

Kempt Agri. Society of Queen's County.
Shelburne Agri. Society, Chas. E. Brown,
Yarmouth.

Clyde River Agri. Society.

Barrington Agri. Society, Chas. E. Brown,
Yarmouth.

Barrington West Passage Agri. Society,
Chas. E. Brown, Yarmouth.

Yarmouth County Agri. Society, Chas.
E. Brown, Yarmouth.

Yarmouth Township Agri. Society, Chas.
E. Brown, Yarmouth.

*District No. 4. Hants, Colchester, Cam-
berland.*

Windsor Agri. Society, William H.
Blanchard, Windsor.

Fenwick Agri. Society of Noel, Israel
Longworth, Truro.

Nine Mile River and Harwoodland Agri.
Society, Wm. Blair, Onslow.

Newport Agri. Society, W. Henry Allis-
son, M. P. P.

Utton Agri. Society of Hants County,
Maitland, Israel Longworth, Truro.

Upper Nine Mile River Agri. Society,
Samuel Blois.

Enfield Agri. Society, Israel Longworth,
Truro.

Onslow Agri. Society, Israel Longworth,
Truro.

Shubenacadie Agri. Society, Israel Long-
worth, Truro.

Lower Stewiacke Agri. Society, Israel
Longworth, Truro.

Tatamagouche Agri. Society, Wm. Blair,
Onslow.

Stirling Agri. Society of New Annan,
Israel Longworth, Truro.

Brookfield Agri. Society, Israel Long-
worth, Truro.

Earlton Agri. Society.

Parrsborough Agricultural Society, Israel
Longworth, Truro.

Malagash Agri. Society, Alexander Mac-
kenzie, Malagash.

Minudie and Barronsfield Agri. Society,
Israel Longworth, Truro.

Wallace Agri. Society, T. M. Morris.

Union Agri. Society of Pugwash, Israel
Longworth, Truro.

Scotia Agri. Society of Fox Harbour, I.
Longworth.

*District No. 5. Pictou, Antigonish,
Guysborough.*

Pictou Agri. Society, David Matheson,
Pictou.

River John Agri. Society, D. Matheson,
Pictou.

Egerton Agri. Society, David Matheson,
Pictou.

Merigomish Agri. Society, D. Matheson,
Pictou.

Millbrook Agri. Society, David Matheson,
Pictou.

Morristown Agri. Society.

St. Andrew's Agri. Society, John A.
Chisholm, St. Andrew's.

Arisnig Agri. Society.

Guysborough Agri. Society, Wm. Harts-
horne, Guysborough.

Millford Haven Agri. Society, T. W.
Ferguson.

Glencly Agri. Society, Cross Roads, St.
Mary's, David Matheson, Pictou.

*District No. 6. Cape Breton, Richmond,
Inverness, Victoria.*

Boularderie Agri. Society, John Ross,
Grove's Point, Little Bras d'Or.

Sydney Mines and Little Bras d'Or Agri.
Society, John Ross, Grove's Point,
Boularderie.

North Sydney Agri. Society, John Ross,
Grove's Point.

Mahou and Port Hood Agri. Society, John
Ross.

North East Margaree Agri. Society.

St. Ann's Agri. Society, David McCurdy,
M. P. P.

Middle River Agri. Society, John Ross,
Grove's Point, Little Bras d'Or.

WE are glad to be able to record another botanical discovery of considerable interest. Mr. A. W. H. Lindsay, B. A. Dal. Coll., has found the rare anthelmintic fern, commonly called in England the Male Fern, (*Aspidium (Lastrea) Filix-mas*), near to the Salt Well at Whyecocomagh, on the banks of the Bras d'Or Lake, in the Island of Cape Breton. This fern was discovered some years ago at Owen Sound, on Lake Huron, by a very successful lady pteridologist, Mrs. Roy, of Royston Hall, previous to which time it was not known to be a native of the Dominion. In fact, it had only been found shortly before, for the first time in America, somewhere in the northern part of the mountains of New Mexico. Mr. Lindsay has succeeded in adding several very interesting plants to the Nova Scotian Flora, and it is very gratifying to us to be able to add *Filix-mas* to the number of his discoveries, as this is the only fern that is really entitled to a place in the *Materia Medica*. We hope he will be as successful in eradicating tape-worm from his patients in future years, as in the past he has been in discovering that the proper remedy is to be found in our own woods. We are speedily learning to rely upon our own resources, and there is no good reason why we should not grow our own medicines as well as our own flour, and oats, and beef, and mutton, and wool, and raise our own fresh turkeys for Christmas, instead of bringing stale ones from Ohio and Michigan, as was done last year.

Among Mr. Lindsay's ferns, discovered during the past season in the neighborhood of Whyecocomagh, we find the *Woodisia Ilcensis*, a rare species of great beauty. It was likewise found, we believe, during the summer, somewhere about Mahone Bay, in the County of Lunenburg, by another active pteridolo-

gist, the Rev. E. Ball, who is acting at present as Curate of St. Luke's, and whose very interesting collection of native ferns,—no doubt the best that has ever been formed in Nova Scotia,—we hope to be able to give some account of before long.

A NEW Agricultural Society has been formed at Oxford, in the County of Cumberland. The number of Societies throughout the Province is much greater now than at any former time in its history. There are about four times as many now as there were when the Board commenced operations twelve years ago, and twice as many as at the close of the first year of the Board's operations, when strenuous efforts were made to organize Societies in every County. Our Societies are likewise much stronger now, many of them possess valuable thoroughbred Stock, others have funds in hand, and some have real estate.

WE learn by letter from Mr. John Thornton, the London Short Horn Auctioneer, that American ports are now closed against English Live Stock, on account of disease. This will, no doubt, lead American breeders to land their stock in future at Dominion ports, and, as the most convenient ports for them will be Halifax, St. John, and Montreal, it is desirable that the authorities should be prepared for any emergency that may arise. Suppose, for example, that a herd suffering from foot-and-mouth disease were to be landed at any one of our ports. The effect would probably be to spread the disease throughout the country, and to close the United States markets against all Dominion Stock. We had to think over this matter very carefully in view of the possible outbreak of foot-and-mouth in the recent importation of cattle by the Board of Agriculture. Fortunately no trace of disease appeared in any animal, from the time it was first purchased in England, and consequently no difficulty occurred. Had disease appeared on board, the alternative would have presented itself of either having to throw the whole of the animals overboard before coming near the mouth of the harbour, or of landing them on McNab's Island, or some other isolated spot, where they could be cared for, and kept apart from other Stock, until recovered. We do not know whether Pilots, Quarantine Officers, or Harbour Masters take any cognizance of foot-and-mouth or other cattle diseases. If not, some provision should be made in time to ward off, as far as we can, any calamity to our Herds. Total exclusion of importations is, we think, a great mistake in any country, and has completely failed in England. It simply resolves itself into