

**Agricultural Reports.****AYLESFORD AGRI. SOCIETY.**

The Annual Meeting of the Agricultural Society was held at Brooklin School House, on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd., but owing to the inclemency of the weather, it was adjourned until Dec. 11th. The directors reported the financial state of the Society as follows:—By cash in hand after all bills were settled, \$75.00. Society numbers 46 members.

The following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year:—*President*, Johnson Patteson; *Vice-President*, Leonard Fitch; *Secretary*, F. A. McMahon; *Treasurer*, Thomas Wellon; *Directors*; Frederick Smith, Beriah Gravey, A. Wallis, Eugeon Fitch, Nelson Patterson, Esq. Representative for the Board, Leonard Fitch, Esq.

The estimate of crops in this vicinity may be classed as follows:—Hay crop very good; potato crop very light, and diseased; grain almost a failure; turnips an average; apples abundant. There is a decided improvement in our Stock. We formerly sold Calves for \$10 per pair, we now sell them for \$30 per pair.

F. A. McMAHON, *Sec'y.*

**ARISAIG AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

The inhabitants of the Gulf Shore, County of Antigonishe, met on 7th November—Joseph McDonald, Esq., M.P.P., in the chair—to form a new Agricultural Society. Officers were then elected as follows:—*President and Treasurer*, Hugh McAdam; *Vice President and Secretary*, Donald McDonald, Esq., M. P. P.; *Directors*: John A. McGillivray, Alex. McDonald, John Gillis Grant, John McDonald. Forty-three members had joined the organization up to 16th November. The Central Board authorized the Society to participate in the Grant for 1872.

**YARMOUTH COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.****ANNUAL REPORT.**

**Annual Meeting.** The President in the Chair.

In submitting the Treasurer's account for the year, showing an expenditure of \$2418.17, distributed as follows:—

Fruit Trees.....	\$63.32
Agri. Papers, Printing, &c.....	78.56
Exhibition.....	463.01
Machines.....	616.50
Stock.....	1196.78
	<b>\$2418.17</b>

about double the average expenditure, the Managing Committee may fairly claim that the Society is making regular and rapid advance, notwithstanding the supineness and indifference of the greater

part of the Farmers of the County, who have yet to learn the Alphabet of Agricultural success, in any proper sense of the term. This seems so evident that it would possibly be the wisest appropriation of our funds for the coming year, to devote them entirely to paying a Secretary, as Inspector of Agriculture for the County, whose whole time should be given to the work. He should hold meetings in each school section, and deliver lectures on the several branches of Agriculture, on the lack of information among our farming population, and the easy means of obtaining it, by procuring and studying the best publications of the day, whether books or periodicals, by joining an Agricultural Society, attending and taking part in its meetings and discussions, contributing to its annual Exhibitions, and learning what is there inculcated in breeding, cultivation, manufactures, &c.

It might be well to try what success would follow monthly meetings; by changing the day to Saturday, say from 10 a. m. until the Auction Room clears the house, a larger attendance might be secured than we now have at our quarterly meetings.

At future sales of stock, it will be advisable to sell male animals for the year only, purchasers giving sufficient bonds to secure good care and keeping. In this way valuable animals would not be sacrificed to the unforeseen contingencies of a norwester, which shuts up all pockets and annihilates all ambition in the direction of improvement of stock, and to the presence of one or two individuals whose demeanor should have consigned them to a Lunatic Asylum.

Finally all who wish the Society to prosper must help to establish its prosperity; good wishes are all very well, but don't affect much towards the progress of the Society. We ask prompt and full attendance at meetings, liberal subscriptions, and a generous support at all times.

Minutes of quarterly meeting of business transactions, in the interim Treasurer's account and report accepted and passed.

Subscription list for 1873 signed by 43 members, amounting to \$146.

The following resolution passed:—“That the members of the Yarmouth County Agricultural Society, while reluctant to dispense with the valuable services of their Secretary and Treasurer, who has so ably filled for many successive years that important office, are nevertheless sensible that he is fully entitled to retire with all the honors they are able to bestow, and that while they would desire to be able to offer him some more valuable recognition of their obligation, they have much pleasure in constituting him for life an honorary member of the Society.”

The Committee appointed to report as

to a Secretary advised that Mr. Thomas E. Corning had agreed to act in that capacity.

**Voted**,—That monthly meetings be held, as arrangements can be made therefor in the principal settlements of the County, to promote the objects of the Society.

Officers elected:—Frank Killam, *President*; L. E. Baker, *Vice-President*; Thos. E. Corning, *Secretary and Treasurer*; William Burrill, Nathan W. Blethen, Byron C. Sims, *Managing Committee*; G. S. Brown, *Central Representative*.

CHARLES E. BROWN,

*Sec'y pro. tem.*

December 3, 1872.

**CHARLES E. BROWN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE YARMOUTH COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

1871,	Dr.	
Dec. 5.	To balance per account rendered..	\$449.81
27.	Cash paid 1 Hay Press.....	86.50
1872.		
Jan. 10.	Cash paid Agricultural Papers...	57.80
Feb. 19.	Cash Grant from Gov't for 1871.....	192.93
April 22.	Cash for Fruit Trees.....	63.30
May 31.	Cash for Cultivator and Seed Sower.....	25.00
June 8.	Cash Sales Alderney Bulls \$71.50	
	Less com. and adv.....	3.75
		67.75
	Services 1 Cow, L. E. B....	2.00
		69.75
July 20.	Cash for Haying Machines.....	505.00
Oct. 9.	Cash Admission Fees to Exhibition	73.18
Nov. 5.	Sub. List Members, 1872... 357 00	
	Exhibitors.....	3.00
		370.00
30.	Cash Sale of Stock.....	340.50
	Less com. 14.37. Adv. 14.80	29.27
		311.23
	Balance carried down.....	213.65
		<b>\$2418.17</b>
1871.	Cr.	
Dec. 27.	By 1 Hay Press.....	\$86.50
	Ag. Papers, 10 Can. Farmers 90c.....	9.00
	10 N. S. Journals, 40c....	4.00
	30 American Agri. 1.18 ..	35.40
	4 Albion Cultivators, 2.35.	9.40
		57.80
1872.		
April 22.	10,000 Apple Root Grafts	40.00
	400 Plum.....	8.00
	1 peck Apple Seed.....	2.00
		50.00
	6 per cent. off.....	3.00
		47.00
	Express to Boston, N.S. Cy. 8.55. Freight, 87. Duty, 6.90.....	16.32
		63.32
May 2.	Cash pd. 2 Alderney Bulls. 50.00 or 75.00.....	125.00
	8 per cent. off.....	10.00
		115.00
	Charges 2 weeks keep, 3.00, 6.00	
	Charges to Boston, 31.13, 37.13	
	10 per cent. off.....	3.71
		35.42
	2 Telegrams, 3.00. Freight to Yarmouth, 10.62 Ins. 1.75.	
	Stabling, Yarmouth, 3.00....	18.49
		166.91
31.	Cultivator, 13. Seed Sower 12.00..	25.00
July 1.	Postage on Premium List.....	67
20.	3 Mowers, 100.00, 300.00. 2 Tedders 80.00, 160. 1 Horse Rake, 45.00.	505.00