

Twenty-one numbers of the Journal of Agriculture for Nova Scotia have been regularly received and read throughout the district, but no money has as yet been received from the Central Board of Agriculture out of the provincial vote for the County of Cumberland for 1865, where-with to pay for the papers and strengthen our funds. No doubt money has been assigned to our Society and will be forthcoming at an early day.

Correspondence was had with the Amherst Society about joining them in having a card show this fall. There appeared to be no desire either to have one here or to join the Society in Amherst in having one as suggested by the provincial act concerning Agriculture. There were no funds to appropriate to this purpose, and but few from the place would be at the expense of attending such an exhibition especially if held at Amherst, unless it were provincial, and on a scale large enough to attract exhibitors from the surrounding counties and visitors from the adjoining Province.

Suggestions have been made to the Central Board of Agriculture to divide the money among the societies upon the whole sum paid in as subscriptions throughout the year, upon that paid in after the day of their distribution, as well as upon that paid in before, as being more impartial and as likely to give more general satisfaction, and as encouraging members to pay and societies to collect arrears due. To do this, sums paid towards the end of the year to be carried forward to the next year. It is hoped the Central Board will act upon this suggestion, and give us in 1865 what we were short paid in 1864, together with the regular allowance due in 1865.

The society now owns three rams and a boar pig, from which it is hoped good will follow. As it is found expensive to keep pigs and cattle, some risk to the society and troublesome to manage them, it will be advisable to sell the sheep and pigs after one or two years, and not to repeat the experiment of purchasing stock, unless some particular necessity should arise requiring it. Private enterprise is continually supplying our farmers with the best breeds introduced into the country. At present superior breeds and breeding animals of the different kinds kept here are every where to be found. They only require extra food and care to show what they are capable of producing. Other objects, but of equal importance, come better within the scope of the limited means of our society and the wants of the agricultural section of county it represents, such as draining, stimulating the culture of fruit, grain crops, and vegetables, making and saving manure, the manufacture of oatmeal and agricultural implements, and the circulation and distribution of agricultural books and papers. To these objects in future the committee would advise the society to confine its attention, rather than holding exhibitions and importing stock, provided the Central Board of Agriculture interpose no objections.

Our hay crop this year was very good, one quarter—in some places one half—better than last year. The weather being dry it was all got in, in good condition. Potatoes were a very light crop, in many places affected much with the blight. Fields planted late succeeded well. Wheat was not generally sown this spring, but wherever put in it did well, with very little complaint of rust or weevil. The rye crops at Meccan, (always sown in the fall) ripened early and well. There was a fair crop of Swedish turnips. It is thought they would have succeeded better, but for the drought throughout the summer. Onions were a fine crop everywhere. Apples were a much better crop than it was thought they would be after the heavy crop of last year, and the heavy frosts experienced in June while the trees were in blossom. The crop is about one third as good as that of last year. There was a very small crop of wild fruits, owing to the spring frosts. Cranberries, raspberries, and blueberries, usually quite plentiful, were rarely to be found in our fields and pastures this year. There

was a light crop of straw-berries and goose-berries. Buckwheat, beets, carrots, and parsnips, succeeded well. In some gardens cabbages were a failure, owing to the dry summer.

Good prices have been obtained throughout the season for cattle and produce nearly as follows: Hay, 15s. per ton; beef, 33s. per 100lbs.; pork, 4d. per lb.; butter 1s. to 1s. 3d. per lb.; potatoes, 2s. 6d. per bushel; oats, 2s. per do., wheat, 8s. per do.; geese 1s. 3d. to 1s. 9d. each, turkeys 6d. per lb.; cows, £4 to £6 each, working oxen, £15 to £20 per pair; lambs, 8s. to 10s. each, old ewes, 10s. to 15s. each; twilled homespun cloth for trousers, all wool, 4s. to 5s. per yard, twilled cotton and wool 4s. to 5s. per yard, flannel, cotton and wool, plain, 2s. 6d. per yard, twilled, all wool, for blankets, 4s. per yard; raw hides, 3d per lb.; wool, 2s per lb.; eggs 7½ per dozen, chickens 1s. 3d per pair.

By order of the Committee.

