

Immediately after our organization, a Committee was appointed to attend the sale of imported stock at Richmond, and purchase one or more of the animals. Not being able to carry out this arrangement, they purchased a Durham Bull from the Society at Windsor for Fifty Dollars; a ram from Shubenacadie Society for Eight Dollars; and a Boar from the Society at Noel for Fifteen Dollars.

The expenses incurred in getting the animals brought home amounted to Eight Dollars and sixty-five cents, (\$8.65,) making a total cost of Eighty-one Dollars and sixty-five cents, (\$81.65.)

The Ram, since his purchase, has been kept by Mr. Joseph McLearn, and is still in possession of the Society.

The Boar was kept alternately between Selmah and Kennetcook until the spring, where not proving all that was desired, he was sold to Hugh McLearn for Fifteen Dollars, that being the charge for keeping him during the winter.

The Bull was kept during the winter months at Mr. David Smith's, and during the summer between Maitland and Kennetcook, changed about every third week. This fall he was exchanged with the Society at Shubenacadie for a small one.

At a meeting of the Directors held in April, Hugh McLearn, Esq., was authorized to purchase One Hundred and Sixty pounds of Alsike Clover Seed, which he did at a cost of thirty-five cents a pound, which was sold to members at cost and charges.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF SOCIETY.

1872—To cash from 15 mems. at \$1.00 each,	\$ 15 00
Government Grant.....	47 00
1873—To subscription from 63 members at \$1.00 each.....	63 00
To receipts for use of Bull.....	31 50
“ Sale of Clover Seed.....	39 97
	<b>\$255 52</b>

Cr.	
1872—Cash paid in purchase of Stock..	\$ 81 65
180 lbs. Clover Seed at 35c.....	56 75
Freight on “.....	1 00
Book for Secretary.....	1 00
Keeping Bull one year.....	104 15
Expenses sending delegate to Halifax to select a representative to Central Board.....	4 00
To Hall Rent.....	5 00
	<b>\$253 55</b>

Balance due Society.....\$ 1 97

#### REPORT OF THE MERIGOMISH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Merigomish Agricultural Society, was held on Tuesday, the 2nd December, in accordance with the Act for the encouragement of agriculture.

The Secretary's report was read and adopted, after which the officers for the ensuing year were elected, viz:—*President*, Danl. Simpson; *Vice-President*, Wm. B. Sturd; *Secretary and Treasurer*, John S. Copeland; *Committee*, James Turner,

Edward Finelson, John Meikel, James Roy, Thomas Grant.

David Matheson, Esq., of Pictou, was nominated to represent our County at Central Board.

Since the last report our Society have expended \$143 in the purchase of seed wheat from Canada, which has done very well. We also purchased a bull which has given general satisfaction. We have yet a balance on hand of \$80.

Respecting the crops—Hay was above the average and housed in good condition. The wheat sown early was a fair crop. Oats a very poor crop. Potatoes an extra crop. The storm of August damaged the crop very much in this locality this season.

David Matheson, Pictou, Representative.  
JAMES R. McDONALD, *Pres.*  
JOHN S. COPELAND, *Secy.*

#### NEWPORT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Newport Agricultural Society was held on the 2nd of Dec., 1873, the minutes of the last meeting read and approved, Secretary then presented an account of receipts and expenditure.

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Balance due Directors from last year.....	\$105 00
Expenses of stock to date “.....	30 00
	<b>\$135 00</b>
Cr.	
Receipts of membership.....	\$55 00
Government Grant for 1873.....	42 00
	<b>\$97 00</b>
Balance due Directors.....	<b>\$38 00</b>

The society has the following stock on hand; two Grade Durham Bulls purchased in 1872. Cost \$165.

Our crops for the season; Hay an average one. Oats fair. Barley good. Wheat good, breadth sown small. Roots above the average. Potatoes yield large, some kinds not keeping well in cellar.

The following persons were elected Officers for the ensuing year:—*President*—James Ross; *Vice-President*—Samuel Chambers; *Secretary and Treasurer*—Edward Allison; *Directors*—Chas. Cochran, John Chambers, John Wallace, John P. Miller, John Spratt.

JAMES ROSS, *Pres.*

EDWARD ALLISON, *Secy.*

Newport, Dec. 31st, 1873.

#### BARRINGTON WEST PASSAGE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Minutes of adjourned Annual Meeting of West Passage Agricultural Society, held in School House, Dec. 11th, 1873.

The Secretary and Treasurer laid before the meeting the accounts of the year, which were duly approved. Moved by A. L. Crowell, seconded by J. A. Knowles, and resolved, that the President and Vice-President of last year be elected again for ensuing year.

Moved by S. Nickerson, seconded by J. A. Knowles, and passed, that Daniel Sargent be the Secretary and Treasurer for ensuing year.

Moved, seconded and passed, that the following persons be the Committee, viz: T. W. Robertson, W. Sargent, S. W. Crowell, Stellman Nickerson, Nathan Hopkins.

There being but a small attendance of the members, the question of voting anything from the funds of the Society, for the Provincial Exhibition, was left for another meeting.

J. L. CROWELL, *President.*

W. SARGENT, *Sec'y. and Treas.*

West Passage Agricultural Society, in account with W. Sargent, Sec'y. and Treasurer: 1873.

To bill of seeds.....	\$ 74.62
“ paid S. Nickerson, truckage.....	1.00
“ Secretary's salary.....	8.00
“ Total on hand.....	<b>\$210</b>

**\$165.77**

1873.	Cr.
By balance on hand last year.....	\$ 75.23
“ Annual Grant.....	50.55
“ Members' subscriptions.....	40.00
	<b>\$165.77</b>

1873.  
By balance as above on hand.....\$82.10

#### MIDDLE RIVER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, CO. OF VICTORIA.

This Society held its annual meeting on the day fixed by the Act, 1873.

The following gentlemen were elected for the ensuing year, viz:—*President*, W. John McDonald; *Vice-President*, H. Campbell; *Treasurer*, Ken'th. McDonald; *Secretary*, John McLennan; *Directors*, John McDonald, Donald McLean, Edwd. McLeod, Donald McQuinn, and William Cain.

The Society have nominated John Ross, Esq., M. P. P., to be a member of the Board of Agriculture.

The Directors and Office-Bearers of this Society would most respectfully report to the Hon'ble. the Board of Agriculture, at Halifax, the proceedings of this Society for the past year, and in doing so, it is necessary in the outset to notice the liberal amount of Grant allowed the Society by the Board of Agriculture for the last year, which has been the means of enabling the Society to embark larger in the importation of Stock this year than at any other period during its existence. This Society in the month of May last imported a stud horse, four years old, and weighing fourteen hundred weight, at a cost of three hundred dollars, in size and symmetry, surpassing any other ever imported to Cape Breton. Although the Society has done a great deal in the improvement of stock, yet the improvement of horses has been hitherto sadly neglected; but we trust that in a few years this will be greatly overcome by the introduction of this fine animal. This So-