

Hayseed, and Swedish Turnips, raised in 1872, on Compost made in 1872, and on Low Land cleared and prepared to bear Hay in 1872, were paid as follows, viz., on Wheat, £3 10s. 0d.; on Rye, £5; on Swedish Turnips, £8 12s. 6d.; on Hayseed, £5 10s. 0d.; on Low Land cleared for Hay, £4 15s. 0d., to the amount of £38 0s. 0d.

Premiums on orchards of grafted apple trees of not less than 25 trees each, two years set out on two years grafted, were paid on follows:—

No. 1. Thomas Leake.....	£6	0	0
" 2. William Joyce.....	5	0	0
" 3. Caleb Lewis, 2nd.....	4	0	0
" 4. Francis Holmes.....	3	0	0
" 5. James Sproull.....	2	0	0
" 6. Daniel McAloney.....	1	0	0

In all £21 0 0

It was resolved that Daniel York be paid 7s. 6d. for the use of a Room to hold meetings of Officers and Society in, through the year, or 2s. 6d. for each day, and that the Secretary be paid 22s. 6d. for his services, and for Stationery used by him in 1872.

A Bounty of 5s. payable on the first Tuesday of November next, was established for clearing one acre of low Land and preparing it to bear hay, between this day and the first Tuesday of November, 1873.

Premiums were established on orchards of grafted apple trees, of not less than twenty-five trees, each set out on grafted in the Spring or Fall of 1871, payable on the first Tuesday of November, 1873. The orchard of each competitor to be examined by the President and Treasurer next autumn, and the Premiums to be adjudged by them. They are required to take notes of the appearance, quality, enclosures, position, and other particulars of each orchard so examined, and present the same at the meeting of Officers in November next, with their decision as to the members who are entitled to the said Premiums. The Premiums are, Five, Four, Three, Two and One pound each.

Through the year the Treasurer has received £31 19s. 3d. from members, £28 11s. 3d. of which is subscriptions due for 1872, and £3 8s. 0d. subscriptions due for years previous to 1872. He also received £22 13s. 6d. from the Central Board of Agriculture, assigned to the Society out of Provincial money voted for Agricultural Societies in Nova Scotia for the year 1871. He also received twelve shilling for *Journals of Agriculture* for Nova Scotia for 1872, sold to members at first cost, and £4 7s. 6d. refunded towards £6 0s. 0d. advanced to Caleb Lewis, jr., to purchase a Bull for the three upper Sections of the Society. (The Bull was bought, but not sold for the benefit of the Society as required). Those sums, with the balance in hand from last year of £19 19s. 8½d., make the sum of the funds for this year to be £79 6s. 11½d. Out of this payments were made as before stated,

on Wheat, Rye, Hayseed, and Swedish Turnips raised in 1872; on Compost made in 1872, and on low Land cleared and fitted to bear Hay in 1872, £38 0. 0. 1.; on grafted orchards £21 0s. 0d.; *Journals of Agriculture* for Nova Scotia for 1871, £2 0s. 0d.; Travel and expenses of T. D. Dickson, going twice to Amherst to elect a member of the Central Board of Agriculture for Cumberland County, to serve for 1872, £3 0s. 0d.; Bounties omitted 7th November, 1871, £1 17s. 6d.; advances in November, 1871, to purchase one Bull each for the two Central and two lower Sections of the Society, £10 0s. 0d.; Potatoes 1s. 9½d.; Room to hold meetings of the Society and Officers in through the year, 7s. 6d.; Services of Secretary and Stationery used by him in 1872, 22s. 6d.;—leaving a balance on the Treasurer's hands at the close of the business for this year of £1 7s. 8.

Out of 155 members in 1871, eight withdrew and three died. Four having joined the Society in 1872, 148 are liable to pay 5s. each in 1872. From these £31 19s. 3d. was received, £3 8s. 0d. of which is for arrearages of subscriptions due for years previous to 1872, £24 11s. 3d. having been received towards the subscriptions due from the 148 members liable to pay 5s. each in 1872, the arrearages on the subscriptions for 1872 are £3 8s. 0d.

