

second best Wm. Gillis. Alex Moore for best flannel, 10s., second best Wm England, 7s. 6d.

Secretary's acct. with Society.

Dn.	
Paid for implements and clover seed	\$86 00
" prices in implements, &c.	39 50
Cash on hand at date	140 05
	\$265 55
Cr.	
Paid by members in 1864	\$42 00
Received from Government in 1864	64 00
Paid by members in 1865	43 00
Received from Government in 1865	86 00
Sale of implements, clover seed, &c.	30 55
	\$265 55
By balance cash on hand, as above,	\$140 05
Implements on hand	50 00
	\$190 05

STATE OF THE CROPS OF 1865.

Wheat.—A good crop in most localities, but very sparingly sowed, our farmers having generally discontinued its cultivation within the last few years, by reason of repeated failures from the weevil and other causes.

Buckwheat.—An excellent crop in this township, and more generally cultivated within the last few years than formerly.

Oats.—From the season having been unusually wet, oats ran much into straw, and did not fill well. Still an average crop.

Barley.—A full average crop, but not raised to any extent in our district.

Hay.—A good crop, above the ordinary average, but from the wet season was in many instances heated in a dangerous state.

ROOT CROPS.

Potatoes.—A very poor crop, not certainly one half the crop of 1864. They suffered from an over wet season, and the blight took them earlier than usual.

Turnips.—A fair crop, but not raised to any extent by our farmers, many of whom raise none at all,—a sad neglect, and for which it is hard to allege a reason. In no part of the world is such a crop more required, with our long cold winters, while the cattle are kept on dry feed for six months of the year. The truth is, our farmers are not, as yet, fully aware of the great benefit the cultivation of that valuable root would be to them. Their cows would reward them with more milk,—which is, of itself, of no small value in the winter season,—and their manure heap would be doubled in bulk and value, by a feed of turnips being given to their cattle every day.

Beets, Carrots, and Mangle Wurtzel are not raised by any of our farmers, except in small patches in gardens.

Cabbages.—A far greater attention is paid to the cultivation of this vegetable, within the last few years, than formerly, and which meets with a ready market in our own harbour, chiefly from vessels after coal. Cabbages were a good crop this season.

THOS. S. BOWEN,
President.
A. G. MUSGRAVE,
Secretary.

SYDNEY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

During the past year 44 members have joined the society by the payment of one dollar each, making the receipts for 1865, \$44, which, added to \$175—the unappropriated balance in the hands of the treasurer last year,—makes a total of \$219, now in his hands.

Your directors regret that some of the members of the society seem disposed to insist on the carrying out of an old resolution on the

books; the same having passed prior to the formation of the present board; but they trust no further attempt will be made to force upon the society a measure which the central board cannot legally sanction.

They also regret that owing to their ignorance of the requirements of the Central Board, there is some danger of being excluded from a participation in the Provincial grant for the present year; the Central Board having altered the time for receiving the reports of the various societies to the first of September, no notice of which was received by your directors until ten days before the time for sending the report, when, although they made an effort to do so, they had not time to call upon all the members of the society, and had to defer sending any report to the Central Board. It is the opinion of the directors, however, from a careful reading of the act, that under sec. 22, cap. 96, R. S., this society is entitled to its share of the Provincial Grant, as the act does not require any report to be sent by the societies to the Central Board until after the annual meeting in December, unless at the organization of the society. [The Act does not require a Report, but it requires a certificate under oath that the subscriptions have been paid.—Ed.]

Your directors have not succeeded in purchasing either the rams, boars, or bulls contemplated when the list report was submitted. At the last meeting the price was limited to too low a figure, to secure such animals as they conceived could be of material service in improving our present breeds. Your directors did anticipate that they would have an opportunity to secure some of the animals imported this fall by the Central Board, but the very short notice given of the sale of those animals, precluded any attempt to purchase any of them. It is to be hoped that in all future importations of stock at the provincial expense, an opportunity may be afforded to the parts of the province more remote from the capital, to participate, if they so wish, in the benefit of a measure to which all equally contribute, and in which all are equally interested. [The principal sale took place on 15th November, of which advertisement was telegraphed to the Cape Breton News, Sydney, on 28th October.]