T. D. DICKSON, President.

J. T. SMITH, Secretary.

Parsonsboro' 7th Nov., 1865.

### AMHERST AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF OFFICERS, DECEMBER 31st, 1865.

Your board of officers have to report that they deemed it for the interest of the society to hold a Show the past autumn, for which they made the necessary arrangements, and offered one hundred and twenty dollars in premiums, according to a prize list which they published. The Show was held on the 31st October last, and largely attended. There was a good display of cattle, and of draft and young horses; indeed every department was well represented except grain and fruit,—but four samples of the former, and none of the latter.

There were thirty-seven horses and colts, and seventy-two head of cattle, thirty-five sheep and lambs, twenty entries of butter and but two of cheese.

Your Board had decided in expending the balance of the cash in the treasury in purchasing stock this fall, but not having received the provincial grant for the past year they were unable to carry out their desire in the matter.

The returns required by law were sent to the secretary of the Central Board, on the first day of September last.

The receipts of the society have been as follows

Bal. cash on hand	-	-	\$41.05
Cash from Receiver General	-	-	61.00
do. from members	-	-	55.00

\$157.05

Board of officers for the current year:—*Pres* Hon. R. B. Dickey; *Vice-Pres*, T. R. Black; *Secy*, J. Hiram Black; *Trans.*, W. F. Cutten; *Directors*: G. W. Forrest, Thomas Bacon, T. Bent, William Embler, and Jas. M. Layton.

J. HIRAM BLACK,

Secretary.

### MINUDIE AND BARRONSFIELD AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Minudie, Dec. 30th, 1865.

We beg to inform you that we have this day formed an Agricultural Society, under the name and form of the "Minudie and Barronsfield Agricultural Society." We have forty-five members, and have collected, so far, \$43.50.

ROBERT MITCHELL,  
President.

GILBERT SEAMAN,  
Secretary.

### DIGBY COUNTY.

### DIGBY CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

In presenting this, the first annual report, we regret to say that difficulties over which we had no control presented themselves, that were the cause of many persons who had signed their names to the declaration for the purpose of becoming members of the society, to decline paying their subscriptions, in consequence of which the requisite number of paying members was not obtained until late in August, to entitle the society to participate in a share of the government grant, therefore but little progress has been made beyond getting the society into working condition. We feel encouraged, however, in being able to report that our prospects are promising for the future.

The society at present numbers forty members,  
Amount of subscriptions - - - \$41.00  
do. Government grant - - - \$2.00

Secy's salary, printing, postage, &c. - - - \$123.00  
12.00

Balance in hands of treasurer - - - \$111.00

As regards the agricultural productions in this district during the past season we would say, that there was but little wheat sown. Oats, barley and buckwheat was about an average yield; the season was unfavourable for roots, yet a fair crop was raised.

As we have had no importation of cattle and sheep for many years, our stock is rather inferior, but hope we shall have some imported breeds the next season.

In concluding this report we hope that a deeper and more wide-spread interest in agriculture may incite the liberal appropriations of the legislature, for its advancement and encouragement, and that important benefits may yet be realized.

The officers for the ensuing year are:—*Pres.*, Robert Reed; *Vice-Pres.*, William John; *Secy*, Jas. M. Aymer; *Trans.*, Wm. Aymer; *Directors*, John Dakin, Esq., William M. Jones, Ephraim Bacon, Charles McNeil, John Abbott.

ROBERT REED,  
President.

JAS. M. AYMER,  
Secretary.

### CLARE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

[No. Report.]

### GUYSBORO' COUNTY.

### GLENELG AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Thinking it more advisable to expend the funds of the society in the purchasing of improved bulls and rams, than in holding an exhibition this year, we, after having obtained your approbation so to apply our money, used our best endeavours to procure a suitable supply of these animals for the society, but have only succeeded in procuring one bull, (Ayrshire) and two rams from P.E.I.,—prize animals.

Respecting the crops, it is gratifying to be able to inform you that they have been generally abundant. Hay was far above the average. Oats, too, well above the average, both in straw and in grain. Barley was an average one. Wheat was generally better than it has been for many years. Buckwheat was about the average. Potatoes are the only crop of which we cannot speak so encouragingly, but, on the whole, was a fair one when compared with the crops of the last ten or twelve years.