

appearances promise an abundant yield of fruit. Currants, Gooseberries, &c., are looking better than at this time last year; but Melons, Cucumbers, Pumpkins, Squash, &c. are very much injured in many fields,—destroyed by the squash bug.

Farmers are putting turnips and man-gold seeds in land intended for potatoes but not planted in consequence of the wet.—The Grass on the upland looks well. Some of the marshes and low lands have suffered from the wet and unusual depth of snow in March; but, taken as a whole, there is every prospect of a good crop of hay, which is one of the most important to the farmers in this part of the country.

GEORGE WHITMAN.

AMHERST, June 22, 1872.

Dear Sir,—From observation and the best information I can gather the English hay crop on dry uplands and high marsh looks unusually promising, on wet soils, low English marsh and imperfectly drained land, there is a prospect of much less than an average yield; of the later grasses, of which a large extent is grown, it is too early to form an estimate. Not more than half the usual area of Oats has been sown—the sown, generally on land quite unfit to receive seed, and a large proportion at a time, in ordinary years, when their would be little hope of their coming to maturity. Fully an ordinary breath of Barley has been sown, and considerably more than the usual extent of Buckwheat, though quite a fortnight later than it is generally thought prudent to sow. Potatoes—less than their would have been had the spring been fair; those early planted have rotted to some extent, but most of them got in very late, with land in bad condition. Turnips—more than usual, with ordinary prospects.

Without a few timely showers in July the English hay promises less than an average yield. Oats less than half. Barley rather more than usual. Buckwheat considerably more. Potatoes quite a falling off. Turnips more than an average.

Unless crops advance with unusual rapidity of growth, and the fall frosts keep off late, there will be a very short yield this season. The outlook is not at all encouraging for the coming winter.

Yours, &c.,

HIRAM BLACK.

CLEMENT'S GROVE,
Annapolis Co., June 26, 1872.

Dear Sir,—I have been requested to furnish you with some information respecting the state of the crops in this district. I may say that the hay crop promises to be abundant. The upland grass is looking well. Oats are looking

well, and promise to be a fair average crop, although sown late. Barley promises well for the quantity sown. Indian Corn, I should say, will be a fair average crop from what I see and hear. Buckwheat has made its appearance above ground in few places, and looks well, but not sown extensively. Potatoes are looking well on the high, dry soils, but on the low, heavy soils they were unable to plant early on account of so much wet weather, consequently they are not up. Turnips have made their appearance in many places, and look well; I cannot say how the crop may turn out, for many persons have only sown the seed within a few days. Apples and other fruit trees are looking well, and promise a fair average crop, from all the information I can gather.

Yours, &c.,

JAMES HORSFALL.

Reports of Agri. Societies.

PUGWASH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

PUGWASH, Feb. 27, 1872.

A meeting of the members of the Pugwash Agricultural Society took place in School-house, Section No. 21, according to advertisement, Thos. A. Fraser in the chair. Elisha D. Demings, Secretary, *pro tem.*, reported that 76 members had subscribed to Schedule A in the Act of the Encouragement of Agriculture. The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers, and the following persons were elected:—

Pres., Charles T. Oulton; *Vice-Pres.*, Simon Fraser; *Treas.*, Cyrus Bent; *Sec'y.*, Thos. A. Fraser; *Directors*, Jesse Black, Elisha D. Demings, Donald McKay, James Chisholm and Alexander McKenzie.

A committee of seven was appointed to draw up a code of bye-laws for the government of the Society.

The meeting then adjourned to meet with the committee to make the bye-laws, in the Town Hall, Pugwash, on the 11th of March, which meeting took place, according to appointment, the President in the Chair. The Secretary read the bye-laws, all of which passed with very slight amendments.

As it was thought impossible for the Report to be in time to meet the Central Board, the meeting instructed the Secretary to send a telegram to the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, stating that over forty members had paid.

The meeting then recommended that the Directors use the funds in purchasing an improved breed of Sheep this year.

The bye-laws of the Society are as follows:—

1. That this Society be called the Union Agricultural Society of Pugwash.

2. That the payment of one dollar at the Annual Meeting, or within 10 days thereafter, shall constitute membership in this Society.

3. There shall be not less than two meetings each year—one on the first Tuesday in December, and one on the first Tuesday in May; others, called special, may be called by the President and Secretary, or upon the written request of fifteen members.

4. The President shall act as Chairman at all meetings, when present, call special meetings, and perform the usual duties pertaining to that office.

5. The Vice-President shall assist the President, and in his absence, act in his place.

6. The Secretary shall keep a record of the business of the Society, minutes of meetings, an account of receipts and expenditure, call meetings by advertisement, when properly directed to do so, (eight days previous to such meeting, in three different localities within the bounds of the Society, and at any such meeting, nine members shall form a quorum), conduct the correspondence, and perform such duties as may be required for the advancement of the interests of the Society.

7. The Treasurer shall give a bond to the President in double the sum subscribed, shall keep the funds of the Society and disburse them on the order of the President and Secretary, and report the state of the funds at the annual meetings.

8. The Officers and Directors shall take charge and keep for the benefit of the Society, all animals, plants, seeds, roots, models, implements, &c., with all and every article and thing that may become the property of the Society by purchase or otherwise, and make such use of the Society's property as in their judgment shall be most beneficial to the agriculture of the district; shall report at the annual meeting in December upon the proceedings, offer remarks upon the state of agriculture, and recommend measures to advance the interests of the Society.

9. Any member elected into office and refusing to act, without a reasonable excuse, shall pay a fine of one dollar, or forfeit his membership.

10. These bye-laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present in favour of such amending, at any regularly-called meeting.

THOS. A. FRASER, Sec'y.

CLARE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, COUNTY DIGBY.

The Annual meeting of the Clare Agricultural Society was held on Tuesday the 5th Dec., in accordance with the Act for the Encouragement of Agriculture.