

Assets of Society at the end of 1865.

Balance in Treasurer's hands	-	\$35 14
Provincial grant undrawn	-	33 00
Sale of Sheep	-	32 15
Total	-	\$100 29

JOHN PARKER, *President.*
JAMES KENT, *Secretary.*

HANTS COUNTY.

HARDWOODLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

*Nine Mile River, Douglas,
January 12, 1866.*

At a meeting held in Hardwoodland for the purpose of forming an agricultural society, there was a pretty good attendance, and all seemed anxious to form themselves into a society for the promotion of agriculture. There was present about twenty-five persons, who all signed; and although the country is thinly settled there is no doubt forty persons will join.

JAMES GRAHAM.

[Dr. Moore, and other officers of the Albert Institute, will recognize in Mr. Graham one of their old pupils.—*Ed.*]

FENWICK AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NOEL.

Noel, 16th January, 1866.

I beg to inform you that at a meeting held on the 1st day of January, a society called the Fenwick Agricultural Society of Noel was formed, officers and directors were appointed, and subscriptions obtained, amounting to \$58, from 58 members; we will probably obtain a few more. I send you with this a copy of subscription, names of members, &c., and hope if anything more is needed to secure our rights to a share of the government allowance as set forth in Cap. 96 of the Revised Statutes, you will be kind enough to inform me without delay, and also at what time we may expect to get the Provincial grant, &c.; we shall probably apply for the approbation of the Central Board, to apply part of our funds in the purchase of stock, &c.

President, William Ferguson; Vice-President, George Densmore, Secretary, J. J. O'Brien; Treasurer, Thos. Hunter.

LUNENBURG COUNTY.

MAHONE BAY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Mahone Bay, Dec. 22, 1865.

On the twenty-fifth of last March the society was organized, fifty-four members were enrolled and paid their subscription—five shillings each.

With part of that amount they pur-

chased a bull, which, including expenses, cost the society £11 7 7½.

The crops of barley, oats, hay and potatoes, were about the average.

The society intend purchasing seeds and improved stock in the spring.

The officers elected for the present year are:—*President, Benjamin Zwicker; Vice-President, Alex. Lane, M.D.; Secretary, George Duncan; Treasurer, Joseph Zwicker.*

GEORGE DUNCAN, *Secretary.*

PICTOU COUNTY.

PICTOU AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

The Committee of the Pictou Agricultural Society at the close of their term of office, beg leave to present the following report:—

Your society has now completed the twenty-ninth year of its existence, and the first year under the recent Act of the Province, entitled, "Of the Encouragement of Agriculture."

Your society would express their gratitude to the Board of Agriculture for the deep interest manifested by them in the general agricultural interests of the Province, by the importation of improved breeds of horses, cattle, and sheep, and also of wheat and potatoes, and particularly for what of the latter they have sent to this society. Although they regret that owing to the peculiar blight, prevalent in many parts of the district, the wheat, while sown in two different localities, may be said to have been completely destroyed, both kinds of potatoes have yielded a good return, and promise to be a valuable addition to the esculents of the country.

Your society numbers fifty members.

According to the Treasurer's account the society had in funds at the commencement of the past year, the sum of \$10, and the receipts from members for the year have been \$52.75; the Provincial allowance has not yet been received, but from this source we expect the sum of \$60, which will make a total of \$122.75.*

In accordance with a resolution of the society, passed at a meeting held on the 22nd of September last, there has been neither exhibition nor ploughing match, in connection with the society during the year,—the whole of the funds having been devoted to the purchase of stock.

In January last a young Berkshire was purchased by the society at a cost of \$10.50, and at the sale of the sheep brought from Canada by the Board of Agriculture, which took place at Acadia

* The Provincial Grant was not received when the Report was read before the society, and we were not aware before its reception that it would amount to \$62.

Farm in November last, one Leicester ewe and two Leicester ram lambs, and one Cotswold ewe, and one Cotswold ram lamb were purchased at a cost of \$193, and this, with other necessary expenses, swell the expenditure of the year to the amount of \$211.50, being in excess of the receipts in the sum of \$87.25.

Your committee would beg leave to state, that this would in ordinary circumstances appear an extravagant over-expenditure of the funds of the society; they did, under existing circumstances, what they believed to be expedient and justifiable. They believed that no kind of stock was more appreciated nor more eagerly sought after, not only by members of the society, but by the farmers of the district generally, and as the sheep purchased were of the kinds generally approved, but also superior specimens of these kinds, your committee felt that they were not only conducing to the general interests of the community, but that they would thereby largely increase the roll of members of the society, and also, that by purchasing both ewes and rams of pure breeds, they would so increase the stock of pure blooded sheep in the district as in a short time to have not only a sufficient supply for ourselves, but also have to spare for other localities.

The property of the society in stock, therefore, consists of the five sheep referred to,—the two rams imported from P. E. Island in 1863, and the Berkshire boar, all of which are distributed within the limits of the society to be taken care of during the winter.

Your committee would also report that crops of the last season, within the bounds of the society are somewhat under the average. Hay and potatoes may be said to approach nearer to that standard. The wheat and oats, owing to the extreme drouth of the season and a blight which struck them, are nearly fifty per cent under an average. Turnips and carrots have also suffered from the drouth, while barley and pease seem to have fully come up to an average.

Your committee would congratulate the society on the almost entire disappearance of the weevil from the wheat, and the blight from the potatoes, as there has been less of either for the past year than for many previous; and what the potato may have been short in quantity, has been more than made up in the superior quality for domestic use.

Your committee would express the regret that the visiting of the farms during the past season, recommended by their predecessors, has not been carried out. The Secretary of the Agricultural Board was expected to visit the county during the summer, and the committee arranged that on his arrival they would spend a day or two for that purpose, with the expectation that he would be induced to ac-