Your directors recommend that some member of this society be selected, either to purchase or to report to the directors the propriety of purchasing animals of improved breeds during the present year.

Your directors also recommend that the necessary arrangements be made for holding an Agricultural Exhibition in Sydney during 1866, at which prizes shall be given for animals, grains, roots, fruit, &c., &c.

In the spring of the present year \$178 of the funds were used for the purchase of choice seeds and implements, which have been disposed of to the members, and the amount thus temporarily alienated has been returned to the funds of the society, leaving them intact for the purposes sanctioned by the Central Board, and by the "Act for the Encouragement of Agriculture" 44 members have paid their subscriptions up to December 5th, 1865.

The following office-bearers have been elected for 1866.—President: H. Davenport; Vice President: Thomas Butler; Secretary: C. F. Harrington; Treasurer: William Buchanan; Directors: Alexander Howie, Alexander Campbell, Samuel Peters, jr., J. S. Ingraham, Patrick Caddigan.

Copy of Bye-Laws passed at the annual meeting of the Sydney Agricultural Society, Dec. 5, 1865.

Resolved—That the President, or in his absence the Vice-president of this Society, be requested to call a meeting of the directors, at which not less than three shall be a quorum, every alternate month, to discuss all such matters, and carry out measures, as shall tend to advance the interests of this Society.

C. H. HARRINGTON, Sec'y.

BOULARDERIE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Boularderie Agricultural Society held the Annual Meeting on the first Tuesday of December, when the Directors informed the meeting that they had little to report, as at the October meeting a majority of the Directors had voted against holding an exhibition, believing it more beneficial for the Society to reserve their funds for the purpose of importing improved Stock; but at the same time had to say that they bought a lot of seeds, which were sold to Subscribers at reduced prices, but did not recommend that practice for the future, and proposed the funds on hand to be used next summer in importing Stock.

Treasurers Account.

1864.		
Members subscription,		\$44 00
Balance of Provincial Grant.		18 00
1865.		
Members Subscription,		47 00
Provincial Grant.		84 00
		\$193 00
Secretary's Salary	\$8 00	
Incidental expenses,	1 50	
		9 50

Balance in the Treasurer's hands, \$183 50
The Society's Officers are.—President, Hugh McKinnon; Vice-President, Ezekiah Hubbard; Secretary, Murdoch McDonald; Treasurer, Donald McLean; Directors, Hugh McKinnon, Thos. Campbell, John Ross, James Dunlap, and John Henning.

Regarding our crops I may observe that after a remarkably fine spring, the month of May commenced very cold and wet, and continued so to the last, with occasional frosts, so that our Potatoes were very late in planting and although the crop in almost every locality within the boundaries of our Society appeared very healthy and luxuriant. Yet being taken very early with the blight, it proved almost a failure, being no more than the third of a crop, and that of very inferior quality. By the same cause our Grains were also late in sowing, but the July weather being most favorable, with frequent rain, so that grains of all sorts were a good full average crop.

The Turnip crop was not equal to last year's yield, being barely an average crop, the excessive rains in autumn, and being attacked with blight retarded their growth; the farmers who cultivate to the best advantage are now using ground Gypsum, and some farmers are sanguine as to its usefulness in saving the plant from the ravages of the fly, but experience would indicate that it is not so valuable to destroy the fly, as it is for cooling the soil, by which means the ground is kept in a better position to retain the putrescent effluvia emanating from the manure, which matter nourishes the tender plant and gives it an early start, previously to its arriving at such strength and maturity as to absorb nutriment directly from the rank manure, and giving it a good start, has great tendency to save it from the effects of drought as well as the depredation of flies.

Notwithstanding the partial failure of the Potato crop, the farmers of this section have abundance for themselves, and stock for the year, and also something to spare for the market.

MURDOCH McDONALD, Sec'y.
Little Bras d'Or, 26th Dec. 1865.

COLCHESTER COUNTY.

TATAMAGOUCHE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Tatamagouche, Oct. 25, 1865.

A meeting was held in the Town Hall this day, for the purpose of forming an Agricultural Society. Hon. A. Patterson was appointed Chairman, and D. A. Campbell, Secretary.