On motion of Mr. Silver, seconded by Mr. Anderson, Joseph J. Northup, Esq., was nominated the Society's representative to meet with the representatives of the Dartmouth and Upper and Lower Musquodoboit Societies for the purpose of nominating members for Halifax County to the Central Board of Agriculture, who would thereupon be appointed by the Governor in Council.

The Society then proceeded to the election of office-bearers for the ensuing year, when the following were appointed:—*Pres.*, Hon. Sir William Young, Knight; *Vice-Pres.*, Hon. Wm. A. Henry, Colonel Laurie, George Madill, Esq.; *Tres.*, W. C. Silver, Esq., *Sec'y.*, Professor Lawson; *Directors*, J. M. Geldert, Esq., Dr. Lewis, Alexander Anderson, Esq., William Duffus, Esq., Charles Hamilton, Esq., Joseph J. Northup, Esq., William Veith, Esq., Andrew Downs, Esq., Saml. Keys, Esq., Wm. Waradrop, Esq., Isaac Logan, Esq., Thomas Keys, Esq., Wm. McKeen, Esq., Alfred Saunders, Esq.

The Treasurer then presented his accounts for the year, which were audited by Messrs. Northup and Anderson, found correct, and certified, the balance in hand being \$321.35, exclusive of Legislative grant for 1871, not yet drawn.

Mr. Northup exhibited samples of Hallett's Pedigree Barley, grown by Mr. Thomas of Windsor. It is the most productive barley that has ever been grown in the Province. Mr. Northup also showed a beautiful sample of the Western Prairie Wheat, raised by Mr. T. A. McDonald of Durham, county of Pictou, which effectually resists rust and weevil, is well adapted in every way to our climate, and produces an excellent quality of flour. The following particulars of this variety of wheat were some time ago furnished by Mr. McDonald to the *Morning Chronicle*:—"In 1868 I received from a friend one pint of Western Prairie Wheat, and have sown the increase of it each year since with very favourable results. In three years the increase of it counts up to the handsome figure of 65 bushels, an average yield of 16 to one each year. It is a very hardy kind of wheat as well as