

Annapolis valley, from Blomidale to Annapolis Royal, was capable of being made into one vast orchard, and as such, could not be equalled in the world.

From what I have seen of the workings of our Club this winter, I am fully convinced of their usefulness. The members of our Club will be proving the folly or truthfulness of what has been asserted, by actual experiment; and also, will be taking more notice of what is passing daily before their eyes. Hoping that Farmers' Clubs may be formed in every farming community throughout the Province,

I remain yours, &c,

THOMAS TUZO, Sec'y.

Horton Landing, King's County,
April 13th 1872.

ORCHARD GRASS—CHEVALIER BARLEY.

My Dear Sir,—I noticed that in the reports of the transactions of the Central Board, resolutions were passed for a new importation of seeds, among others the Orchard Grass, (*Dactylis glomerata*). I have had considerable experience with this grass, and I strongly advise farmers to try it on a very small scale, at first at least; it is certainly a very abiding grass, if I may use the term, but only in certain localities. We recognized it in a shady situation on a Falmouth farm, where it had been sown perhaps twenty years before. It makes exceedingly wiry, unpalatable hay, does not make a very early matted pasture, but when hot weather comes, shoots ahead very rapidly. Where I have sown it on land exposed to the rays of the sun, it rapidly degenerated into unsightly tufts. In my opinion it is not to be compared, either for pasture or hay, with the much despised meadow fox-tail (*Alopecurus pratensis*), wild Timothy of Nova Scotia. This grass being allowed to reseed itself with degenerate seed, and uniformly cut a month too late, has never had a fair chance. It is a most abiding grass, forms a thick turf, is more palatable than orchard grass, and rather earlier. You may recollect the specimen I sent you some time ago. The seed barley I sent to Halifax is the Chevalier Barley, but, as you may say, thorough bred.

Yours very truly.

ALFRED C. THOMAS.

FOR SALE.—The Thorough bred Durham Bull, "Lord Derby," five years old, imported by the Board of Agriculture, has proved himself a good stock getter, and perfectly quiet and easily handled. Enquire of SAMUEL PALMER, Windsor.

Reports of Agri. Societies.

YARMOUTH COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Quarterly meeting—a fair attendance—the President in the chair. Number of members for 1872 to date, forty-eight (48); amount subscribed two hundred and seventeen dollars (\$217).

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Mr. L. E. Baker having sent in written resignation of the office of Secretary, on the ground of want of time, his resignation was accepted. The subscription list for the year having only been commenced, and of those eligible to supply the vacancy none being present, Charles E. Brown resigned as President, and was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Wm. Burrill being re-elected President.

Moved that an Exhibition be held first Thursday in October, premiums to be offered to the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500), details to be arranged at next quarterly meeting.

The following additional Exhibition Bye-Laws passed:

"No person shall act as a judge in any class, or section of a class, in which he is an Exhibitor."

"No person will be allowed to interfere with the judges while in the discharge of their duties. Exhibitors so interfering will forfeit their rights to any premium to which they might otherwise be entitled."

"No person shall be allowed to enter for Exhibition more than one specimen in any one section of a class, unless the additional article shall be of a distinct named variety or pattern from the first, this rule not to apply to animals, but to apply to all kinds of grain, seed, vegetable products, fruits, manufactured articles, &c., &c., in which each additional specimen would necessarily be precisely similar to the first."

"Stock or articles not entered for premiums to be so labelled."

Voted to await the organization of the Board of Agriculture before making any further appropriation of the funds of the Society for 1872.

It was moved to order a sufficient number of either the *American Agriculturist* or the *Canada Farmer*, to supply a copy gratis to each member of the Society. While it is unquestionable that each member should take a good Agricultural paper, the value of such a paper is best attained by paying cost, and these papers, as other things wanted, are supplied to members at cost, for the asking. What costs nothing is little thought of, the gratis business, from Adam down, having proved unsatisfactory. Motion lost.

Voted that Messrs. Frank Killam, Benj. Killam, and the Secretary, be a committee

to ascertain if a suitable lot of land can be bought for the Society, and report at next quarterly meeting, first Tuesday in May. CHAS. E. BROWN, Sec'y.

Feb. 6th, 1872.

ANNAPOLIS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Annual meeting of the Society was held at the Court House, in Annapolis, on the first Tuesday in December, 1871. In consequence of the storm, some of the Committees were absent, and we regret we are unable at present to give a full report of the financial affairs of the Society. In accordance with the resolution passed at the last annual meeting to devote the funds of the Society for that year to the improvement of stock, a bull was purchased from Mr. Pinco, of Cornwallis; he is a superior animal and was bred from the Durham bull "Sir William" imported by the Board of Agriculture from Ontario, and sold to the Cornwallis Agricultural Society in the autumn of 1866, and from the Durham cow "Agnes," purchased from M. H. Cochrane, Esq., Compton, Quebec, and sold to Dr. C. C. Hamilton, of Cornwallis, in 1867.

At the Agricultural and Mechanical Fair advertised to be held at the Garrison Field, Annapolis, on the 18th October last, under the auspices of the Annapolis Agricultural Society, and open to the public free of charge, and thereby offering a rare chance for the sale and exchange of different commodities, but little was done. Some of the stock exhibited sold at fair prices. There appeared to be more buyers than sellers, and sales were made of several articles to be delivered. The reason assigned by many for so few exhibitors at the Fair, was that no premiums were offered, and owing to the facilities for shipment now by railway, the farmers find a ready sale at home for anything they have to sell, and also many of the farmers were busily engaged in putting up their apples, (which I may here state were an abundant crop in this part of the County, and of a superior quality.)

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—George Whitman, President; John M. Harris, Vice-President; Alexander Harris, Treasurer; Stathern Bailey, Secretary; Richardson Harris, Assistant Secretary; Directors—E. C. Cowling, Geo. S. Hoyt, James Horsefall, Geo. Wells, Robert J. Spurr.

George Whitman was elected a representative of this Society to meet with the representatives of other societies to elect one of their number to represent the County of Annapolis at the Central Board of Agriculture, as required by the amendment to the act for the encouragement of Agriculture, passed during the last session of the Legislature.