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King's County Agricultural Society.

The annual meeting of King's Co. Agricultural Society was held in Evangeline Hall, Lower Horton, Tuesday, Nov. 1st, 1887. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Secretary's financial statement and report was read and found satisfactory. A subsidy of $10 was voted for Wolfville and Avonport to aid in keeping a thoroughbred bull. The same amount was voted Long Island provided their membership was increased. A bonus was also voted Charles F. Patterson for keeping Jersey bull for benefit of members. Four new members elected. Director's report read and adopted. It was resolved that next annual meeting be held in the evening to encourage a larger attendance. Officers were re-elected as follows: Thomas Tuzo, President; James Leard, Vice-President; George Hamilton, Secretary-Treasurer; Dr Chipman, Assistant. Directors—Dr Chipman, R. L. Harvey, Jas. F. Avery, J. W. Hamilton, Robert Palmeter.

DIRECTORS' REPORT TO KING'S CO. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FOR 1887.

Mr President and Gentlemen:

By order of the Government we have come together a month earlier than usual to hold our 98th annual meeting. In some respects this is an improvement; but notice of the change, or amendment, was received too late to permit of gathering and preparing materials for a *lengthy* report. Perhaps your Secretary, who has to copy the minutes and report, will consider this a fortunate occurrence.

The year 1887 has brought little gains and losses to our grand old Society. New members have been added, but we have to record with sincere regret the loss by death of one of our oldest and most useful members, Mr John L. Brown, who was a director at the time of his death. May all who are here to-day be spared to celebrate our centennial two years hence. The honor of presenting the annual report of your directors to this Society is again mine. The business transactions are as follows:—A thoroughbred Shorthorn bull, Prince Lansdowne, two years old, was purchased from E. & O. Chase for $95 in the spring and placed in the keeping of J. W. Stewart, to be kept four years for the use of the Society on certain conditions, and at the expiration of that time to become the property of Mr Stewart. The bull is being well kept and is giving good satisfaction. A subsidy of $10 was voted to different sections of the Society to assist in providing bulls. Literature selected: *The Cultivator* and *Canadian Live Stock Journal*. These journals have been circulated among members and have afforded much enjoyment and instruction. The Secretary's statement shows that there is a *bona fide* membership of 55, and a balance in favor of Society. The Society is, therefore, free from debt and can use all its funds for purposes of improvement during the coming year.

No Exhibition was held in King's in '87, but the grant was drawn and united with that for Hants, and an Exhibition held in Windsor for both counties. Your President was appointed to the Executive, but declined in my favor, and I met with the committee and assisted as far as I was able. The Exhibition was a success in every respect. The fruit and vegetables were very fine, and the live stock, particularly horses, excelled that shown at any previous Exhibition. The hotels and boarding-houses of Windsor were highly commended by those who staid there for their good fare and fair charges. There were no extortionate rates for Exhibition time. Other towns might make a note of this for future use.

We now come to the review of the past season and shall arrange it as usual under the three heads of "Weather, Crops and Prices." WEATHER.—The most noteworthy features of the past Agricultural season were: high temperature and an unprecedented drought. The spring was later than that of '86, but work was well under way by May 1st, and was uninterrupted. There was never a more favorable seed-time. June was rather cold and dry, but July turned the tables and through that month and the next the thermometer was well up to 90°, the hottest summer we have had for years, and the dryest in the memory of the oldest among us. Throughout July and up to August 7th scarcely enough rain fell to lay the dust, and people began to predict disaster and ruin on every hand. But a kind Providence proved all such false prophets, and men of little faith, and there has been a bountiful harvest as well as a fine seed time. And I will reiterate here that there is no place in the whole world where both the climate and the soil are better adapted to agricultural pursuits than in King's Co., and, indeed, throughout this whole valley. The farmer is absolutely certain year by year of a fair return from seed sown and labor expended. The extra heat and drought of the past summer which parched the land and destroyed the crops in many neighboring States and foreign countries, were only a slight check to our vegetation, and left our land smiling with plenty.

