

All the officers were continued in office for the ensuing year.

Since the last report this Society have expended \$175 in the purchase of seed and farming implements of different kinds, and have a balance on hand from the sale of such, and other sources, amounting to \$82.55.

Last year this Society imported a young sow and a boar, which have given good satisfaction, they being of the White Chester breed.

Respecting the crops, the result was better than was anticipated. Hay was a fair average, there being considerably more cut than last year, but the weather was very unfavorable in getting it housed. There were three mowing machines imported during the summer which would have been a great help in cutting the hay if the weather had been favorable to dry it. Oats were very good. Barley about middling, and not so largely sown as oats. Potatoes were good in some parts and in other places they were considerably rotted, and in some localities a complete failure.

I was elected by the meeting to meet members of other societies in the County of Digby to choose a representative for the Central Board of Agriculture for this County.

ANSELM M. COMEAU, *Sec'y.*
Clare, Dec. 15th, 1871.

ONSLow AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The officers, in reporting, are happy to be able to congratulate the members on the very healthy condition of the Society. The addition of two sections of the county, viz., Middle Stewiacke and Clifton, has swelled the roll of membership to 169, and the advantages being derived, year by year, by the introduction of superior stock are not only a source of profit that cannot be estimated, but also a source of pleasure to all who take delight in the prosperity of this, their native county.

The Directors have this year purchased a thorough-bred Ayrshire bull, making in all seven of different breeds now owned by the society, five of which are thorough-bred, and they had made arrangements to have the other two replaced by purchasing at a sale that they expected would take place this fall, of stock imported by the Central Board; but, owing to the position in which the Board found themselves by an Act of the last session of the Legislature, they were unable to make any importation until they were reorganized under the said Act. And you will be called upon to-day to select from your number a person whose duty it will be to assist in organizing the new Board.

The Directors have therefore endeavored to make the best arrangements in their power for the next year with the

stock they now have, and they trust that each section will be satisfied.

The stock are all here, ready to be taken to their several stations.

The Directors trust that steps will be taken to-day with a view to holding a county exhibition in 1872.

They would earnestly recommend a larger circulation of agricultural literature, as tending in a great measure to assist the farmer in his improvement. They are pleased to note that some of our farmers are making large outlays in underdraining, and trust that they will be amply repaid for their labor.

The returns have been duly certified and sent to the Secretary of the Central Board.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The disbursements of the Society for the year are \$315, and the receipts \$265, leaving a balance against the Society of \$50, which will be covered by the Provincial grant now due of about \$90, and the annual subscription of members which is also due \$169, making \$259, which will leave to the credit of the Society \$209.

The following persons were elected as officers and directors for the coming year: Wm. Blair, *President*; Robert Putnam, *Vice-President*; Isaac Barnhill, Esq., *Secretary*; W. H. Dickson, *Treasurer*; *Directors*, Thomas Dunlap, Alexander Barnhill, James Train, junr., John C. Archibald, Wm. P. Archibald, Wm. F. Putnam and Hugh McKenzie. 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 represent at the Central Board.

On motion of Israel Longworth, Esq., the Directors were instructed to take into consideration the propriety of holding a County Exhibition in the fall of 1872. A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring President, J. B. Dickie, Esq., for his valuable services as President, he having occupied that important position ever since the Society was organized.

WM. BLAIR, *Sec'y.*

KING'S COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Society's Annual Report for 1871 shows that it has 50 names on its roll, including Honorary Members. The sum spent in purchase and keep of animals during the year amounted to about \$100. The Society owns a Bull, two Boars, two Rams, and several farm implements. During the season, the services of a Bull and two Boars were also secured, and the Members have had the use of the very superior Short-Horn Bull, "Rolaud," owned by Mr. Joseph B. Bowser, and formerly spoken of in our column, (Nova Scotia Herd-Book, No. 32).

The improvements made in the different departments of agriculture since the formation of Agricultural Societies are very visible in this District. Buildings are better arranged, both for comfort and convenience, lands better tilled, and better fenced, stock much improved with a general enquiry for pure breeds.

With respect to the crops of the past season—Hay, on good uplands, was good crop, and housed in good condition; but the Dikes which were flooded in 1869 produced about half a crop or less than in 1870; and the grain sown thereon was a small crop, and middling large breadth of land was sown with different kinds of wheat about the first week of June, and the crop generally good. That sown earlier was nearly destroyed by the weevil. Oats sown on uplands yielded well. A large breadth was planted with potatoes, and the yield pretty good, but the blight arrested their growth early in the season, and the tubers are not so good in quality as in former years. Indian Corn, not extensively cultivated, was a good crop. Other grains generally good. Garden vegetables generally good. The fruit crop was generally light, especially plums.

The Society did not hold any exhibition, considering that the funds could be more profitably expended in purchasing stock of improved breeds.

Officers elected:—Thos. Tuzo, *Pres.*; Robert L. Stewart, *Vice-Pres.*; John Simson, *2nd Vice-Pres.*; Geo. Hamilton, *Sec'y and Treas.*; William Falkner, *Assistant. Committee*, Nathan L. Fuller, Wm. Falkner, Chas. Reid, Daniel Allen, and Samuel Palmeter.

Thomas Tuzo was chosen a Delegate to meet with the Delegates from other Societies in King's County to nominate a Member for the Central Board.

GEO. HAMILTON, *Sec'y.*

A thunderstorm, similar to the one that wrecked the spire of Chalmers' Church and the Post Office Observatory, passed eastward over the Sackville Valley on Monday afternoon. The forked lightning as it reached the ground assumed the form of balls of fire. A house half a mile from the Beaver Bank Station had its chimney destroyed, the inmates considerably shocked, and a hole was fused in the bottom of a cast iron kettle standing on the stove.

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