

AMHERST AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Number of members, 44. Subscriptions paid, \$41. Working expenses, \$2.95.— Balance in Treasurer's hands, \$11.05.

President, Moses Low. *Vice-President*, J. Hiram Black. *Secretary*, W. F. Cutten. *Treasurer*, W. W. Beat. *Directors*, Toney Beat, James M. Layton, Robert Keillor, William Keiver, George W. Freeman.

DIGBY COUNTY.**CLARE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

Number of members, 57. Subscriptions paid \$57. Government grant \$114.— Cash on hand from last year, \$101.69.— From other sources, \$143.90. Total receipts, \$416.59. Disbursements: Farming Implements and Grass seed, \$203.63. Freight and duty and Secretary's expenses, \$17.56. Balance in Treasurer's hands, \$195.40.

Secretary, Anselm M. Comeau, Junr.

DIGBY CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Number of members, 43. Subscriptions paid, \$43. Government grant, \$86.

President, William Aymar. *Vice-President*, Robert Reid. *Treasurer*, John Nicholls. *Secretary*, Samuel T. Bacon.

GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY.**GLENELG AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

Number of members, 53. Subscriptions paid, \$53. Government grant, \$106.

President, Samuel Archibald. *Secretary*, John A. Kirk.

Arrangements have been made for the importation of two bulls and four sheep of improved breeds. Owing to the influx of population occasioned by the discovery of gold in our midst, and the ready market for produce thereby occasioned, the farmers in this district have been encouraged to prosecute their calling with more energy and agricultural skill for the last two or three years than they had previously been accustomed to do.

HALIFAX COUNTY.**DARTMOUTH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

Subscriptions paid, \$55. Government grant \$69. Amount paid for prizes and printing, &c., \$102.05. Balance in Treasurer's hands, \$21.95.

The time fixed for receiving subscriptions from members is 1st July. The Society's Report embraces full details of the various premiums awarded for Potatoes, Turnips, Mangel Wurtzel, Wheat, Barley, Oats, Beet, Cabbage, Carrots, Seeds, Cloth, Drainage, &c. A ploughing match was held at Mr. Clifford's farm on 19th October. There was a spirited

competition, and five prizes were awarded, varying in value from \$10 to \$3.

President, M. Tobin. *Vice-President*, A. Klum. *Secretary*, T. Short. *Treasurer*, A. Tulloch. *Directors*, A. Tobin, John Bissett, A. Farquharson, jr., P. McNab, John Morash.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX.

Number of members, 62. Subscriptions paid, \$62. Government grant, \$87. The Society has existed for thirty years.

Secretary, James Kent.

LOWER MUSQUODBOIT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Number of members 61. Subscriptions paid, \$61. Government grant, \$84.

President, Robert A. Logan. *Secretary*, Charles N. Sprott, Middle Musquodboit.

The Society has existed for eleven years. The members have agreed to devote their funds this year to the purchase of improved breeds of sheep and pigs.

WESTERN HALIFAX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

This Society is in course of organization with a view to apply to the Board of Agriculture at their next meeting, to be recognized as entitled to participate in the Government grant. About 50 members have already joined. The Society embraces the western part of Halifax county, that is all west of Halifax, including the city, Sackville, Hammond's Plains, &c. Annual subscription of members, \$2.

COUNTY OF HANTS.**WINDSOR AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

Number of members 40. Balance from previous year, including grant of 1863, \$53.72. Subscriptions paid \$80. Received for use of thrashing machine and entrance fees at cattle show, \$12.30. Government grant \$157. Total receipts, \$303.02. Prizes paid and expenses of cattle show \$96.62. Paid for bull, \$62. Other payments \$11.35. In Treasurer's hands \$133.05.

President, J. O. King. *Vice-President*, John Brown. *Treasurer*, James Dill. *Secretary*, Samuel Palmer. *Directors*, Peter Barnham, Samuel Mumford, Robert Bacon, Matthew Alison, James M. Geldert.

The cattle show of October last was better attended than any for several years past. The show of live stock, grain and roots, was very creditable to the district affording conclusive evidence

that agriculture in all its branches is in a steady state of advancement.

An annual cattle show has been held by the Hants Society on the 2nd Tuesday of October since the year 1836, and is generally considered to have been a strong stimulant to improvement in the breeding of live stock, field culture, and in fact to everything connected with farming operation.

Many members of the former Society at the time of its organization (in 1834) were impressed with the idea that if a regular cattle fair to accommodate this and the surrounding districts could be established in connexion with the yearly exhibition, it could not fail to be advantageous to all parties concerned in such matters; buyers and sellers would be brought together, and arrangements made by which much valuable time might be saved. A good deal of exertion was made and strong hopes of success were entertained for a few years the exhibitions being well attended and a great deal of business transacted, but for several years past nothing but what was intended for competition for prizes has been brought on the ground. It is thought that an attempt to establish a fair for the purchase and sale of live stock and farm productions at the present time might be more successful, and that it is a subject worth consideration by agricultural societies.

NEWPORT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Number of members, 43. Subscriptions paid, \$43. Government Grant, \$83.

President, James W. Allison. *Vice-President*, Samuel Chambers. *Secretary* and *Treasurer*, Charles Cochran. *Directors*, John Weston Harvie, Scott Nelson, Joseph Rathburn, Robert Allison, Nelson Wolaver.

INVERNESS COUNTY.**NORTH EAST BRANCH OF MARGAREE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

Number of members, 43. Balance in hand from previous years, \$129.50. Subscriptions paid, \$43. Government grant, \$62. Price of pig sold and arrears received, \$23.73. Total receipts, \$278.23. Paid for P. E. Island stock, \$146.65.— Working expenses, \$20. Balance in Treasurer's hands, \$91.58.

President, John Burton. *Vice-President*, Edmund Ross. *Secretary*, John Munro. *Treasurer*, William S. Hart. *Directors*, Joseph Ingraham, Murdoch A. Ross, John Cranton, Ebenezer Leadbetter, Murdoch Macdonald.

The Report of this Society speaks of the increased energy and intelligence manifested by the farmers of the district. The chief obstructions to agricultural improvements are the high price of labour, the limited capital of the farmers, and deficiency in means of information.