

before the year 1872 closes, one, at least, will be established in this County.

The number of members attested for the grant is 50 (should be 70), which is in excess of last year; and if all would pay up in time, our share of the County Grant would be much larger than it is. Why will not members bear this in mind?

The Treasurer's account shows a balance in hand of \$64.04½; and if the additional members desirous of enrolling will do so early, we shall have funds sufficient, and be enabled very materially to extend the Society's usefulness in the incoming year.—Read and adopted.

The following Office-bearers for 1872 were then elected:—*President*, Henry Davenport; *Vice-Pres.*, Roderick McLennan; *Treas.*, Duncan McKenzie; *Sec'y.*, Thomas LeCras. *Directors*, Mr. Patrick Mulligan, Lowpoint District; J. S. Ingraham, West Side River; J. L. Hill, Sydney; J. G. Andrews, Forks, Sydney, North and South Side; Wm McLeod, North West Arm.

Meeting adjourned to 16th—then to meet for special business.

Recpts, \$292.57. Expenditure, \$128 15½
Balance on hand, \$64.4½.

THOS. LECRAS, *Secy.*
Sydney, C. B., Dec. 5th, 1871.

MABOU AND PORT HOOD AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

At the Annual Meeting of the Mabou and Port Hood Agricultural Society for the year ending 5th Dec. 1871, the following persons were appointed as officers for the ensuing year:—*Pres.*, John McKeen; *Vice-Pres.*, G. C. Lawrence, Jr.; *Sec'y and Treas.*, Robert McDougall. *Directors*, Hugh Cameron, Esq., M. D., Lewis McKeen, Edward D. Tremain, John McNeill, Raymond Smyth.

George C. Lawrence, Esq., *Senr.*, Member of the Central Board.

Amount in funds of Society to date.....\$215 33
Amount of Subscription for 1871..... 40 00

\$255 33

The Directors and Officers beg to state that no importation of stock or seed had taken place during the year ending, except 3 pair of Chester Pigs; and that they have decided to import next summer some Threshing Machines, or Stock, &c.—as the Directors may think proper at a meeting to be held early next spring.

L. S. McKEEN, *President.*
ROBT. McDOUGALL, *Sec'y.*

SYDNEY MINES AND LITTLE BRAS D'OR AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

SYDNEY MINES, Dec. 1871.

At a meeting of the members of this Society, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz:—*Pres.*, R. H. Brown, Esq.; *Vice-Pres.*, Arch.

McArthur; *Treas.*, Arch. McQueen; *Sec'y.*, Albert Corben; *Directors*, John Cox, Michael Phalen, William Young, "Gal," Yorke Barrington, R. A. Hamilton.

As our situation is not such as would warrant our joining any of the sister societies, therefore we would respectfully request your Honourable Board to recognize us as an Agricultural Society, to be named the "Sydney Mines and Little Bras d'Or Agricultural Society." The limits of the Society to be as follows:—Bounded on the North by Little Bras d'Or Channel, on the East by the Sea, on the South by Sydney Harbour, on the West by the road leading from the Temperance Hall at North Sydney, to the water of the Little Bras d'Or, near Jos. Howitson's.

ALBERT CORBEN, *Sec'y.*

MORRISTOWN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Receipts, \$358.76. Expenditure, \$353.65. Balance in hand, \$5.10.

STOCK IMPORTED IN 1871.

The amount of stock imported by this Society, in the year 1871, was:—Three bulls, bought in the Spring, one of which was sold at a loss at the end of the season—the remaining two being still in the possession of the Society, to be wintered at a cost of \$44. Also, fifteen sheep, from P. E. Island, which were sold to members of the Society at a small loss, and one pair of pigs, which are to be kept for the benefit of the Society. The chief production of the county being stock, and there being such large numbers exported of late without actually much improvement in the breed, it was thought by the Committee that the importation of improved breeds would be of much more benefit than the holding of exhibitions. Though the crops of last season were rather better than usual, still, on an average, there seems to be a gradual falling off in the production of grain to the acre in this district, which is no doubt caused by the running out of the land and want of thorough draining and manuring, but the cost of this is such that it is impossible for the majority of farmers in this county to accomplish it. They then have to fall back on their stock for a maintenance, and endeavor to raise as great a number as possible of the common breeds of the country, which sell at so low a figure as sometimes to scarcely pay for their keeping. This Fall there have been instances of heifers, two years and a half old, grade stock, selling for \$18.00; whereas the common cattle of the country, at the same age, brought but \$10.00. This is beginning to open the eyes of a great many, and we look for something better in future.

Owing to the small sum subscribed by our Society, it has been impossible for us to purchase anything but grade stock, but we now look forward to the next importation from Canada, by the Central Board, as the Committee have resolved to procure, if possible, some thorough-bred stock.

JOHN CHISHOLM, *Pres.*
B. W. OGDEN, *Sec'y.*

At the annual meeting of the Morristown Agricultural Society, December, 5th, 1871, the following were elected as officers, viz:—*Pres.*, John Chisholm; *Vice-Pres.*, Martin Brophy; *Sec'y.*, B. W. OGDEN; *Treas.*, A. McGillivray; *Committee*, Donald McDonald, (N. R.), David McNair, Donald McDonald, (miller), Robert Trotter, Angus McGillivray.

David McNair, Esq., was elected to represent the Society at the Central Board.

B. W. OGDEN, *Sec'y.*

ST. ANDREW'S AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The office-bearers and directors of the St. Andrew's Agricultural Society, of the county of Antigonish, beg to submit the following resume as the proceedings of this the first year of its existence:—

The Society is composed of fifty members, and was duly organized under the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture, on the 15th of July last; when it was resolved that the whole funds of the Society should be devoted to the purchase of sheep—accordingly D. Chisholm and Lauchlin Cameron, Esqrs., were appointed a committee for this purpose. Their ten sheep and lambs of the Shropshire breed were procured at Shubenacadie, one ram of which was imported by the Central Board of Agriculture in 1866, and the remaining were all from imported stock. Six sheep and lambs were also procured from Cape George, a locality famous for raising the best sheep in the County. The whole being a very fair lot, were duly sold at auction, the purchasers, with one exception, were members of the Society. It is most satisfactory to state that the prices realized amounted in the aggregate to the cost price, after deducting the usual twenty-five per cent. discount allowed to members of the Society, as the following statement will show:

Expenditure.

Shubenacadie Sheep.....\$118 05
Cape George Sheep..... 23 50
\$141 55

Receipts.

Amount of Subscriptions.....\$50 00
Proceeds of Sheep.....141 37½

\$191 37½