

cost was large for so small and so simple an implement £7, 9s. 3d.; nearly half of it, however, was due to freight. Only think of \$10.75 on a small plough, weighing probably with its accompaniments, less than 100 lbs., from St. Catherine's, Ontario, to Halifax by express Railway! Of \$1.75 by Railway from Halifax to Windsor, and 90 cents for remaining in the depot at Windsor about three weeks! If the implement had proved good or should prove good on further trial, the first cost of \$16 at St. Catherine's, Ont., was not excessive, yet quite sufficient in view of its great simplicity. Perhaps we were too sanguine and therefore hasty in ordering the Digger, but had no idea that it would be sent at such a fearful cost for freight. From Boston by a vessel to this place, where no doubt better Potato Diggers than the Ontario one are sold, the freight would not have exceeded one dollar, or by a vessel from Montreal to Pictou, an article of no more weight and bulk than our Digger would not probably cost more than a dollar. The charge by horse team of 112 lbs. fifty years ago from Halifax to Truro, 60 miles, was only 7s., and from Halifax to Windsor, forty-five miles, only 2s. 6d. There is probably some mistake or imposition in the charges made on the Digger.

Our usual Provincial Grant for 1874 has not yet been received.

The hay crop this year in Parrsborough, Upper Maccan, and Apple River has been unusually good, and was all harvested in good time and in excellent condition. Potatoes came up well and grew luxuriantly, promising a heavy crop, but many farmers complain of a light crop, not so good as last year's. Late in the season the tops were pitted by blight, and the potatoes when dug were slightly affected by it. It is observed now to be more extensive as they are used, than it was thought to be at the time of digging. There are good crops of oats, barley, and buckwheat, with no complaint of rust in the oats. Rye, formerly so much grown in Maccan, does not appear to have been sown by any of the farmers this year. Turnips, beets, parsnips, carrots, onions, cabbages, peas and beans all succeeded well. Apples were a fair crop. All the small fruits growing wild were very plentiful, viz., gooseberries, blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, cranberries and blackberries. Great quantities of cranberries were gathered on the Black rock, Fox River and Cape D Ore plains, and in other places; besides those kept for home consumption, probably one hundred barrels or more of them have been exported by our merchants.

The retail prices of farm produce in Parrsborough this autumn are nearly as follows, viz., hay 50s. per ton; butter, 1s. 3d. per lb.; Cheese, 9d. per lb.; beef, mutton, lamb and veal, fresh, 3½ per lb.; pork, fresh, 5cts. per lb.; potatoes 2s. per bushel; turnips 2s. per bushel; wheat 10s. per bushel; barley 4s. per bushel; oats 2s. 6d. per bushel; smooth, grey, beechnut, or old buckwheat 5s. per bushel; rough or ground buckwheat 3s. per bushel; peas and beans 8s. per bushel; hops 2s. per lb.; beets and carrots, 4s. per bushel; apples, common, 4s. per bushel; apples, grafted, 8s. per bushel; hayseed 25s. per bushel; cranberries 10s. per bushel; cabbages 1s. per head; onions 5c. per lb.; geese, dressed, 2s. each; turkeys, 7½d. per lb.; chickens, 2s. per pair; ducks, 2s. 6d. per pair; milch cows, £6 each; working oxen, £20 to £25 per

pair; lambs, 10s. each; ewes 15s. each; twilled homespun cloth for trousers, 4s. per yard; Twilled homespun cloth for trousers, cotton and wool, 3s. per yard; flannel, white, cotton and wool, twilled, for blankets, 4s. per yard; homespun, colored, cotton and wool, plain, for women's frocks, and men's working jackets and shirts, 3s. per yard; raw hides, 4s. per lb.; wool, 1s. 9d. per lb.; eggs, 9d. per dozen; solo leather, 1s. 6d. per lb.; upper leather, 15s. per side; calf skins, raw 6d. per lb.; calf skins, tanned, 4s. per lb.; sheep skins, with wool on, 4s. each; sheep skins, tanned, 2s. each; lambskins, tanned, 1s. each; woollen yarn, 1s-3d. per skein of 12 knots; socks, 1s. per pair; buckwheat meal, 2c. per lb.; oatmeal, 2c. per lb.; double mittens, 2s. per pair; single mittens, 1s. per pair.

JOHN T. SMITH, Sec'y.

Mill Village, Parrsborough, Nov. 8, 1874.

