

serves something more than a passing notice, as the intense cold so early in the season is quite unprecedented. In the West, the frost and great depth of snow have caused several deaths and much suffering.

Great injury has been done to shipping, and many persons have found a watery grave.

A check has been given to commerce by the sudden closing of many ports and canals, and altogether, the early intense frost has made this a remarkable season.—*Amherst Gazette.*

ST. ANN'S AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

SOUTH GUT, 11th Dec., 1871.

Dear Sir,—The Annual meeting of the St. Ann's Agricultural Society was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., in terms of the Act. The President, Murdoch McKenzie, Esq., having resigned, Luther McLeod, Esq., was unanimously elected in his place. All the other officers were continued in office for the ensuing year.

Since last report, the Society has expended the sum of \$125 in purchasing seeds, fanning mills and other implements; also, the wintering of the Bull, "Sir George," and his attendance in summer, cost a further sum of \$72.99, leaving only a balance of \$17.41 in the hands of the Treasurer. The Bull being such a drain upon the funds of the Society, it was considered prudent to sell him to one of the members, and the Society to pay for his services.

Respecting the crops, the result is now very generally known. The hay crop, though unusually heavy, the season being unfavourable, great quantities have been housed without being in the best condition. Oats and barley will favourably compare with other years. Wheat, though at first very promising, excepting in very rare instances, is below average. Potatoes in some localities a fair average, but in other localities a complete failure,—just as the blight had been late or early in taking them.

JOHN MORRISON, Sec'y.

PARRSBOROUGH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT.

The last Annual Meeting of the Society was held at Daniel York's, Mill Village, on Tuesday, the 6th December, 1870. The previous year's Report was then read and approved of. All the officers were re-elected to serve in 1871. A letter was read from Wells Cole, stating that he had withdrawn from the Society. The Hon. Alexander McFarlane was re-nominated to serve as a member of the Central Board of Agriculture.

The Committee met at Daniel York's, Mill Village, on Tuesday, the 4th April, 1871. It was then resolved that the principal officers procure, as soon as practicable, a Potato Digger from Canada, the United States, or elsewhere, for the use of the Society, and to serve as a model. No answer has as yet been received to letters on the subject to parties in Ontario or Boston. It was resolved that a donation of ten shillings be paid Alexander Lewis for a covered shed for saving manure under, constructed by him in 1870; and that a bounty of five shillings be paid Thomas Smith, and a bounty of two shillings and sixpence be paid Henry Harrison, for oatmeal made by them from oats raised by them in 1870. It was also resolved that bounties be paid on the first Tuesday of November next on wheat, Swedish turnips, and hayseed, raised this year, and on compost made this year. Bounty on wheat, 5s. for ten bushels; 2s. 5d. for five bushels. On Swedish turnips, 5s. for one hundred bushels, and 2s. 6d. for fifty bushels. On compost, 5s. for sixty loads, and 2s. 6d. for thirty loads, (each load to contain 20 bushels), on hayseed, 2s. 6d. for one bushel, and 1s. 3d. for half a bushel.

The Committee met at Daniel York's, Mill Village, on Tuesday, the 7th of November, 1871, when bounties were paid on crops, due 1st November, 1870 omitted, to the amount of three pounds seven shillings and sixpence. Bounties were paid on wheat raised in 1871—£6 12s 6d. On rye raised in 1871—£1 7s. 6d. On Swedish turnips raised in 1871—\$2 15s. On compost made in 1871—£16 15s. On hayseed raised and saved in 1871—£7. On alder or swampy low land cleared and fitted to bear English hay in 1871—£1 5, to the amount of £35 15s. It was resolved that Daniel York be paid seven shillings and sixpence for the use of a room to hold meetings of the Society and officers in, in 1871; and that the Secretary be paid one pound two shillings and sixpence for his services and stationery used by him in 1871.

Throughout the year the Treasurer has received £32 4s. from members—£29 6s. 9d. as subscriptions due for 1871, and £2 17s. 3d. subscriptions due for the years previous to 1871. He also received £22 from the Central Board of Agriculture, assigned to the Society out of the Provincial money voted for Agricultural Societies in Nova Scotia, for the year 1870. He also received sixteen shillings for *Journal of Agriculture for Nova Scotia*, for 1871, sold to member at first cost. These sums, with the balance in hand from last year, of £8 12s. 2½d, make the sum of the funds for the year to be £63 18s. 2½d. Out of this, payments were made as before stated, on wheat, rye,

swedish turnips and hayseed raised in 1871, on compost made in 1871, on low land cleared and fitted to bear English hay in 1871, to the amount of £35 15s; *Journal of Agriculture for Nova Scotia*, for 1870, \$2 12s 6d; donation for a covered shed made in 1870, to save manure under, ten shillings; bounties on oatmeal made from oats raised in 1870, seven shillings and sixpence; bounties on crops, compost, and low land cleared for hay, due to members 1st January, 1870, omitted, £3 7s. 6d. postages, one shilling room to hold meetings of Society and officers in through the year, seven shillings and sixpence; services of Secretary, and stationery used by him in 1871, one pound two shillings and sixpence; leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands, at the close of the business for this year, of £19 14s. 8½.

Out of 151 in 1870, one withdrew, one removed and one died. Seven having joined the Society in 1871, 155 are liable to pay five shillings each, in 1871. From these £32 4s. was received, £2 17s. 3d. of which was for arrears due the Society for years previous to 1871. The arrears due for the year 1871 are £9 8s. 3d.

Twenty-two numbers of the *Journal of Agriculture for Nova Scotia* have been received and read in the different sections of the Society through the year. Each of the eleven officers receives a number gratis.

Our usual Provincial Grant for 1871 has not been received.

Our hay crop this year was most abundant; the largest perhaps ever taken off the ground in this section of Cumberland County. The land where it was cut is chiefly upland, and it may be safely said that this year's crop is one quarter more than usual. There was a great deal of difficulty in getting it made, owing to the showery weather that prevailed throughout the harvest season. The large marsh at Advocate Harbour, where three hundred or more tons of hay are cut annually, has nearly recovered from the effects of the Saxby Storm of 1869, which rendered it barren last year. The old dyke, which was then broken, has been replaced by a defence against the sea, of piles touching each other, driven down by machinery. Potatoes were a light crop. They came up well, and grew well; but were attacked early by the blight, and many were found to be diseased when dug. In most places they were only partly grown; they are only about one quarter of the usual crop, and their quality not so good as common. Turnips, where cultivated, succeeded well. Apples were a light crop. All the small fruits growing well and were plentiful, especially cranberries and blueberries.

The prices of farm produce in Parrs-