CROPS.—Our crops as a whole are a good average. The hay crop is fully a third more than last year and the apple crop a third less, but both are of exceptionally good quality. The prolonged drought completely dried up the pastures and the brooks and there was a shrinkage in milk and flesh, in consequence As the dry hot days of July drew to a close and the drought continued into the first week of August, loud grew the cries of ruin to the hay crop and aftermath, and the outlook for the coming winter was gloomy indeed. From these glum forebodings of empty barns and starving a kind Providence mercifully delivered us. On the 7th of August the clouds gathered and the rain fell upon the thirsty earth and dust and fears were alike washed away, and when the farmers gathered their crops the barns were filled, and the aftermath grew so luxuriantly that the feed on the dike was never better, and the stock has come to the barn in unusually good condition. I am pleased to know that the matter of pasturing the dike so closely and so late in the autumn has received the attention of the proprietors and less stock was "turned on" and the dike was cleared October 25th, instead of 10th of November. This is a move in the right direction and might be carried still further with advantage to the hay crop. Too much attention cannot be given to the dike and hay crop in our district. It is really our *most important* crop, and, indeed, may be said to be the most important crop in our Province. Three thousand acres of dike, the most valuable land outside of cities on this continent, and a large area of upland are exclusively devoted to this crop in our district, and upon the product of these acres the wintering of our stock depends, and upon the stock depends the proper fertilization of our orchards, and the land planted with other crops. And this is largely the case in the whole Province. The last census gives one-fourth of the cleared land in Nova Scotia occupied by the hay crop and also more than half of the land cropped. Grass grown for hay covers 520,000 acres of the most valuable land yielding about 600,000 tons worth nearly $6,000,000. These figures will give you some idea of the value and importance of the hay crop. I would remark just here that our farmers could make a large saving in their fodder if the *hay-cutter* was more extensively used and the straw cut with the hay and fed with provender and meal, as is done in the old country. The straw would then become as valuable as hay, the stock would eat less and thrive better. This is no theory, but a fact which is being proved in the experience of some every winter.

Oats.—The only grain crop raised to any extent here, will be ten per cent below the crop of '86 in quantity and quality. Very little wheat is grown—no winter wheat of late years. Farmers know that it does not pay to raise wheat when prime flour can be bought for $5.25 per barrel. Barley, buckwheat, rye and corn are only raised in small patches here and there on some corner of the farm.

Potatoes.—A dry season is the salvation of our potatoes, and notwithstanding the potato beetle and the rot combined in making a rather serious attack upon them last season, they have turned out an average crop of good, sound tubers. The very early planted grew very small, or rather their growth was stopped by the drought; but those planted the last of May and in June yielded a good crop. I think the general experience will bear me out in saying that there is a very little advantage in planting potatoes very early. Unless the ground is warm and in a thoroughly good condition to receive the seed, it is a loss to plant it; and our season is more favorable to late than early planting. The potato beetle appeared in force in our fields for the first time this past summer. Farmers were compelled to fight them with Paris green and London purple and the crop was saved, but I want to warn our farmers that there will be need of still more vigilance and work to suppress them if next summer is hot and dry in anything like the ratio of the last. The matured beetle is winged, horned, striped yellow and black, goes into the ground for the winter, and will be prepared to come out in the spring, and each bug will be prepared to go into the potato business with thousands of eggs for a capital. Each one of these eggs will speedily become a little soft pinkish gnat, which has a most vivacious appetite for potate leaves, and a bunch of them will strip a potato patch and grow faster than original sin. I am afraid a large number of the old beetles escaped and are lying low ready to spring forth in the spring, and we must be prepared to meet them and dose them with green and purple. That is the only practical and effectual remedy, and thoroughly applied will exterminate them in one or two seasons in our climate. The potato crop is far away our most important "root crop," and every precaution should be taken to preserve it from evils, especially as our potatoes, like our apples, are the very best grown in the world—dry, mealy, and excellent in every respect. The principal varieties grown are: Prolifics, Burbanks, Farmers' Pride, Beauty of Hebron, Prince Alberts, and Garnet Chili. The latter is the soundest growing potato raised here, but does not command quite so high a price as the white varieties. Upwards of 230,000 bushels were shipped from King's in '85, less in '86, and this year probably 200,000 will sum up the crop. Next to potatoes turnips and mangols are raised in quantity for feeding to stock in the winter. The drought last year prevented the seed from germinating and threatened to destroy the crop altogether, but a second sowing came on nicely and there is a good crop. Parsnips and carrots are an average crop.

Small Fruits.—The drought injured these very much, especially strawberries, which were not more than half a crop. If small fruit growers could plan to irrigate in dry seasons, I believe it would pay. Strawberries must have plenty of moisture after the fruit once forms. Currants, gooseberries, and raspberries yielded fairly well and are beginning to occupy an important place with some of our farmers. Mrs Newcomb at the Landing sold sixty dollars worth of raspberries of the Red Antwerp variety from a small patch. Mr Jones marketed 60 bushels of gooseberries, and a quantity of raspberries and red and black currants which, with his strawberries, will probably exceed in value all the other products of his farm. There is money in this, there is no doubt, for there seems to be no difficulty in finding a ready market at 8 to 10 cents a quart.

Plums and Pears.—The latter were an average yield, but the former were not more than half a crop; the price, however, went to make up for the deficiency, being $4 to $5 a bushel. I am told Mr Byrnes on his fine fruit farm near Kentville raised 100 bushels, for which he received $500. There is money here again.