ST. ANDREW'S AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, ANTIGONISH CO.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Pursuant to the Statute and regulations of the Central Board, the St. Andrew's Agricultural Society held its annual meeting on the second Tuesday of December, the President in the chair.

A committee, consisting of Colin Chisholm, Arch. McPhee, and Lauchlin Cameron, Esqs., was appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, and after due enquiry found the finances to be as follows:

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Which leaves us \$153.66 (one hundred and fifty-three dollars and sixty-six cents in arrears; we have, however, the Provincial grant for the past year yet to draw upon, which, we trust, will to a great extent liquidate the above debt. Our Society was last year led into somewhat embarrassing circumstances, owing to the expectation that the increased grant from Government would be drawn by the Societies in general. Such was not the case, we regret to state, and hence the straightened position in which we find ourselves to-day. It is, however, somewhat gratifying to report that the subscription list for the past year is increased.

For the past year the society has gone to its utmost limit in the importation of thorough-bred stock. One grade bull from Cornwallis, an excellent animal, was purchased, and meets the approbation of all. Some Leicesters, Southdowns and Shropshire sheep were also brought in from Prince Edward Island, and gave general satisfaction. They were sold: as is usual in such cases, at public auction, and the proceeds came nearly up to cost prices. We have yet on hand the grade Durham Bull brought here two years ago, a very noble animal.

Under existing circumstances the members of our Society, though far too few in numbers, yet are spread over a wide extent of country, indeed through the whole Township of St. Andrew's, and the office-bearers from year to year feel constrained to keep always on hand a heavy stock of cattle, so as to meet the requirements of every section, and sustain the object of the Society, necessitating as it does, the utmost strain on our funds. It is, however, the intention of the Society to dispose of some of the animals next autumn, and to purchase others in their stead. With this object in view the Society

did not refrain from expressing its emphatic and decided view that the Central Board should not neglect or omit its solemn duty in importing and providing the necessary thorough-bred stock for the encouragement of Societies. In the *Journal of Agriculture* for March, 1872, the following memorable observation occurs:

"The impossibility of obtaining in the Province, or within convenient reach, animals sufficient to meet our present or prospective requirements, and the absolute necessity of a large importation by the Board of Agriculture, without which Societies will be completely discouraged;"—a duty we trust the Board will not neglect, and the Government will lay to heart.

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:

Pres.—John Cummings; Vice-Pres.—Allan McDonnell; Sec. and Treas.—Duncan Chisholm; Directors.—Colin Chisholm, Arch. MacPhee, Don. Chisholm, Lauchlin Cameron John A. Chisholm, Esqrs.

DONALD CHISHOLM, President.

DUNCAN CHISHOLM, Secretary.

St. Andrew's, 2nd Dec., 1873.

RICHMOND CO. AGRI. SOCIETY.

ST. PETERS, Dec. 2nd, 1873.

We, the officers and Directors of the Richmond Agricultural Society beg to report:

That since the organization of this Society on the 25th of January last, forty-two persons have become members thereof, paying into its funds the sum of forty-three dollars, entitling the Society to draw from the Provincial Treasury the sum of eighty-six dollars; when the Provincial subsidy shall be paid (after Jan. 1.) the Society shall have one hundred and twenty-nine dollars in funds. The members will perceive that as the Provincial subsidy has not yet been received, and as the amount of funds on hand was until recently less than forty dollars, nothing could be done during the past season to promote the object of the Society. We would suggest that a person be sent to the Provincial Exhibition to be held at Halifax in October, 1874, unless a previous opportunity to invest the funds of the Society be obtained for the purpose of purchasing such stock of improved breed as our means would permit.

The August hurricane did a large amount of damage to the various crops in this county, but more particularly to the potato, and many farmers suffered severely by the loss of their barns and houses, both of which were in many instances blown down. We regret to report the fact that we fear much distress and suffering will exist in several districts the ensuing winter.

We are gentlemen,

Your obedient servants,

ROBERT HILL, Pres.

ROBT MCKENZIE, V.P.

D. McRAE, Treas.

M. McRAE, Sec'y.

Directors.—Wm. Calder, Allan McRae, Donald McRae, Donald McInnes, Duncan McLean.

The annual meeting of the Richmond Agricultural Society was held at St. Peter's, on the 2nd day of December, inst., according to law. The present Officers and Directors were all re-elected for the ensuing year. Who also nominated Doctor McDoagall of St. Peters as suitable for appointment to the Central Board. In reference to the Provin-