

borough, this autumn, are nearly as follows, viz:—Hay, 50s. per ton; fresh beef, 3½d. per lb.; fresh pork, 3½d. per lb.; butter, 1s. per lb.; potatoes, 2s. 6d. per bush.; turnips, 2s. per bush.; wheat, 8s. per bush.; barley, 4s. per bush.; gray or old buckwheat, 4s. per bush.; grov. old buckwheat, 3s. per bush.; peas, 8s. per bush.; beans, 8s. per bush.; geese, 3s. each; turkeys, 6d. per lb.; chickens, 1s. 3d. per pair; ducks, 2s. per pair; cows, £5 each; working oxen, £20 per pair; lambs, 10s. each; old ewes, 15s. each; twilled homespun cloth for trousers, all wool, 4s. per yard; twilled homespun cloth, cotton and wool, for trousers, 3s. per yard; flannel, white cotton and wool, plain, 2s. 6d. per yard; flannel, twilled, white cotton and wool, for blankets, 4s. per yard; homespun, colored, plain, cotton and wool, for women's frocks and men's working jackets, 3s. per yard; raw hides 3½d. per lb.; wool, 1s. 6d. per lb.; eggs, 9d. per dozen; mutton, lamb and veal, 3½d. per lb.; sole leather, 1s. 6d. per lb.; upper leather, 15s. per side; calfskin, tanned, 4s. per lb.; sheepskins, with wool on, 4s. each; sheepskins, tanned, 2s. each; lambskins, tanned, 1s. each; hay seed, 20s. per bush.; woolen yarn, 1s. 3d. per skein of twelve knots; socks, 1s. 6d. per pair; mittens, 2s. per pair, single mittens, 1s. per pair; buckwheat meal 2s. per lb.; oatmeal 2½d. per lb.

By order of the Committee.

JOHN T. SMITH, Sec'y.

NORTH SYDNEY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

DECEMBER 6th, 1871.

The North Sydney Agricultural Society held their annual meeting in the Temperance Hall, North Sydney, yesterday, Dec. 5th., when the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: *Pres.*, W. H. Moore, Esq.; *Vice-Pres.*, James M. Munn; *Treas.*, J. B. Moore, Sec'y., A. G. Musgrave; *Directors*, W. C. Moffatt, G. B. Moffatt, J. E. Jeans, G. S. Munn, C. P. Moffatt.

Mr. John Ross, M. P., was elected to represent us at the meetings of the Central Board.

The Directors reported that they had examined the books of Treasurer and Secretary, and find receipts and disbursements as follows:

Cash Received.

From fifty-six members.....\$56.00
Received balance due old Society..... 6.17
Received from sale of Clover Seed..... 17.23

Expenses.

Paid for Books.....\$0.55
Paid for Clover Seed.....17.00
Balance in Treasurer's hand.....\$61.96

The Directors recommended that the funds of the Society should be appropriated to the improvement of live stock and the importation of seeds.

It was then resolved on motion, that the Directors procure two or three pairs of White Chester Pigs, and one barrel of Clover Seed.

The following is now the correct list of members:—William Proctor, John Voaght, John Musgrave, C. P. Moffatt, George B. Moffatt, D. Lawlor, L. Robertson, G. S. Munn, James Moffatt, Peter Jackson, T. E. Jeans, D. McLarty, Robert Rice, D. Johnston, J. B. Moore, J. M. Munn, Samuel Jackson, A. G. Musgrave, W. H. Moore, John Scott Musgrave, John J. Moore, Bart'w. Musgrave, John Nisbet, J. W. Rose, O. H. Chipman, John Mullins, John Ross, Alex. McKay, John Morgan, J. L. Ingraham, J. D. Meloney, John Hegarty, C. A. Robertson, P. B. Moffatt, W. C. Moffatt, L. Holland, Thos. Waynor, N. A. Dobson, S. L. Purvis, Saml. Peters, T. D. Archibald, B. C. Evans, Alex. Moore, Thos. La Source, W. Blomby, T. A. Moffatt, Murdo McLean, Alex. Logan, J. W. Thompson, Thos. McLellan, Thos. Moffatt, W. J. Peppit, Angus McLeod, John Barrington.

In reference to the crops in this township we would say that hay is above an average, but sustained some damage by wet weather. Wheat very sparingly sown, but a failure where cultivated. Oats a good crop and abundant in straw. Barley a fair crop, but not raised to any extent. Potatoes not more than half a crop, and they of the poorest quality; the blight having taken them so early in the season. Turnips and carrots a good crop where cultivated, but not raised to the extent they should be. Cabbage a good crop, and more attention given to their cultivation than formerly.

W. H. MOORE, Pres.

A. G. MUSGRAVE, Sec'y.

MIDDLE RIVER OF VICTORIA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Directors feel grateful to the kind Providence for the unlimited privileges conferred on this Society during the year now about being closed, and before proceeding further with this Report, beg to return their sincere thanks to the Honble the Board of Agriculture for the liberal bounty allowed this Society for the past year, which has been the means of adding more to their numerical strength. The Pigs purchased by this Society from the importations made by the Board of Agriculture last year promise to do well, particularly the White Chester Boars—those being crossed with the Berkshire make an excellent improvement. The animals raised from the Alderney Bull, purchased by this Society at the Halifax Exhibition in 1868, are specimens of rare beauty, so that within the bounds of this Society yearling bulls, and heifers can now be seen that would

do credit to any Agricultural Society. The same can be said of the stock of sheep produced by the Ram purchased at the same time, so that in this locality cattle, sheep and pigs have undergone a great change for the better. The same can be reported of the Seeds purchased last year—particularly the "Surprise Oats," Red and Alsyo Clover. The Norway Oats this season did not do as well as last year. This may be attributable to the wet season—the grain yielding such quantity of straw, lodged early, thereby hindering its maturity. Wheat has been so sparingly sowed that not much can be said, but what was put in the ground did remarkably well. The Barley, having been considerably injured by rust, did not yield as well as last year. Taking the whole grain crop, compared with the previous year, the result will be one-fifth less. The Potatoes being affected by the blight early in August have in many instances become a total failure—so that crop may be reckoned at four to one planted. This Society having last spring imported some of the "Garnet Chilies," they yielded remarkably well—in most cases yielded twenty-one returns. The Hay crop has done very well, about double the average of last year, so that in comparing the average yield of hay over last year's growth, this locality has no reason for complaining.

Before closing this brief Report your directors beg leave to state that the affairs of this Society are in a very satisfactory state and every year progressively improving, and although the partial failure in the potato and grain crops somewhat dampened the prospects of the farmers, still the excess in the hay crop will make up for the deficiency.

The office-bearers for the ensuing year are as follows: *Pres.*, John McDonald; *Vice do.*, S. C. Campbell; *Treas.*, Kenneth McDonald; *Sec'y.*, John McLennan; *Directors*, Edward McLeod, John McDonald, D. McLean, Donald McQuain and Wm. Cain.

C. J. Campbell, Esq., M. P. P., nominated as our representative at the Central Board of Agriculture.

JOHN McLENNAN, Sec'y.

MIDDLE RIVER, Dec. 5, 1871.

NORTH QUEEN'S AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Dear Sir,—According to notice, the North Queen's Agricultural Society met on the first Tuesday of December, 1871. After closing the business of the past year, a subscription list was opened for the ensuing year, from whose numbers the following officers were elected, viz:—*President*, Charles Cushing; *Sec'y.*, B. L. Telfer; *Treas.*, Milton F. Douglas.

CHARLES CUSHING, Pres.

B. L. TELFER, Secretary.