Tomatoes.—Mr Patterson, of Acacia Villa, made an experiment of this popular and delicious fruit. Off one-sixth of an acre he sold $60 worth, finding a market in Wolfville and Halifax, and had as many more green and ripe left. He thinks he could double this off the same land by ripening earlier, but at $60 the returns would be $360 from one acre. Here is another chance for our farmers. I have observed that tons of tomatoes have been raised in different parts of the county this year. Mr Patterson's were very smooth, deliciously-flavored tomatoes, and were preferred in Halifax to the American tomatoes even at double the price.

Apples.—This has become the most valuable and important among all the products of our valley. The farmer, who fifteen or twenty years ago, planted an orchard in spite of the opinion of many around him that he was doing a very foolish thing and wasting valuable land because there would never be a market and remunerative price for his apples, was a wise man in his day and generation, and has to-day a fortune and an independent income. I am told this same Mr Byrnes who raised the plums sold his whole orchard at $2.50 a barrel, and will realise $2000 for this season's crop; and like results are being realised on a smaller scale all through this district and this valley. Judge Weatherbe asked one of our members what he would take and allow him to cut down a certain tree in his orchard. After thinking a minute he replied, "I should want $30 at least." Now multiply the trees on an acre (40) by $30 and the result is $1200 as the value of an acre of orchard in bearing. Let us take it another way. Trees at fifteen to twenty years old are good for four barrels of apples a year, worth, at a moderate calculation, $1.50 per barrel, or $6 for each tree, and forty trees to the acre will give the interest on $4,000 at 6 per cent from an acre. As a gentleman stated at the last meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association, "The planting of an orchard in King's Co. is the best investment on earth." As a proof that he had the courage of his convictions, this gentleman, Mr Bigelow, has purchased a tract of land near Wolfville, and is preparing to plant some hundreds of trees in the spring. In the east end of the district Mr J. B. North is planting a large orchard, and just around us, Mr George Johnson, Dominion Statistician, who resides in Ottawa, and has seen the good things of the whole Dominion, has purchased same 30 acres of land at $60 an acre, and Mr T. E. Smith has furnished the trees from his nursery, and is at present superintending the planting of 1100 of the most approved varieties. Mr Bigelow prefers planting in the spring, but Mr Smith is planting this fall. Which is right? Mr J. W. Borden purchased a farm adjoining his father's this spring, and planted a number of acres with apple trees. These are a few of the new orchards, and there is scarcely an old one that is not being enlarged; fully double as many trees have been planted this year as were growing the year previous, and if we keep on doubling the area of our orchards yearly, the valley will soon be a magnificent orchard from end to end, and in another decade we shall have the 5,000,000 barrels for which there is already room in the English market, and with ocean steamers loading at Kingsport and at Horton Landing next season, when our wharf will be built, the freight and expenses should be reduced one half. The yield of our orchards this year will fall short of the immense crop of '86 at least one third, but the quality is superior and the price one dollar a barrel higher, so that the returns will fully equal those of last year. Gravensteins sold last year for $1.50; this year the price for the Boston market and in Halifax was $2.00—$3.00. Other varieties were sold for $2 and $2.50, and latest quotations from London range from 14—16 shillings for Greenings and Baldwins up as high as 28 shillings for Ribstons.

The steamer *Damara* has sailed with the first cargo and the *Belair* is loading at Kingsport. King's will ship not less than 50,000 barrels this season, worth $100,000—more than $4 each for every man, woman and child in the county.

PRICES.—The prices of all farm products are good, and everything manufactured much cheaper in proportion than the produce of the farm, and this happy state of affairs must bring prosperity to our farmers and hence to all classes who are more or less dependent on the farmer. Hay is worth $9—$12; beef, $5—$8; Oats, 40—50 cents; apples, $2—$3; butter and eggs, 18—25 cents; potatoes, Chilis are being shipped at Wolfville for Bermuda at 40 cents, and I have no doubt 50 cents will be paid for them to go to Montreal and U. S.

The above prices for produce, coupled with the fact that flour, groceries, and manufactured articles were never cheaper, must bring good times. Nova Scotia never had brighter prospects than she has to-day, as a Province of the Dominion. Canada can paddle her own canoe without leave or licence from Brother Jonathan, and the sooner both countries recognize this the better. There should be no grumblers this year among us. There has been no serious sickness and scarcely a death during the year. A splendid seed-time, a glorious harvest—barns and store-houses full to overflowing, peace, prosperity, and health—what more could we ask? The 17th will be Thanksgiving Day. Shall we not all be glad to give thanks and praise unto the Giver of all these blessings!

For the Directors.

H. CHIPMAN.

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