

Black, Esq., is wintering him at \$1.50 per week.

A few bushels of the celebrated English Barley were bought in Halifax last spring, at \$1.50 per bushel, and distributed in the place at \$2.00 per bushel, leaving a small profit to the Society.

Agricultural Societies are essentially Farmer's Societies, and can be made the means of greatly improving the interests of Agriculture; but your Board deeply regret the backwardness and indifference of the farmers in reaping the benefits from the Society which a little more spirit would easily place within their reach. It is simply ridiculous for rich farmers to expect to realize great and lasting advantages from the annual payment of a mere dollar.

There is nothing but a lamentable want of enterprise and public spirit that prevents Amherst from participating in the incalculable profits of a live Agricultural Society, such as Sackville and Yarmouth: can each boast of and benefit from.

Adopted unanimously.

T. R. BLACK, Secy.
HIRAM BLACK, Pres.

*Amherst Agricultural Society in account with
Charles H. Bent, Treas.*

Cash in hand from 1872.....	\$116 00
Borrowed from H. Black.....	36 00
Subscriptions from members, 1873 ...	83 00
Bull Service, 1873.....	70 00
Amount sales of Barley.....	14 50
	\$319 50

Dr.

Cash paid J. E. Page for Bull.....	\$150 00
" Interest to Page.....	2 00
" Hiram Black.....	36 00
" " interest ..	2 88
" Maynard Freeman keep- ing Bull.....	9 50
" Thompson Keillor, do ..	7 00
" Torry Bent, do ..	25 00
6 bus. Barley, Central Board of Ag.	9 00
Freight on " ..	0 60
Rent of Hall.....	1 35
	243.33
	\$76 17

**GUYSBOROUGH AGRICULTURAL
SOCIETY.**

The Officers and Directors of the Guysboro Agricultural Society beg leave to submit to the Central Board of Agriculture the operations of the Society for the past year; and whilst doing so, sincerely thank the Central Board for the interest, encouragement and attention paid by them to the cause of Agriculture. Although our subscription list, which has been forwarded, does not contain quite as many members as that of the preceding year, yet the interest evinced in Agricultural matters in this District is evidently increasing.

We deemed it advisable to expend the funds in hand in the purchase of stock, and for that purpose authorized one of the Directors to purchase in P. E.

Island seven Leicester Rams, which cost, including expense of importation, the sum of \$96, and also a ten year old Durham Bull, which cost, including expense of importation and for keeping up to Dec., \$355.43. The sheep were sold to members, with the understanding that they are to be kept in the Society for three years. The bull is a very fair animal, and was taken by one of the members to keep for six months for \$24. The stock promises to be a very good investment.

Respecting the crops, we beg to report that Hay was about an average crop. Oats very much below the average, owing to the gale of wind of the 24th August, which destroyed in many places one half the crop. Wheat, but little sown, and but a poor crop. Barley not grown to any extent, but a very fair crop where cultivated. Potatoes in this district very poor crop; in some localities where the soil was heavy clay, they were very much affected with the rot, but in dry sandy soil very fair crop. Turnips we regret to state are not generally cultivated, the crop the last season has been below the average. Fruit, very little cultivated, but hope soon to see an improvement in this respect.

According to the Treasurer's account herewith forwarded, the Society is in arrears \$16.98. We have the annual grant for the past year to draw, which, with members' subscriptions for the year, will place the Society in funds, which we contemplate expending in stock next year.

The annual meeting was held on Tuesday the 2nd day of December. The President in the chair. The proceedings of the Officers and Directors for the past year were read and adopted. The Treasurer's accounts were duly audited by a Committee and found correct.

Officers elected for the ensuing year:—*President*, Godfrey Peart; *Vice-President*, William Scott; *Secretary* and *Treasurer*, William Hatshine; *Directors*, William DesBarres, Whitfield Scott, Edward Dillon and Robert Johnston.

GODFREY S. PEART, Pres.
WM. HATSHINE, Secy.

Guysboro, Dec 29, 1873.

**UNION AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
OF MAITLAND.**

PUTNAM HALL, MAITLAND, }
HANTS COUNTY, Dec. 2nd, 1873. }

In terms of the act for the encouragement of Agriculture, the annual general meeting of the Union Agricultural Society of Maitland was held, the President occupying the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary read a report showing the doings of the Society for the past

year, also the financial report, showing the funds of the society to be at rather a low ebb.

On motion of A. M. Cochran, seconded by A. S. Smith, the bull was left in charge of the Committee appointed at a former meeting to be taken care of during the winter.

The Committee appointed to purchase a boar reported that they had done so for the sum of Twenty (20) Dollars.

On motion resolved, that he be left in their charge during the winter.

Caleb Henninger agreed to take charge of the ram for one year, and return him to the society at the end of that time free of charge.

The society then proceeded to the election of Officers for the coming year, as follows:—*President*—Isaac Douglas; *Vice-President*—A. M. Cochran; *Secy.* and *Treasurer*—Stephen Putnam; *Directors*—Joseph McLearn, Capt. A. A. McDougall, Caleb Henninger, George Smith, Adams McDougall.

A circular was read from the Secretary of the Central Board of Agriculture, asking this society to vote a certain sum to be taken from the Government Grant of 1874, to aid in making up the prize list at the forthcoming Exhibition.

After some discussion on the state of our finances, it was felt that in justice to ourselves we could not vote a larger sum than Twenty (\$20) Dollars, the members stating that they would gladly double it if the funds would admit. Accordingly the sum of Twenty (\$20) Dollars was voted.

On motion the meeting adjourned to meet at McLearn's, on the first of March, 1874.

STEPHEN PUTNAM, Secy.

At a meeting of the Officers and Directors held immediately after adjournment, A. M. Cochran was nominated by this society as a suitable person to represent District No. 4 at the Central Board.

S. P.

SECRETARY'S REPORT, UNION AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

At this second annual meeting of our Society, your Secretary has much pleasure in being able to report it still alive and active.

Since our organization, about thirteen and one half months, the Society has held three full General meetings and four Directors' meetings.

The attendance, considering the length of the Society, about fifteen miles, has generally been good.

It being the first year of our existence as an Agricultural Society, we have not been able to perform all that could be wished, nor indeed all that some expected, as is shown by their retiring from the Society.