

## PARADISE AGRICULTURAL SOC'Y.

PARADISE, Dec. 6th, 1872.

Sir,—In submitting my Annual report of the Paradise Agricultural Society, I beg to state that the Society has not been very active during the year.

Some efforts were made last winter in the way of getting up monthly meetings for the discussion of questions of general interest to the farming community, but we were not successful in securing a general attendance of the members, and therefore, after a little time, the enterprise was abandoned.

We have held no exhibitions during the year.

In May last, we applied to the Board for some pedigree barley, and after a time, received from Mr. Alfred Saunders, Seedsman, fifteen bushels of Chevalier and Annat barley. The barley cost us, independent of Railway charges, \$51.25, and was sold at auction, to members of the society, at an average rate of about \$1.60 per bushel, involving a loss to the Society of some \$30.

In sending for the barley it did not enter into our calculations that any barley which might be procured would cost us between three and four dollars per bushel, hence a good deal of dissatisfaction prevailed when it became known that the barley had cost so much. This and some other untoward matters have made it hard to hold the society together, and made us late with our returns. I am happy, however, to say that at our Annual meeting our list of membership was completed, and considerable interest manifested in regard to the future success of the Society. It was so late when the barley was procured, and the season so unfavourable as regards the wetness of the soil, that no fair means have been afforded of testing the value of the grain. In a few instances a fair yield has been obtained, but generally there has been a failure.

We have made no purchases of stock during the year.

The Society, however, owns a two-year old Thorough-bred Ayrshire Bull, which it imported a year ago last May. At the same time ten members of the Society imported a three-year old Ayrshire Heifer, thus the Society has already the means of procuring thorough-bred stock.

From the present position and prospects of the Society we hope to be able to hold an Exhibition next autumn. At the Annual meeting the Society decided upon the purchase of a Boar of some improved breed.

The following is the list of officers for the current year:—Pres., A. Longley; Vice-Pres., Samuel Sanders; Treas., J. S. Luard; Secy., W. H. Balcom; Directors—Edmund Bent, George Starratt,

Wellington Daniels, Robert Marshall, Edgar Bent.

Trusting that this report may still be in time,

I remain, &c.,

W. H. BALCOM,

Sec'y.

FENWICK AGRICULTURAL SOC'Y.  
OF NOEL.

The directors of the Fenwick Agricultural Society of Noel, at this, their seventh Annual meeting, beg leave to present the following report:

The past has not been a very active year with the Society. We were not able to carry out the exhibition contemplated at the last Annual meeting; we purchased 10½ bushels of Prairie wheat in Picton, 50 bushels Black oats in P. E. Island, and 60 pounds Alsike clover seed in Halifax,—all of which was sold to members at cost and charges. We did not succeed in obtaining an Ayrshire Bull at the sale of stock imported by the Board of Agriculture; but we purchased a grade alderney, in Halifax, 16 months old, cost \$51.50. So far as we can learn the hay crop the past season is above an average, and generally harvested in fair condition; grain below average; potatoes and other root crops average. The Society has a list of fifty-seven members.

Balance in Treasurer's hands December 5th, 1871..... \$44.60  
Receipts for the year..... 210.17

Expenditure..... 260.80  
..... 189.89

Balance in Treasurer's hands December 3d, 1872..... \$70.91

List of Officers for the ensuing year: President, Alexander Denmore; Vice-President, Robt. Faulkner, Esq.; Secretary & Treasurer, George Denmore, Esq.; Asst. Secretary, Osmond O'Brien; Directors, James F. Miller, Daniel Ross, Thos. Hunter, Esq., Albon S. Main and S. H. O'Brien.

Representative to the Board of Agriculture—James J. O'Brien, Esq.

ALEX. DENMORE, President.

GEORGE DENMORE, Secretary.

MINUDIE AND BARRONSFIELD  
AGRICULTURAL SOC'Y.

In presenting the Annual report of the Minudie and Barronsfield Agricultural Society for the year ending Dec. 3d, 1872, we have to congratulate the Society on the general improvement that has been manifested in the Society during the past year, both in the interest taken by the members, and the healthy condition of our funds.

We have to regret that through the want of promptness on the part of some

of our late officers we lost the Government grant for 1871, which leaves us short of funds.

Owing to the backwardness of the Spring, our farmers were late in getting in their crops, which affected the yield, the whole crop will average less than two-third crop. Oats will not average one-half, and poor quality; barley, fair crop; buckwheat, very good; potatoes and turnips, average yield; hay, fair average.

The improvement in our stock is seen in the high prices realized for cattle sold at the late auction sales, bred from bulls imported into our district.

The improved implements purchased by the Society and members generally have enabled our farmers to till their farms with less manual labour and much more effectually.

The cultivators belonging to the Society are very useful, and give general satisfaction.

We submit our financial report for the year ending Dec. 2nd, 1872.

The balance of funds in the hands of the Treasurer \$193.09, with the anticipated Government grant, will not be sufficient to purchase the two bull calves from Warren Purceval, Esq., of Maine. The price asked is \$300. The expenses by rail will be somewhere about \$30, making in all \$330, less discount on currency for gold, about \$30, leaving \$300 to be provided (our currency) to make the purchase. We shall have to borrow, at least for the present, \$100, and we recommend that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow that sum on the best possible terms, and without the least delay.

All of which is respectfully submitted. Dated this 2nd day of December, 1872.

List of Officers for the ensuing year: Pres., Charles Baker; Vice-Pres., E. Read; Secy., Job Seaman; Treas., Gilbert Seaman; Directors, Gilbert Seaman, Sylvester Burk, Stephen Clark and Eliphat Read. Dr. Mitchell, County Delegate.

The above report adopted, and the Bulls ordered.

ROBT. MITCHELL, President.

JOB SEAMAN, Secretary.

## BRIDGETOWN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY,

DECEMBER 12TH, 1872.

With regret we have to report a great backwardness in our members to come forward and pay up their Annual Subscriptions in time, to enable the Secretary to make the required report to which places the Society in a position to draw their portion of the Provincial Grant.

On account of the first Tuesday in Dec. being unfavorable, the Yearly meeting was adjourned to Thursday the 12th Dec.