

cial Exhibition, it was decided that as the Society was only making its "first debou," and as the amount in funds was small, and that as it was not probable that the Society would participate in any benefits from said Exhibition, no sum be voted for that purpose.

M. McRAE, Sec'y.
ROBT HILL, Pres.

St. Peter's, Dec. 2, 1874.

KEMPT AGRI. SOCIETY, QUEENS CO.

Kempt, Queen's Co., Dec., 15th, 1873.
To Prof. Lawson, Sec., Central Board of Agriculture.

DEAR SIR.—The Kempt Agricultural Society held their annual meeting on the 2nd inst., when the following officers were appointed:

Pres.—Zenas Freeman; Vice-Pres.—Edward P. Freeman; Sec.—Wm. E. Freeman; Treas.—Thomas Keillor; Directors.—Henry White, James Fader, James W. Freeman, David Delong, Peter Katherns.

In compliance with your request for a contribution to the Prize Fund of the Provincial Exhibition, our Society voted the sum of \$20 (twenty dollars) for that purpose. This may seem small, but when you consider our comparative poverty, our natural disadvantages, and our want of facilities for attending the Exhibition, I think you must excuse us with that.

Our Society decided to purchase a potato digger, if the Central Board shall decide to import a number, in accordance with the suggestion of Mr. Dickson of Parrsboro.

Our Society expended for the purchase of seeds last Spring, which were distributed among members of the Society, - - \$73 97
for stock, - - - - - 45 37

\$119 34

Stock sold at auction for - - - - 28 00

We have now a balance on hand of \$76.66. Have decided to purchase a year old bull from Cumberland County, to cost 30 dollars there.

The hay crop has been a full average one. Potatoes generally good in this district, although they were a failure in the southern part of the County. Turnips and other root crops scarcely an average crop, and grain as a rule not quite an average crop, though the quality is good. Fruit crop quite small.

BARRINGTON AGRI. SOCIETY.

BARRINGTON, Dec. 19, 1873.

Geo. Lawson, Sec. Board Agriculture:

The Barrington Agricultural Society held its annual meeting, in accordance with the law, on the first Tuesday in December. Reports from the Directors and Treasurer were read and approved. The Treasurer's account shows an expenditure of \$83.65 during the year, and the receipts amounted to \$175.09. Leaving a balance on hand of \$91.42.

From the general Report we extract the following:—"The joint Exhibition of Barrington and Clyde Societies came off as advertised, on the second Tuesday of Oct., and proved far more successful than the most sanguine had anticipated. The show in cattle, particularly oxen, was very creditable. Horses and bulls, though not numerous, were very fine. The sample pigs showed the superiority of the Chester over the old breeds, and the sheep showed the advantage of the Cotswold admixture.

Of fowls, some fine specimens of Brahma, Black Spanish, and assorted hens were exhibited, and a good variety of geese, ducks and turkeys.

Although the season was dry and unfavorable for vegetation, yet the show of turnips, blood beet, Belgian and long yellow carrots was very superior, tomatoes also were large and fully ripe. A few good samples of apples and plums showed that this County has capabilities of soil well adapted to fruit growing. The ladies too evinced their skill by a fair display of woollen cloths, stockings, mittens, yarns, quilts, mats, and other articles of household manufacture. Altogether this our first exhibition, though small, has proved a decided success, has given a stimulus to the agricultural interests of the place, and we trust will be followed in succeeding years by more varied and extensive ones. A. C. Doane was elected a representative to the Central Board by this Society.

R. H. CROWELL, Sec'y.

CLYDE RIVER AGRI. SOCIETY.

CLYDE RIVER, Dec. 3rd, 1873.