Two numbers of the *Journal of Agriculture* for Nova Scotia, for the year 1872, have been received and read in the different Sections of the Society through the year. Each of the eleven officers receive a number gratis. The remaining eleven numbers are sold to members at first cost.

Thirty-six extra numbers of the *Journal of Agriculture* for Nova Scotia, for the month of January, 1872, containing the 30th Annual Report of the Parrsborough Agricultural Society for the year 1871, were procured and distributed gratuitously to members of the Society and others chiefly within the limits of the Society. This was done to apprise persons of the operations of the Society, and to induce those not members, to join, and to induce members to give it a more active aid than they now do.

Our usual Provincial Grant for 1872 has not yet been received.

The Hay Crop this year in Parrsborough and Upper Maccan was light, compared with last year, probably one-fifth less on the uplands, though an average crop. It was got with great difficulty on account of continued rainy weather throughout the haying season. Much of it is consequently damaged. The Crop on the Advocate Harbor Marsh was unusually large. The top-dressing it received from the Saxby Storm of 1869, together with a two year's rest, seem to have improved it. Potatoes were a good crop. After deducting one quarter for blight,

the remainder affords our farmers a better crop than they have had for several years. The quality too is good. Of Prince Alberts, 400 bushels per acre were grown in some localities, and almost entirely exempt from blight. These seem to be a variety less susceptible of this disease than any of the other kinds usually grown here. The fields, generally, were struck early with the blight, and fears were entertained that the crops would be entirely ruined. But although the tops were killed, the disease only extended partially to the roots. Wheat did not succeed very well, and Oats were only about half the usual crop. The continued wet weather rusted the straw of both Wheat and Oats, and prevented the grain from filling, except those fields sown very early. Buckwheat, Barley, and Rye, were a fair crop. Turnips, Beets, Cabbages, and Carrots succeeded well. Apples were a good, though not a great crop. Strawberries, Blueberries and Cranberries growing wild, were very plentiful. Many barrels of Cranberries were exported by our merchants. The other small fruits growing wild, viz., Gooseberries, Blackberries, and Raspberries, were only a light crop.

The prices of farm produce in Parrsborough this autumn are nearly as follows, viz., H-y, 60s. per Ton; Butter 1s. per lb.; Beef, Mutton, Lamb and Veal, fresh, 3½s. per lb.; Pork, fresh, 4d. per lb.; Potatoes, 2s. per bushel; Turnips, 1s. 6d. per bushel; Wheat 10s. per bushel; Rye, 6s. per bushel; Barley, 4s. per bushel; Oats, 2s. 6d. per bushel; Grey, or old Buckwheat, 4s. per bushel; Gravel Buckwheat, 3s. per bushel; Peas and Beans, 8s. per bushel; Cranberries, 8s. per bushel; Beets, 5s. per bushel; Carrots, 4s. per bushel; Cabbages, 6d. per head; Geese, 3d. per lb.; Turkeys, 6d. per lb.; Chickens, 1s. 3d. per pair; Ducks, 3s. per pair; Cows, £5 0s. 0d. each; working Oxen, £10 0s. 0d. per pair; Lambs 10s. each; old Ewes, 15s. each; Twilled Homespun cloth for trousers, all wool, 4s. per yard; Twilled Homespun cloth for trousers, Cotton Wool, 3s. per yard; Flannel, white, Cotton and Wool, for Blankets, 4s. per yard; Flannel, white, Cotton and Wool, Plain, 2s. per yard; Homespun, colored, Cotton and Wool, plain, for women's frocks and men's working jackets, 3s. per yard; Raw Hides, 3½d. per lb.; Wool, 1s. 9d. per lb.; Eggs, 7½d. per dozen; Sole leather, 1s. per lb.; Upper leather, 15s. per side; Calf skins, tanned, 4s. per lb.; Sheep skins with wool on, 4s. each; Sheep skins tanned, 2s. each; Lamb skin, tanned, 1s. each; Hayseed, 20s. per bushel; Woollen yarn, 1s. 3d. per skein of 12 knots; Socks, 1s. 6d. per pair; Buckwheat meal, 2d. per lb.; Oatmeal, 2d. per lb.; Double Mittens, 2s. per pair; Single Mittens, 1s. per pair.

T. D. DICKSON, Pres.
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