

say that we have not yet been able to make any advance in the way of improvement of sheep, although such a fine opportunity offered last fall through the warm interest manifested by the Central Board in importing such a splendid lot of cattle and sheep from Canada, for the benefit of local societies. Our managers thought that as they were all highly fed for exhibition in Canada, they would likely fail on our treatment; and having but little funds at their disposal, thought it better to wait for a year or two, when they could get them cheaper, if they prove to be an improvement of the sheep in this country.

MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR DISCUSSION OF AGRICULTURAL TOPICS.

The most pleasing feature of our Society, is our monthly meetings, for the discussion of agricultural questions; and it is to be hoped that in the end it will prove not the least remunerative. Our discussion on the value of green crops as food for cattle, in comparison with hay, has induced almost all our members to give them a trial, and from want of skill and experience in cropping and after-culture, success did not crown all our labours. It is to be hoped that perseverance and experience will teach us that green crops can be grown advantageously and profitably, as food for cattle, instead of feeding altogether on hay through the winter.

The officers of the past year were unanimously re-elected again for the ensuing year, and the members remain the same as last year, with the exception of one leaving and two more new members joining; and as there is some hopes of more joining, it was agreed to leave the Society open to the first of March for any wishing to join.

Our accounts for the year are as follows:—

RECEIPTS.	
To subscriptions from members,	\$43.00
“ order on treasurer of C. Board,	44.00
To sale of one bull,	33.00
Total,	120.00
	115.81½
Balance on hand,	\$4.18½
DISBURSEMENTS.	
By two bulls bought,	\$80.00
Expense of keeping and attending same,	34.56½
By books and stationery,	1.25
Total,	\$115.81½

I need scarcely add that, owing to the wetness of the past season, the hay and grain crops were partially injured, yet not much lost altogether; and the mildness of the fall has been the means of saving considerable feed; and there is not so much fear of a scarcity of feed in spring as was some time ago.

DONALD FERGUSON, jr., Pres'dt.
JAMES ORR FRASER, V. Pres'dt.
JAMES GRAHAM, Sec'y.

PARRSBORO' AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The last annual meeting of the Society was held at Jonathan Vickery's (adjourned same day from Town Hall, Mill Village.) on Tuesday the 5th Decr., 1865. The previous year's report was then read and approved of. Letters were read from three persons, stating that they had withdrawn from the society.

The Committee met at Jonathan Vickery's, Mill Village, on Tuesday the 3d of April, 1866, at 1 o'clock, P. M., (adjourned from the Town Hall the same day). It was then resolved,—That John Blinkhorne, Esq., sell the society's two rams at Advocate Harbour, as soon after shearing as fair prices can be got for them. That Thomas Kirkpatrick, 1st, keep the society's Chester white boar, at 10s. per month through April till 15th May, and at 5s. per month afterwards till the first Tuesday in Novr. That Olney Lewis be paid 3s. 6d., a balance due him on the ram bought by him for the Halfway River section. That the society take twenty-one numbers of the *Journal of Agriculture for Nova Scotia*, to be sold to members at half price. That the society take ten numbers of the *Canada Farmer*, published in Toronto, to be sold to members at 2s. 6d. each. Bounties were established on compost, wheat, Swedish turnips, hay-seed, oatmeal, and sheds for saving manure under cover, for 1866.

The Committee met at Daniel York's, Mill Village, on Tuesday evening, the 6th November, 1866, (adjourned same day from the Town Hall.) when payments on crops of 1865, omitted, keeping Chester white boar, purchase of ram for Village section, bounties on crops and manure sheds, *Journals of Agriculture for Nova Scotia* for 1865, and oatmeal, were paid, to the amount of £56 17s., viz:—On wheat raised in 1866, £7; on Swedish turnips raised in 1866 £10 5s.; on compost made in 1866, £13 5s.; on hayseed saved in 1866, £4 10s.; manure sheds made in 1866, £2 10s.; 21 numbers of the *Journal of Agriculture for Nova Scotia* for 1865, £2 12s. 6d.; oatmeal made and to be made from oats raised in 1866, £9; keeping Chester white boar, £4 19s.; ram for Mill Village section, £2 10s.; balance on ram bought last year for Halfway River section, 3s. 6d.; compost made in 1865, 10s.; Swedish turnips in 1865, 10s.

It was resolved that the society's Chester white boar be kept at Jesse W. Fullerton's, Esq., at 15s. per month till the 1st May, and at 5s. per month through the summer. He agrees to remove him to his place free of expense. It was resolved that each member putting one sow to the boar this season, pay 1s. 3d., and 2s. 6d. each for any more than one he

may put to him; and that persons not members each pay 2s. 6d. in advance for each sow they may put to him. Nineteen sows were put to the Chester white boar last season, in each case except one without failure, and the improvement in the breed gives very general satisfaction. The pigs sold readily for 7s. 6d. each at three weeks old, and at 10s. each four weeks old. Several persons yet owe the society for the boar's services last season.

It was resolved that the members in each section may each put three ewes to the ram in their section, free of charge; the persons keeping them in the respective sections to have the fleece, and the privilege of the ram's running in their flocks, as compensation for the keep and care of them.

Through the year the Treasurer has received £31 from members. Of this £29 7s. 6d. is subscriptions for 1866, and £1 12s. 6d. arrearages of subscriptions for years previous to 1866. He also received £24 10s. from the Central Board of Agriculture, assigned to the society out of the £60 Provincial money voted for the County of Cumberland for 1865. He also received £2 12s. 6d. from members for 21 numbers of the *Journal of Agriculture for Nova Scotia* for the years 1865 and 1866: 7s. 6d. remitted by Daniel Holmes for driving a bull calf from Minudie to his place, as the society presented him with the calf, and 2s. 6d. from E. Dewolf Ratchford, Esq., in advance for one number of the *Canada Farmer*, out of ten numbers ordered by the society, but not yet received. These sums, with the balance in hand from last year of £2 17s. 10½d., make the sum of the funds for this year to be £61 10s. 4½d. Out of this payments were made as before stated, on crops of 1865 omitted, keeping Chester white boar, purchase of ram for Mill Village section, bounties on crops and manure sheds for 1866, *Journals of Agriculture for Nova Scotia* for 1865, oatmeal, 1866, balance on ram for Halfway River section, 1865, to the amount of £56 17s.; postages, 1866, 2s. 5½d.; rooms to hold meetings of committee and society in, 1866, 7s. 6d.; services of Secretary and stationery used by him in 1866, 22s. 6d., were paid, leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hand at the close of the business for the year, of £3 0s. 11d.

Out of 139 members in 1865, three withdrew and one removed; fourteen having joined the society in 1866, 149 are liable to pay 5s. each in 1866. From these £29 7s. 6d. were received, leaving an arrearage of £7 17s. 6d. on the subscription of 1866.

Twenty-one numbers of the *Journal of Agriculture for Nova Scotia* have been received and sent to the different sections of the society. Our usual Provincial grant has not yet been received for the year 1866. It is expected that the Ca-