

Nearly all the land devoted to pasture is rough. A part of the crop is raised in land newly cleared from the forest.

This season has been what is here called a wet season.

Hay was a fair crop and was secured, with a few exceptions, in good order. Grain is rather a light yield from being in so many cases, owing to the cold wet spring, sown too late. Potatoes are rather below the average. But other root crops and the cabbage are very fair.

Fruit has proved almost a failure in the best orchards.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

There were received subscriptions of members.....	\$43.00
Provincial Grant.....	79.72
Seeds sold, cash.....	3.84
" " credit.....	2.39
	\$128.95

EXPENDED.

Rent room, Secretary's Salary, Stationery.....	\$12.64
Seeds supplied to members.....	89.39
	102.03
Balance belonging to Society.....	\$26.92

It is the desire of the Society for the coming year that the principal part of the funds be appropriated to the importation of stock for breeding purposes.

J. G. MURRAY, *President*,
J. M. FREEMAN, *Secretary*,

M. B. AG. SOCIETY, Brookfield, }
Oct. 22nd, 1872. }

NEW GAIRLOCH AGRIC. SOCIETY.

REPORT OF YEAR 1871-72.

This Society having brought a very considerable quantity of grain from Scotland, for the use of its members, can now report with some certainty of the results. The returns from the Oats were in the best yield over 15 fold; medium 10 fold; but in some cases only 8 fold. You will better understand the difference in favour of the imported grains, when we state that in one case 8 bushels of the oats were sent to the mill and the yield was 204 lbs of meal. The oat straw was stronger, but the grain is from four to ten days later in ripening.

The wheat is very much the same wheat which was in this locality called Scotch wheat before. The best returns were 16 fold, common 12 fold, and in one or two cases, where dog-nettles choked it, the returns were smaller. No report of any of it being ground has yet been made.

A considerable quantity of both grains are now in the hands of members, which will be sold to any one who would like to try the change, if they judge it would be an improvement, at 65 to 75 cents per 34 lbs oats, and at \$2.00 to \$2.50 for 60 lbs wheat. The oats were extra heavy when they came out, 43 lbs or over to the bushel, but they fell away in weight some 3 lbs or so.

The Society bought a large aged Durham Bull of beautiful shape and parts, but it would have eaten up the whole

Society had not some members taken him in hand and fed him free for some time.

The Society imported some Ram Lambs from Prince Edward Island, so as to improve the wool as well as the mutton raised in these parts, and try to leave some lasting benefit in the place. No thing very certain can be said of this yet. The conditions under which the Rams were sold continues till January, 1874, when the animal becomes the property of the purchaser. We find here that many are willing to give a fair price for manifest improvement, but are not willing to give the continuous attention that would keep that improvement up in cattle at least, but are so markedly earnest in the matter of horses.

The Society purposed to import some clover seeds in time for this season now past, but had to make a purchase of it in Halifax, and as it was fresh, it proved well as yet in looks, but any judgement would be premature as yet.

The office-bearers for 1872-73 are as follows:—*President*, John Gordon; *Vice President*, Kenneth Ross, J.P.; *Treasurer*, William McDonald; *Assistant Treasurer*, J. R. McDonald; *Secretary*, N. Boddie; *Directors*: John Beaton, John Sutherland, John McPherson, Angus McLeod Alex. McDonald. The Vice President to represent the Society at the meeting of all the County Societies.

Total monies received.....	\$350.80
" " paid out.....	350.45
	\$ 0.35

Being \$60.90 over sums paid for sheep, &c.

JOHN GORDON, *President*.

UNION AG. SOCIETY OF MAITLAND.

MAITLAND, Dec. 9th, 1872.

The Annual Meeting of the Union Agricultural Society of Maitland was held this day, the President in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The following persons were then elected as officers and directors for the ensuing year:—*President*, Isaac Douglas; *Vice President*, A. M. Cochran; *Treasurer*, Hugh McLearn; *Secretary*, Stephen Putnam; *Directors*: Joseph McEearn, Jas. Henningar, George Smith, Robert Putnam, A. A. McDougall.

On motion of Secretary, Isaac Douglas, Esq., was appointed to confer with the persons appointed by other Societies in the County, regarding the selection of a person to represent the County at the Central Board of Agriculture.

The persons appointed to attend the sale of Stock at Richmond reported that the state of our finances would not admit of making any purchase at that place; but they had purchased from other sources one bull and one ram, for the sum of sixty dollars.

On motion it was ordered that the bill be paid.

The stock was then placed in the hands of the directors to make arrangements for having them properly kept.

ISAAC DOUGLAS, *President*.
STEPHEN PUTNAM, *Secty*.

MAHONE BAY AGRIC. SOCIETY.

The Officers of the Mahone Bay Agricultural Society beg to submit the report as follows: that they are sorry they are unable to boast of any progress since our last annual meeting, the only improvement was in the increase of a few members and the purchase of a yearling thorough-bred Durham Bull, and he was bought at such a high price that we fear after receiving the Annual Grant, and paying for this celebrated animal, so called, at least in price as well as in size, our funds will be well-nigh exhausted, and leave us minus of seeds to commence the Spring of 1873. However the disease has got into the funds, the next step is to seek a remedy. Respecting the crops, as follows: Hay in abundance; Grain of all kinds light; Potatoes very short in consequence of the blight; Cabbage very good. Roots of all kinds good; Apples in abundance.

The officers elected at the Annual Meeting, held on Dec. 4th, 1872, were as follows:—*President*, B. Zwicker; *Vice President*, Joseph Mader; *Secretary*, H. Schnarr; *Treasurer*, Jacob Ernst; *Directors*: E. B. Hyson, John Mader, Chas. Zwicker, David Veinat and Alexander Ham. B. Zwicker, Esq., was elected as a representative to the Central Board.

B. ZWICKER, *President*,
H. SCHNARR, *Secretary*.

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St. Andrews Agricultural Society,
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