

account of the formation of that society in 1789. This date (1789) makes the Kings Society one of the oldest, if not the oldest, agricultural society in Canada. Its first officers were:

Jonathan Crane, President.
John Thomas Hall, Vice President.
James Fullerton, Secretary.
James N. Shamon, Treasurer.
David Dennison, Steward.
Number of members on the roll, 107.

But this early date, 1789, was not the beginning of the first united movement in Nova Scotia in the interests of stock raising. An advertisement in the Nova Scotia Gazette of 1773, of races to take place at the Windsor Fair on June 15th and 16th offered one plate of twenty pounds and one of ten pounds in prizes for native bred horses. This Windsor Fair had been one of the institutions of the place for some years, as the following resolution passed at a public meeting would go to show. "Whereas it is thought that the establishing of a Fair at Windsor will be of great utility to the province, a number of the gentlemen of Halifax being desirous of promoting every measure that can conduce to the public good have entered into a subscription for premiums and rewards and will cause the following to be given on Tuesday, the 21st of May, 1765, the first day of the Fair."

For a person who would bring the greatest number of cattle the award was three yards of English blue superfine broad cloth and a silver medal. For horses the prize was a saddle, a bridle and a medal. For sheep a pair of sheers and a medal. Other prizes were a churn and a medal for the best cow, a whip and a pair of spurs for the best horse and six yards of ribbon and a medal for the best twelve pounds of butter or cheese. The best wrestler was offered a lace hat and a pair of spurs, while the next best got a pair of shoes and buckles and the third a pair of buckskin gloves.

Although the prizes at this early day were not in money, they were good value and probably were quite as highly appreciated by the successful competitors as the premiums given at the present time.

The following extracts from a letter written to Agricola from Amherst, dated January 7, 1819, speaks of the formation of the Cumberland Society and the public sentiment there. After giving the list of the names of those who composed the society the writer says: As it may suit anonymous writers to represent our society to be composed of the lower order of the inhabitants of the County of Cumberland you will probably think proper to give a list of its members and their subscriptions for publication. It will be seen by it that the Cumberland society comprises a large portion of the magistracy and of the respectability of the County. You will see annexed a copy of a letter addressed to one of the members of our committee by Mr. John McFarlane, a man residing at Fox Harbor, in this county, whose character entitles his statement to be readily believed. You will no doubt consider the information therein contained interesting; not only because it is proof from actual experiment of the beneficial effects which will flow from the general