The annual meeting of the Clyde River Agri. Society was held, according to law, on Dec. 2nd, after due notice given. The accounts of the Sec. and Treas. were presented and approved. They showed:

To bal. from last year.....	\$ 66 14
Subscriptions.....	40 00
Hire of plow.....	1 50
Provincial Grant.....	54 55
	\$162 19
By seeds, &c.....	\$32 00
Journal of Agriculture.....	4 00
Postages, stationery, &c.....	2 00
Barrington Exhibition.....	20 00
	58 00

Leaving a bal. to the credit of the Society of \$103 19

The following officers and directors were appointed for the ensuing year:

Pres.—David Sutherland; Vice-Pres.—J. McKay; Sec. and Treas.—M. G. Henry; Directors.—R. Sutherland, B. Crowell, James Gibson, Thos. McKay, Wm. McKay.

The circular with reference to the Prov. Exhibition, asking a subscription for it was read, and in response the sum of twenty-five dollars was voted.

Twelve dollars was likewise voted to Jas. Gibson, on condition that he would keep the grade Alderney bull for a year and not allow it to be sold out of the place.

It was decided hereafter to hold quarterly meetings of the society.

The Society wish to get a potato digger, and ask the Central Board if they order any to reserve one for us.

Very little has been done by the Society during the last year, but it hopes by the accumulation of funds to secure in the first opportunity a full bred Ayrshire bull, and to keep up the breed of white Chester pigs, which has been introduced so successfully.

The crops here last summer were not so good as usual. Hay very light, potatoes of good quality, but below an average crop. The English Flourball introduced by the Society last year have done very well. It has proved a good yielder, so far as we can judge from the limited quantity planted. Good size—rather firm solid texture.

The Committee met and nominated Robt. Sutherland as a candidate for the Central Board. M. G. HENRY, Secretary.

UPPER NINE MILE RIVER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Upper Nine Mile River, Dec. 15th, 1873.

The annual meeting was held on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, at the Good Templar's Hall, Upper Nine Mile River, the President in the chair, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Pres.—Samuel Blois; Vice-Pres.—Donald McPhee; Secretary.—J. A. Thompson; Asst. Secretary.—Robert Brechin, snr.; Treas.—John Caldwell. Directors.—Donald A. McPhee, David McDonald, Roderick McKenzie, Donald Grant, and John A. McPhee.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved; the accounts were examined and found correct.

By members' subscriptions.....	\$63 00
To paid for books for Society.....	\$2 00
G. P. Thompson, Secretary.....	5 00
	7 00

Balance in Treasurer's hand.....\$56 00

At a meeting held on June 21st, this Society was formed of 63 members, each paying one dollar.

A movement was made for the purchase of two bulls and five rams, but for want of sufficient means proved a failure for this year. It is anticipated that the year's experience, and its success, will be followed by better results in the coming year.

In reference to the crops in this locality, we would say that hay is below the average yield of last year's crop. Wheat, very sparingly sown, and but a poor crop when cultivated. Oats, an average crop. Barley: owing to the failure of wheat for some years past this crop is more largely sown, and generally yields well. Potatoes, a good crop, and of good quality. Fruit, a failure, owing to the heavy wind storms of last August.

The officers of this Society have nominated Samuel Blois, Esq., as a candidate to the Central Board.

SAMUEL BLOIS, President.
GEO. P. THOMPSON, Sec'y.

STIRLING AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

NEW ANNAN, Dec. 30th, 1873.

The Report of the Stirling Agricultural Society may be briefly summed up as follows:

The annual meeting of this Society was held in Wilson's School house, on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd.

The minutes of the last general meeting of the Society were read and approved.

The Secretary, in the absence of the Treasurer, presented the financial statement and accounts for the year, when it was moved that they be received as correct—passed unanimously.

The Society then proceeded to the election of office-bearers for the ensuing year, when the following were appointed:

President.—David Wilson; Vice-President.—John Porteous; Treasurer.—Wm. Byers; Secretary.—Wm. Creighton. Directors.—Jas. Johnson, Jas. Murdoch, jr., James Cox, John Porteous, jr., and John Swan, snr.

The Secretary brought to the notice of the Society the subject of the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition, when it was moved and resolved that the sum of twenty-five dollars be given to the above exhibition to be deducted from the grant of 1874.

This Society has been furnished within the