

Resolved, That the Report be received, and ordered to be printed.

Resolved, That Robert Ferguson, Esq. be re-elected President; Andrew Barberie and Hugh Montgomery, Esqs., Vice Presidents; and Arthur Ritchie, John Montgomery, Robert Ritchie, Joseph Hunter, Esqs., and Mr. David McIntosh, Committee.

DUGALD STEWART,
Secretary and Treasurer.

P. E. ISLAND CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The following extract from the Annual Report of this Society contains much useful information :

It has been well observed, that the greater part of remarkable improvements in Agriculture have emanated from persons not regularly bred to the calling. When a man displays energy, decision, and superior talent in his own profession, it may be expected that, should Agriculture become the object of his attention, the science will profit by the application of his matured mind.

In retrospection of the past season, your Committee express much thankfulness that, while neighbouring Countries, and our Father-land, have suffered a diminution of many of the productions of the earth, our own favored Garden-spot has maintained about an average increase, enabling us to dispose of our surplus blessings to our less favored neighbors. A dry seed-time was succeeded by seasonable rains in June, which carried out the hay to a fair crop; and, although the latter part of the season was also dry, the retentive nature of the sub-soil, and the friable condition of the surface, enabled vegetation to perfect its productions; which were well secured in favourable harvest weather.

In regard to our present position and future prospects your Committee discern abundant cause for congratulation. Whilst great commercial and manufacturing Countries—most probably from over-production and over-trading, are greatly convulsed in their credit and monetary concerns, this colony stands exempt from such baneful fluctuations. We hear of the storm that is desolating the commercial world, but are mercifully preserved from its ravages—the steady returns of the soil enabling the settler to meet the demands of the merchant, who is thereby placed in a situation to sustain his credit. Here the poor man can support himself, and make continual advances toward independence; whilst the immigrant with capital or income may not only employ himself pleasantly, usefully and profitably, but may possess himself of comforts and Luxuries sufficient to render life pleasant in any country.

Our future prospects are cheering, and shew that, whilst the culture of the earth is the most happy, independent, rational, natural employment of man, the productions of the soil are the safest staples he can produce or traffic in.

Enquiries for our produce multiply. Our markets increase. One vessel which arrived late in the season from Boston carried away 7280 bus. Oats, which she obtained at the Queen's Wharf, and completed her loading in the unprecedentedly short period of six days, thus shewing the great advantages resulting from the use of Threshing Machines, as that large amount of grain was threshed out during the six days. Your Committee view the increase of those labor-saving machines with much satisfaction.

Another vessel is expected at Three Rivers, from Britain, when the navigation opens, to take back a cargo of Oats, which are said to be in request in the London Market for seed! Barley is sought for in the United States, &c. &c. Shipbuilding, at present, does not wear a very prosperous aspect, nor lumbering. The decline of these may induce Farmer's in General to devote more of their time to the improvement of Farming.

During the past year many very respectable persons have come among us, to enrich us by their intellectual attainments, by investing their capital, or spending their income. We have room for a great many more, and your Committee would rejoice to witness the tide of immigration, of immigrants of a superior class, set in more abundantly to the shores of this Island.

Two Thousand immigrants have arrived at Charlottetown during the past season. Others at different Ports.

The value of land has greatly risen, making it manifest that the powers of the soil are becoming more known, and better appreciated; while the acknowledged salubrity of its climate, cheapness of provisions, improved society, means of education, and facility of enjoying the privileges of Public Worship, render Prince Edward Island increasingly desirable to the man or family who may desire

a social retirement from the busy world, or seek to repair the health, or renew their constitution. Hundreds of British Farmers, too, men respectable and desirable, would joyfully come here and invest the remnant of their diminished capitals, were the Colony made more publicly known in Britain.

The improved stock which has been, and will be introduced, must give Farmers more correct notions of the just and desirable proportions of animals, technically called "points," and lead them to breed from the truest forms.

Nothing would tend more to an improved quality of our grain than a regular and steady trade in Oats, &c., to Britain. The merchant or purchaser, would then be obliged to keep a machine and winnow every parcel of grain when delivered to him. He should also fix a price for the standard weight of 36 lbs. per bush, allowing a certain advance for weight above the standard required by Law, and deducting for deficiencies.

As Labour in all new Countries must be higher in comparison with the price of land, and its productions, it is matter of desire that there may be yet invented a more simple power to drive or propel the different machines the Farmer has so great an occasion to make use of, to lessen the cost of labor, save his fodder, and expedite many of his most important operations.

The subject of Live Fences, Compost, and Draining, might have been enforced; and your Committee would not have deemed themselves out of the path of duty had they glanced at the Fisheries.

We hear a complaint of the great abundance of unemployed British Capital, and must express astonishment that so great a culpable supineness has been shewn to the unequalled advantage of Prince Edward Island as a grand Fishery Station. The productiveness of the soil could support a large amount of persons who might be engaged in Fishing, Manufactures, and Commerce. We have Timber to construct vessels, and a beautiful expanse of waters, surrounding our happy Isle, teeming with riches, which are appropriated by our more enterprising neighbours; who jeer at, while they profit by, our unaccountable remissness. The complaint is, that there are no openings for the profitable investment of capital—surely, then, there has been a great, general, as well as individual, want of patriotism in failing to make known the advantages of this Colony for Fishing or other enterprise. We are credited in other Countries that an Island well peopled, and so situated, should purchase the fish it consumes!!!

It is gratifying to notice, that in addition to the Stock imported by our Committee, the patriotism of private individuals has led to the importation of the following Stock :

A Devonshire Cow, by the Hon. James Peake.

A Leicester Tup, and 2 Ewes, by the Hon. Capt. Swabey.

A Bull of the pure Durham breed (calved in May, 1840.) descended from the celebrated "Comet," 1 Leicester Ram, 6 Ewes and a Tup of the Southdown breed, by Edward C. Haythorn Esq.

A beautiful Cow, 1 Southdown Tup, and 2 Ewes, also a Berkshire Sow and Boar, by John Grubb, Esq.

A fine Canadian Horse, rising six years old, by Mr. John Hyatt.

It is matter of regret that the ad-valorem Impost Duty should continue to be exacted upon the importation of Live Stock, introduced or brought by private persons.

Your Committee had the pleasing duty of executing the resolution of the last General Meeting respecting the Plate which was voted to Mr. David McGill, of Dumfries, who has been the faithful and active agent of this Society, for the last Twelve years. The Plate, consisting of a Tea-pot, Sugar-basin, Milk-ewer, and a quart Jug, were prepared in London, with the following inscription engraved on the principal pieces

"Presented by the Central Agricultural Society of Prince Edward Island, British North America, to Mr. David McGill, of Dumfries, as a testimony of the high sense they entertain of the valuable services rendered by him to that Institution, 6th January, 1841."

In the month of June last, the Plate was forwarded to Mr. McGill, who has duly acknowledged its receipt in a Letter of the 21st July, 1841, which has been already published.

On the 12th May, your Committee received an importation of Ten Tierces of Red Clover Seed, weighing 4188lbs. 4 Cts. have been disposed of, the residue is in store. The past season having been very favorable to the growth and saving of Red Clover, your Committee trust that what has been saved, together