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CHARLOTTE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Forty-third Annual meeting of the Charlotte County Agricultural Society was held at the Town Hall at St. Andrews on Tuesday the 13th day of January, 1863.

The President being unavoidably absent in consequence of a domestic bereavement James Russell Jr., Esq., V. P. occupied the chair.

The account for the past year, with the report of the Audit Committee thereon was read and adopted, showing a balance in hands of Treasurer of \$41.05

The Annual Report was read and adopted, and with the proceedings of this meeting and abstract of account ordered to be published in pamphlet form.

The President and Secretary were instructed to apply to the Provincial Board for authority to change the time of holding the Annual and Quarterly meetings of the Society.

The Secretary's usual allowance of \$40.00 was ordered to be paid.

The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year,

ROBERT STEVENSON, President.
JAMES RUSSELL, Jr., Vice do
H. HITCHINGS.
F. W. BRADFORD Treasurer.
ALEX. T. PAUL Secretary.
Committee—John B. Hill, John Currie, Hugh Falcon, O. B. Ridout, R. Eastman, A. W. Smith, J. C. Bartlett, J. H. Meares, James McFarlan.

The meeting then adjourned sine die.
ALEX. T. PAUL, Secretary.

Forty-third Annual Report of the Charlotte County Agricultural Society.

The approach of the day which terminates the Forty-third year of the existence of the Charlotte County Agricultural Society, calls to mind the Committee the members will expect from them some account of their stewardship during the past year; and they accordingly proceed to report briefly for the information of the Society, what has been done by them, in carrying forward and promoting the objects of the Institution. Your Committee are gratified in being able to state, that as far as they have learned, the labors of the Agriculturists during the past season, have been met by favorable and encouraging returns, with the exception of the grass crop, which was but little, if any, over one half of the yield of the previous year; a large portion of the grass roots having been winter killed, and the grass being also injuriously affected by the protracted spell of dry and cold weather, which we experienced in the early part of the season in this section of the Province.

The various grain crops were productive in their yield, and the grain of good quality generally, and some of the specimens which were submitted for competition to your Society were so heavy; as to lead the judges to doubt the correctness of their own examination until verified by a subsequent test as to the weight. Your Committee have much pleasure in noting the fact, that the potatoe crop of the past season is productive and freedom from rot, except in a few localities, to which the disease seems principally to have confined itself as such as to be very encouraging to the husbandman, and the hope seems to be strengthened by each succeeding year's experience that the potatoe will soon resume its former position among the vegetable productions of our Province.

As usual among the Farmers of this District, a large portion of the land cultivated was devoted the past season to the turnip crop which yielded fairly, and heavy shipments of turnips were made from Saint Andrews during the Fall to Saint John and elsewhere.

Your committee early in the past season, requested the building Committee appointed during the previous year, to proceed with the work entrusted to them, and placed at their disposal from time to time forty dollars, from the Society's funds in addition to the sum of one hundred dollars, previously granted. Your committee are gratified in being able to state in this Report, that owing to the energetic and determined efforts of the Building Committee, a Building forty feet in length, by twenty five feet in width, and fifteen feet high at the eaves, has been erected on the Society's ground, that the roof has been shingled and finished, the end of the building fronting the highway has been clap boarded, and the windows framed, glazed and completed in the building, and the whole so far advanced as to be in a fit condition for holding the Society's exhibition therein in October last. The expenditure of the money granted from the Society's funds will appear by the account, and vouchers the whole amount appropriated for the purpose and that but a very small portion of the money so spent, has been expended for labour, and no part of it for the frame of the building, the whole of the latter expenses and the principal part of the former being voluntary contributions from the inhabitants of the District, equal in amount to the Society's appropriation. Your Committee cannot leave this subject, without referring especially to the generosity of Mr. Robert C. Duncanson, a resident of the District, who though not engaged in Agriculture, has been a warm supporter of the Society for several years past, and who in addition to a very liberal contribution towards the building in various ways, presented the committee with a valuable flag suitable to be displayed on occasions when the same might be required.

