

stantly eaten close into the roots. They continually worked at the short end of the lever.

One of the finest farms we ever had the pleasure of examining, devoted chiefly to grazing, would cut nearly a ton of grass in the pasture at any time. The beef cattle which fattened on these pastures, were worth in market from a hundred and fifty to two hundred dollars each. These fields were subject to plowing and rotation every few years, with heavy seeding when laid down. A part were kept permanently in grass—being mowed four or five years, and then pastured two years with cattle. When the hay began to fail, they were restored by the pasturing. Top-dressing was given only when the land was in meadow, and never to pasture, as it rendered the feed strong and unpalatable. Plaster was found not only to add to the quantity of grass, but as was asserted, to sweeten it and improve its fattening qualities.—*Country Gentleman.*

WHITE CHESTER PIGS.

Any one who has for sale young pigs of the White Chester breed, may hear of a purchaser by addressing a note to the Editor of the *Agricultural Journal*. We are at all times desirous of meeting the views of buyers and sellers of pure stock, and notices of such are inserted in the *Journal* as a matter of course without any charge. We hope, therefore, that persons who want to buy, or have pure stock to sell, will take the trouble to make their wants known through the *Journal*.

Reports of Agri. Societies.

PARRSBORO' AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The last annual meeting of the Society was held at Daniel York's (adjourned the same day from the Town Hall, Mill Village,) on Tuesday, the 4th December, 1866. The previous year's report was then read and approved of. All the officers were re-elected for 1867. Letters were read from two persons, stating that they had withdrawn from the Society.

The Committee met at Daniel York's, Mill Village, on Tuesday, the 2nd April, 1867. It was then resolved that bounties be paid this year on wheat and compost only, viz., on wheat, 5s. for 10 bushels—on compost, 5s. for 20 loads made,—that bounties to the amount of £6, due in 1866, but not then claimed, be allowed,—that the Society take 21 Nos. of the *Journal of Agriculture* for 1867, to be sold to members at half price.

The Committee met at Daniel York's, Mill Village, on Tuesday, the 5th November, 1867, when payments on wheat raised in 1867, £11 5s.; on compost made

in 1867, £17; keeping Chester White boar, £6 10s.—to the amount of £34 15s. were paid. It was resolved that the Society's Chester White boar be transferred from the Halfway River section to the Advocate Harbor section, if wanted there; if not that the officers of the Society dispose of him this season to the best advantage,—the charge for his services to be the same as last year. The Society's ram at Maccan was sold for 15s. It was resolved that the Society's ram at Halfway River remain in that section this season, and at Maccan next season; and that the ram at West Brook be transferred to Diligent River for this season. It was resolved that the members in any section may make regulations to suit themselves for the use of their ram and his safe keeping during the season, if they wish to deviate from those made by the Society. The sum of £5 was voted to aid the funds for the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition to be held in Halifax in the autumn of 1868. It is expected that the members will subscribe as much more from their own funds for the same purpose. The Society's ram for the Mill Village section died suddenly last fall. It is not known whether it was from accident, disease or injuries. He was a native of Prince Edward Island,—equal in size to about four ordinary sheep, and in high condition. He had been among several flocks last fall, and has left some improved stock.

Our hay crop this year is unusually good, and most of it was harvested in good condition,—on uplands generally it is twice as good as it was last year—on low grounds and marshes it was perhaps no better than last year. Potatoes are a failure generally, from having been attacked early in the season with the dreaded blight, they are scarcely half the usual crop; a few fields planted early on dry ground furnished a fair crop. Wheat did well wherever sown; it is entirely free from rust and weevil. Swedish turnips succeeded well. There is a partial failure of oats and buckwheat. Apples were a light crop. Beets, carrots, parsnips and cabbages did well; these vegetables are only cultivated here in gardens. Peas were a fair crop, but they are here very little sown in fields. Cranberries, strawberries and gooseberries were unusually plentiful; but blueberries, raspberries and blackberries were light crops.

JOHN T. SMITH, *Sec'y.*

RIVER PHILIP AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

At the annual meeting of the above named Society, held in December, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—*Pres.*, Robert Donkin; *Vice Pres.*, Richard Black; *Sec'y.*, O. B.

Davison; *Treas.*, James Cove; *Directors*, Stephen Oxley, Asa Fillmore, senr., Rufus Thompson, Richard Cove, senr., Andrew Taylor, Geo. Thompson, senr., Richard L. Black, jr.

The exhibition of stock was in general very poor, especially live stock. Butter and cheese were called good. Wheat was a fair round kernel and good weight, but not altogether free from other seeds. Oats good, first prize weighing 42½ lbs. Timothy seed was also good. Woollen cloths highly spoken of. The Society thinks of purchasing some improved stock from Central Board.

OTIS B. DAVISON.

RIVER JOHN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Our duties were undertaken in circumstances rather unfavourable. The number of Societies sanctioned by law had already been established in the County, and we were necessarily in doubt as to our success; but are happy to state that all difficulties have been removed by Parliament.

We held several meetings during the summer, and corresponded with some parties to secure a bull for the season, but considered the price of those offered too high, and it was thought most advisable to hire one.

The funds being too limited to procure the amount of stock that could be of general service to the Society, we resolved to raise eighty dollars, which, together with the amount from subscriptions and the Provincial Grant, made about two hundred dollars. This sum was invested in stock bought at the late provincial sale at Halifax. The stock is—One Ayrshire bull calf, one Durham bull calf, two Leicester rams, one South Down ram lamb, one white Chester boar and one black Berkshire sow.

We regret it was not easy to hold an exhibition, as it would prove a means of exciting an interest and of stimulating to efforts in agricultural pursuits. The Society is but in its infancy, and needs only the support and fostering patronage of the public to become a blessing to the whole population. There are seventy numbers on the list; and it is encouraging that all classes of the community, as well as farmers, take a lively interest in the welfare of the Society.

RECEIPTS.

Amount from subscriptions.....	\$70.00
Money borrowed.....	30.00
Provincial Grant.....	50.00

\$200.00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for stock.....	\$156.00
Cost of purchasing and transporting stock	19.27½
Three copies "Agricultural Journal".....	1.50
Incidental expenses.....	2.50
Sundries, per Secretary's account.....	5.57

\$184.84½