

I cannot think there is anything in the nature of the soil about Truro that will prevent fruit trees doing well if properly set out and attended to. The subsoil there may perhaps not be congenial to fruit trees, and if such is the case, it should be taken out to a sufficient depth and width, and the good earth from the surface, together with a few broken bones put into its place before the tree is planted. The subsoil or some of it may then be used or spread on the surface without detriment to the tree.

Many people injure their young trees by acting under the idea that each tree should be well manured at the time of planting, whereas manure should not be applied to the roots of any fruit trees the first year of their being set out. Let them first take root in the soil they are placed in (as above directed) and after that—though manuring may be easily overdone while the trees are still young—yet as a rule, by cultivating some crop around, and close up to them, which requires manure you are sure to help them.

A fruit tree will of itself, almost tell you when it lacks food or has too much of it. In the one case the stunted tree will more than likely have a profusion of blossom with fruit of very small size, hard and unpalatable, and the new wood will be very short, while the gorged tree will go almost entirely to wood. The happy medium is the thing.

The best time to feed fruit liberally, is after the fruit is fairly set, and until it has obtained its full growth, by discreet liquid manuring during this period, the fruit may be increased to more than double its ordinary size.

We who have not an apple soil, like that of Horton, or Cornwallis, &c., will have to be very careful how we set our trees out, and how we work them.

Keep the borer and bark-louse from the bark. Prune the head carefully and systematically, keep the roots well drained so that no sour or stagnant water shall surround and poison them; keep the grass from matting over them, give them room enough, food enough, and fair play, and I believe all who plant an orchard will if they live, eat of the fruit thereof.

BEDFORD.

YOUNG DURHAM BULL FOR SALE.—The Subscriber has for sale a Durham Bull CALF which, for superior breeding cannot be equalled in the Province. He was sired by the full bred Durham Bull "Sir Gaspard," now owned by the Cornwallis Agri. Society. Dam by "Jock the Laird the Fourth," Ayrshire, imported from Mr. Gray of N.B. G. Dam by a thorough-bred Durham. G. G. D. by Young Favourite, imported from London by the late G. R. Young, acting for the Central Board of Agriculture for Nova Scotia. The

said Bull was calved 7th July, 1865. Girth 4 ft. 10 in., length 5 ft. 6 in., weight 500 lbs. Price \$50, if applied for immediately.

C. C. HAMILTON, M.P.P.
Cornwallis, April, 1866.

WANTED—For the Baddeck Agricultural Society, on or about the first of June next, one Durham or Ayrshire BULL, one or two years old. Also, two young Berkshire BOAR PIGS. Persons having the same for sale will please communicate with the subscriber.

R. A. JONES, Secretary.
Baddeck, C.B., March 14, 1866.

PREPARATION OF MANURE FROM FISH OFFALS—ROOT GRAFTING.

Angus McKay, Esq., North Shore, St. Ann's, requests to be informed through the *Agricultural Journal*, "what is the simplest method of decomposing fish offals, by means of lime;" also, "the best method of Root Grafting."

IMPORTATIONS OF SHEEP FROM P. E. ISLAND.

Our correspondence with the Secretaries of Societies in the Eastern part of the Province and Cape Breton shows that there is there a general belief among farmers that any number of sheep of pure breed may be obtained from Prince Edward Island. Persons who are well acquainted with agricultural affairs on the Island have expressed a very different opinion. It is said that of late years the sheep have been allowed to run out, as it was only last summer that a small importation was made from England with a view to redeem the character of the Island flocks. Now, it would serve a useful purpose if some of those gentlemen connected with societies, who imported rams from the Island last year, would publish through our columns an explicit account of the animals obtained, the particular localities in which and farmers from whom they were obtained, the prices paid, and the opinions of Nova Scotian farmers as to their merits.

Agricultural Societies.

NORTH SHORE ST. ANN'S AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

I beg leave to inform you that immediately on receipt of yours a meeting was held in the school house here for the purpose of acquainting the members with their portion of the Provincial Grant, and also for the purpose of adopting the best means of importing a few rams of an improved breed from P. E. Island.—In reference to the latter a brief discus-

sion took place, when it was unanimously resolved, that as it was so late in the season, the funds of the society remain in the Treasurer's hands, until next June, when the society would send one of the members to P. E. Island purposely for such. The sum of forty dollars was subscribed towards the funds for the present year. The society then re-appointed their former office-bearers, after which the secretary was requested by the society to thank the Central Board through you for the kindness shewn them.

Sum in Treasurer's hands - - \$41 00
Sum granted to society - - - 49 00

\$90 00

Paid Journal of Agriculture - \$2 50
In Treasurer's hands - - - 87 50

\$90 00

North Shore, 31st March, 1866.

BRIDGEWATER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A new Agricultural Society has been formed during the past month at Bridgewater, in the county of Lunenburg, numbering 70 members, nearly all of whom have already paid their subscriptions. Mr. DesBrisay acts as Secretary of the new society, and A. Hebb, Esq., M. P.P., has taken the necessary steps for having the society put on the list of those organized under the Board of Agriculture and entitled to participate in the government grant.

BADDECK AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

At a quarterly meeting of the Board of the Baddeck Agricultural Society, held in the Secretary's office, on the sixth day of March, A. D. 1866,—present: Alex. Taylor, Pres.; William Jones, Vice-Pres.; David McCurdy, Robt Anderson, James Kiley, George Ingraham, Directors; Robt. A. Jones, Sec'y, it was moved, seconded, and passed, that the Secretary accept the offer made by Elias Calkins, of West Cornwallis, to furnish the Society next autumn with the number of lambs required by the Society; and that the Secretary is hereby authorised to make such arrangements as may be best suited to the society in getting such sheep. It was also agreed to purchase from Mr. Calkins eight ram and two ewe lambs of the Cheviot breed, and two ram lambs of the old Dishley, if delivered at Halifax next autumn, at \$5 per head.

It was also agreed that the Secretary inquire and purchase from Mr. Calkins, if they can be had, four barrels of good seed potatoes, two bbls. of one kind and two of another; also to inquire of Mr. Calkins if he can furnish the society with