

The Treasurer's account shows a paying membership of 42, as also a balance in hand in favour of the Society of \$35.50.

The Society have under their control two Durham Bulls; one purchased from Mr. John Margison of King's County is a very fine animal and a good stock getter.

The following are the officers for 1873: *President*, Oliver Foster; *Vice-President*, Charles B. Whitman; *Treasurer*, W. G. Foster; *Secretary*, Eugene P. Troop; *Directors*; Avaril Willet, Alfred Vidito, George Willet, Benjamin Chute, Delaney Harris.

Charles B. Whitman was nominated the Society's representative at the Central Board.

OLIVER FOSTER, *Pres.*
E. P. TROOP, *Sec'y.*

UNION SOCIETY OF PUGWASH.

Report of the Union Agricultural Society of Pugwash, Cumberland, presented at the Annual meeting on Nov. 25th, 1872.

This Society, in May last, purchased a quantity of Clover seed, which was sold to the members of the Society at cost, and with the money realized the Society purchased five Leicester Rams, pure bred, from Henry Longworth, P. E. Island, which have been distributed among the members for the use of the Society.

Office-bearers for the ensuing year:—*President*, C. T. Oulton; *Vice Pres.*, P. Chisholm; *Treas.*, John Stewart; *Secy.*, T. A. Fraser; *Directors*, J. H. Angus, R. McKinnon, H. McDonald, William Kennedy, S. Fraser.

CHAS. G. OULTON, *President.*
T. A. FRASER, *Secretary.*

AMHERST AGRI. SOCIETY.

Following are the officers elected:—*President*, Thomas R. Black; *Vice-President*, Torrey Bent; *Treasurer*, Charles H. Bent; *Secretary*, Hiram Black; *Directors*; Messrs. James E. Pope, Maynard Freeman, Hoad Coates, Rupert Coats, Martin Chapman, Esq.

WINDSOR AGRICULTURAL SOC'Y.

WINDSOR, Dec. 4th, 1872.

Report of the proceedings at the Annual meeting of the Windsor Agricultural Society, held at Mr. O'Shaunnessy's Hotel, Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, 1872:

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—*President*, Isaiah Dimock; *Vice Pres.*, Robert Bacon; *Treas.*, James Dill; *Secretary*, Alfred Thomas; *Directors*, John Taylor, Wm. Palmer, Jr., Rev. Mr. Almon, H. Brown, A. Blanchard.

Hon. R. A. McHaffey elected for the Society as candidate for election to the Central Board.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The Windsor Agricultural Society consists of forty-one members, two new members having been recently added. The annual Fair was held as usual on the Public Ground, for account of which vide report *Journal Agriculture*, October. The estimate of crops in this vicinity may be classed as follows: Hay crop about an average; Potato crop light and diseased; Grain, almost a failure; Turnip, a good average. The Society invested largely in Government stock, purchasing two bulls at a cost of \$401.70, leaving \$137.83 to be made up after deducting the Government grant, a large amount being raised by private subscription. At a special meeting held Oct. 15th and Nov. 9th arrangements were made for purchase and distribution of said stock—(details in Secretary's book.) The funds of the Society, on account of the low rate of subscription, will be inadequate to meet the increasing demands that will be made upon them to enable them to keep up with the times, it is therefore advisable that the subscriptions be raised from \$2.00 to \$4.00 per annum. Also, that the establishment of a Farmers' Club is recommended to discuss subjects generally relating to Agriculture.

On account of the small number of members present the report was ordered to be laid on the table.

A Committee was appointed to take steps to ascertain if formation of a Farmer's Club was possible.

The Society now owns three Bulls, the services of which are to be paid for at the following rates, members \$1, outsiders \$2.

ALFRED THOMAS, *Sec.*

NORTH QUEEN'S AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

CALEDONIA, DEC. 11th, 1872.

The North Queen's Agricultural Society held its Yearly Meeting, Dec. 11th. After closing the business of the past year, a subscription list was opened for another year. Forty-one members entered at one dollar each. The following officers were elected, viz:—*President*, Charles Cushing, Jr.; *Vice-President*, Charles H. Baxter; *Secretary*, B. L. Telfer; *Treasurer*, Milton F. Douglas.

The funds of the past year have been spent in choice Seeds, Implements, &c. The funds of the two previous years were spent in Stock.

B. L. TELFER, *Sec.*

Miscellaneous.

APICULTURE.

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Extracts from the opening address at the discussion on Bee-culture before the New York Agricultural Society, at the Annual meeting in Albany, September, 1871, by the Rev. E. Vauslyke:

"We mean to prove to these friends this evening that Apiculture is not a fallacy; that in its intelligent practice there are results as certain and as highly satisfactory as in the successful explorations of the wide domains of Agriculture. We will even take higher ground in the unqualified assertion that for the capital invested no legitimate business profession or pursuit will pay so large an interest. That no grain that the farmer consigns to the earth, with the full hope of a golden harvest; no operation of the dairy, be it in butter or cheese, or milk; no stock raising, whether graded or thorough-bred; no large fruit operations, whether in the vintage or the orchard; no meadows, with their blue grass verdure; or bottom lands with their timothy; or uplands with their clover—none of these, let them be pursued over so successfully and intelligently, for the same capital, time and labour invested—will ever bring in such rich returns, and I know this is saying a great deal, and that there are, even here, wiser than I, that will shake their heads with real doubt on the subject; but I have not thus thrown down the gauntlet to the industrial interest of our state unadvisedly. I do not take this stand without knowing that underneath me stands the naked rock of truth."

"In 1860 the national census reported in round numbers 23 million four hundred thousand pounds of honey produced in the United States. When the census of 1870 is made known, it is thought by those best fitted to judge of the matter, that on account of the greatly increased interest in American science and the widely extended intelligent culture, the honey product will be found to have increased more than one hundred and fifty per cent over the product of 1860."

"The census of the State of New York in 1865 gave us the honey product of that State for 1864, one million eight hundred thousand pounds" or 900 tons of honey!!!

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