

23. If any society shall neglect to render such accounts and report, it shall forfeit its claims to the provincial grant for the year next succeeding.

24. The county society, where but one exists in a county, and the several societies, where more than one is established therein, shall be requested to hold an annual show for the exhibition of agricultural and horticultural produce, farm stock, and articles of domestic manufactures, at which prizes shall be granted for the best specimens produced of farm culture, and such shows shall be held at such time and place, and under such regulations, as the majority of the officers and directors of the several county societies may determine.

25. If the officers and directors of the agricultural society of any county, or part of a county, consider that any other system might advantageously be substituted for that of shows, and that the sum allotted to such societies might be better applied in the importation of stock, or to any other purpose for the improvement of agriculture,—in such case they may apply the said sum, provided notice thereof has been given to the Board of Agriculture, and its approval of such appropriation obtained.

26. The provisions of this chapter shall extend to all agricultural societies at present in existence.

#### SCHEDULES.

##### A.

We whose names are hereunto subscribed agree to form ourselves into a society under the provisions of the Chapter of the Revised Statutes "Of the Encouragement of Agriculture," to be named the Agricultural Society, in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and we severally agree to pay to the treasurer of said society towards the funds thereof annually the sums set opposite our respective names.

| Names of Subscribers. |   | Sums Subscribed. |
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##### B.

The City and County of Halifax shall comprise District No. 1.

District No. 2 shall include the counties of Kings, Annapolis and Digby.

District No. 3 shall include the Counties of Lunenburg, Queens, Shelburne, and Yarmouth.

District No. 4 shall include the Counties of Hants, Colchester, and Cumberland.

District No. 5 shall include the Counties of Pictou, Antigonish, and Guysborough.

District No. 6 shall include the Counties of Cape Breton, Richmond, Inverness and Victoria.

#### FOR SALE.

One Thoroughbred Durham Bull, two years old last September.

J. J. NEWCOMB.

Cornwallis, N. S.

### Agricultural Reports.

#### SHUBENACADIE AGRIC. SOCIETY.

SHUBENACADIE, Dec. 3rd, 1872.

To the Officers and Members of the Shubenacadie Agricultural Society:

We the undersigned Auditing Committee, beg to report that we have examined the accounts of the Directors and Books of the Society for the year, and find them correct. First, we find the Directors accounts stand as follows:—

Balance due Directors from last year.....\$ 37.81  
Paid C. McDonald for purchase of Grade Bull... 63.40  
For purchase of Bull and Ram at Prov. Sale..... 197.00  
Expenses of Stock to date..... 3.27

By Cash received from Treasurer for Subscriptions from members.....\$ 51.00  
Provincial Grant..... 23.56  
C. Fraser..... 1.80

\$ 79.36  
Balance due Directors.....\$22.12

We find that the Society has Stock on hand as follows:—

One Durham Bull—Sir William—purchased in 1869, value.....\$140.00  
One Grade Durham Bull, purchased in 1872..... 60.00  
One Ayrshire Bull Calf, purchased in 1872..... 165.00  
One Cotswold Ram, purchased in 1872..... 32.00  
\$400.00

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. KIRKPATRICK, } Aud. Committee.  
Wm. BLAKE, }

Our crops for the season—hay, an average crop; grain of all sorts light, and of an inferior quality; potatoes, not an average, and subject to rot.

DAVID MOORE, Secretary.

#### LOWER MUSQUODOBOIT AGRICUL. SOCIETY.

MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT,  
December 10, 1872.

The Annual Meeting of the L. M. A. Society was held on the 3rd day of Dec., 1872. The following persons were elected officers for the year:—*President*, Francis Layton; *Vice President*, Thomson Bill; *Secretary and Treasurer*, Chas. N. Spratt. Chas. N. Spratt was elected a representative of this Society for the present year.

#### RIVER JOHN AGRICULT. SOCIETY.

RIVER JOHN, Dec. 3rd, 1872.

According to the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture, the River John Agricultural Society met and constituted by the President taking the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and sustained. Secretary submitted a report of the proceedings of the Society for the past year, indicating a healthy state of the Society with increased membership.

Receipts of Membership.....\$56.00  
Expenses of keeping Stock, &c..... 49.57

Balance in hand.....\$ 6.63

This being the evening for the election of officers for the ensuing year, the fol-

lowing were elected:—*President*, John McKenzie; *Vice President*, Thomas Mitchell; *Secretary*, Robert Sutherland; *Treasurer*, John Holmes; *Directors*: Nelson Sutherland, James Strumberg, Abraham Langill, John Tatterie, Alfred Archibald. JAMES STRUMBERG, *President*, ROBERT SUTHERLAND, *Secy*.

#### NORTH EAST MARGAREE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting was held the 3rd day of December, 1872, according to the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture, Donald McDonald, Esq., *President*, in the Chair.

The Minutes of the Meeting held in October were read and approved of, also all communications with the Society. The Society then proceeded to the electing of officers for the ensuing year, when the following persons were elected:—*President*, Donald McDonald; *Vice-President*, James Doyle; *Secretary*, John A. Ross; *Treasurer*, Donald Ethridge; *Directors*: Thomas Ethridge, Jacob Ross, Thomas McDonald, John Riely, Mark Crowdis.

To be a member of the Central Board, George C. Laurence, *Secr.*, of Port Hood.

Our Society was organized in October 1872, the funds at our disposal have been spent in purchasing Stock and farming implements.

DONALD McDONALD, *Pres.*, JOHN A. ROSS, *Sec'y*.

#### REPORT OF YARMOUTH TOWNSHIP AGRI. SOCIETY FOR 1872.

The Yarmouth Township Agricultural Society held its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, the 3rd December, at the Temperance Hall, Hebron. The President in the Chair. Reports of Secretary and Treasurer presented and passed. Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of about \$100, including member's fees for the year.

Office-bearers for 1873 were appointed as follows:—*President*, John Patten; *Vice-President*, Samuel C. Porter; *Secretary*, James Crosby; *Treasurer*, George W. Sanders; *Directors*: Joseph P. Rose, John McCormack, Stephen Butler, William Durkee, Charles Rogers. The Society did not deem it advisable to hold an exhibition the past Autumn as usual, considering it would be more beneficial to devote at least a portion of its funds to purchase of stock, as a considerable part of its present funds had been derived from the sale of the Society's two Bulls, which had been kept for some three years, and it was thought best to dispose of them, and replace them by others. At the resale of the Stock imported by the County Society, the pure blood Ayrshire Bull Calf, Lord Dufferin, was purchased, which