Your Committee trust that such efforts will be made during the ensuing season, as will enable the committee with the aid which the Society may be able to afford, to have the building entirely finished both externally and internally, before the next exhibition may be held by the Society. Your Committee took steps early in the past season, to have the time of holding the Annual meeting of the Society changed, but but found that the passage of the necessary Bill through the Legislature, would involve an expense amounting in the whole to the sum of forty dollars or thereabouts as your Committee, did not feel justified in expending so large a sum from the funds for that purpose, they decided to leave the matter untouched. Your Committee have learned, that the Provincial Board of Agriculture may be empowered to authorize the decision of the Quarterly meeting in October last, will be submitted for consideration at the Annual meeting.

It was thought by our Committee that a fair to be held monthly, on the Society's grounds during the fall months, might be generally acceptable to the interests of the farmers, and with this view an effort was made at the General Sessions of the Peace, in April last, establishing a Fall fair for the sale, transfer and exchange of stock, etc. on the second Thursday of September and October, under the control of the Officers and Committee of your Society. A sub-Committee of management was appointed, but your Committee are not yet able to inform the Society whether their efforts in that direction are likely to be successful or not.

The Committee feeling convinced that it was desirable to continue the Society's ploughing matches in connection with the annual Annual Exhibition, took the necessary steps to forward that object and the match of the season, took place on the eighth October last as previously advertised on the Farms of Messrs. Luther Lawrence, & James McFarlan, the ploughing with horses being at the farm of the former, and that with ox teams at the farm of the latter; Four teams in the first class with horses were entered, three in the second, and four ox teams, being less in number than the entries of the previous year; the day was very fine, the number of visitors was larger than before and the competition was spirited, although no very marked improvement was visible, except in the ploughing with oxen. After a very careful and diligent examination of the ground, the premiums were awarded by the judges and their decisions and your Committee believe that all parties present were satisfied with the decisions arrived at by the judges.

On the day following, the Annual Cattle Show and Exhibition of Agricultural productions was held at the house and on the grounds belonging to the Society; the day was unusually well suited for the purpose, and the number of visitors was considerably larger than for the two previous years. A very large number of horses and neat cattle were collected in the field, and some very fair specimens were on exhibition. The collection of offsprings to the unusual weight of which reference has already been made was very fine, and the samples of vegetable growth particularly the potatoes were such as to satisfy all present of the entire adaptation of this District for the growth of roots; some really excellent specimens of squashes appeared in the room, and a large and varied collection of cloths and domestic manufactures. Your Committee feel fully satisfied that the experiment of locking the Society was a step in the right direction, and calculated to promote its permanent usefulness, and that no better selection of a locality in the District could have been made; and they feel assured, that in future by a little exertion being properly used, the Annual show of the Society will attract a large number of visitors. The proceedings at the Exhibition were rendered more interesting than usual by the attendance of Jas. O. Stevens, Esquire, the Secretary of the Provincial Board of Agriculture, who very kindly delivered an interesting and highly practical address to the assemblage, on this the first meeting held for Agricultural purposes in the Society's house. The thanks of the meeting were unanimously given to Mr. Stevens for the very able address delivered by him, after which the award of premiums were read, the money paid and the Assembly dispersed, very well pleased with the whole proceedings of the day.

Your Committee before closing this brief Report, would advert to the absence from the Annual Meeting this day of the President of the Society, and they feel assured that the Society will join them in expressing their heartfelt sympathy with him on the occasion of the domestic bereavement just experienced by him.

In conclusion your Committee can only again repeat, the urgent request before made by them, that the members will be at all times ready by their united efforts to strengthen the hands of those to whom may be entrusted the management of the Institution.

Which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.
ALEX. T. PAUL, Secy. JAMES RUSSELL, Jr. Vice President.
St. Andrews Jan'y. 13th 1863.

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