

the shark-nosed, long-legged varieties too common with us, both in quality and quantity of meat, and 'n economical feeding. It is to be regretted that on account of the sow proving barren, she was slaughtered in the autumn, producing some 380 lbs. of pork, at an age of but 10 months. Several litters from crosses of the boar have been had, but we trust another sow will be procured, so as to preserve and increase the breed in its purity, which we feel confident will prove very valuable. The Suffolk pigs have done well, and we would recommend them as a valuable breed to raise to slaughter at an early age; the excellent quality of the meat, and extreme smallness of bone, being profitable qualities.

Seed oats and grass seeds, to the value of \$41.80 (including expenses) were purchased by the Society last spring, and sold at auction among the members, realizing \$33.31½; and a bushel of Riga flax seed was also purchased, but it not reaching us in the sowing season, the greater part of it remains on hand for another year. One sample of it was sown with flattering results, its growth far exceeding the article grown here hitherto.

At our agricultural show, held in October, the display of cattle was highly creditable, many of the animals exhibited being a credit to their owners, and such as would not have disgraced shows of greater pretensions. The samples of grain, roots, &c., were comparatively few, and not very choice, the general remark being, "had I known this, I could have brought much better from home." But a good feeling was induced, and a spirit of emulation and improvement fostered which will be manifested in the much better samples and more numerous parcels of seeds, &c., shewn at our next exhibition, though we fear our funds will scarcely allow of another being held during the ensuing season.

Owing to the number of Societies in the County having increased, our allotment of the Provincial Grant has only been about one-half the amount obtained the year previous, nor is it likely to again increase.

The past season has not been a very profitable one for our farmers, the hay and grain crops both proving light, and potatoes rotted badly. Fruit, however, was good, and the prices of the produce of the dairy and fowl-yard very remunerative.

Our Society now numbers 52 members, and this number could be easily increased to 100, were each one of our present members to exert a little for this purpose, and ask his neighbour also to become a member. Let us all arouse ourselves and endeavour to stir up our friends, and especially the farmers, and have them flock in and swell the list of members; which will not only add to the funds of

the Society, and increase the amount drawn from the Province, but also awaken a spirit of enquiry and a desire for progression, which must eventuate for good.

H. B. MITCHELL, *Sec'y.*

BRIDGETOWN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Bridgetown Agricultural Society report their proceedings for the past year as follows:—

The chief matter which has occupied the attention of the Society during the past year was the maturing of the necessary arrangements for the successful carrying out of a public exhibition of fruit, vegetables, dairy produce and grain.

The exhibition was held at Bent's building, Bellisle, on the 19th October last, and was, on the whole, of a very satisfactory character. The members competed for the prizes offered with considerable zeal; and the weather being fine, a goodly number of visitors were attracted to the scene.

The samples of apples brought forward were considered, as to variety, size, and quality, superior to those produced at any previous exhibition. The vegetable department was also very fine, as also the dairy produce, and we think quite equal to anything of the kind previously witnessed in the county.

The proceedings of the day were closed by a public dinner, attended by a considerable number of the members and a few other gentlemen; and all separated with a right good will toward each other, and expressing high opinions of the dignity and manly independence which attach to the agricultural profession.

The past season was one of general productiveness; all the crops cultivated in the county produced a good average yield, except the potato crop, which was materially injured by the blight.

We are glad to report the continued efficient operations of our Society, and only require an increased membership to add materially to our success in the general improvement within the sphere of our operations.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year:—*Pres.*, George T. Bingay; *V. Pres.*, Oliver Foster; *Treas.*, W. Y. Foster; *Sec'y*, Eugene P. Troop; *Asst. Sec'y*, Chas. Whitman; *Directors*, Dr. L. Harris, Abner T. Bath, Chas. Whitman, Bernard Calneck, Dimock Whitman.

Expenditure for year 1867.....	\$63.67½
Cash in hand, Dec. 3rd.....	59.57½
	\$123.25
Cash received by <i>Treas.</i> to date.....	\$123.25

EUGENE P. TROOP, *Sec'y.*

The committee beg leave to report that the exhibition of 1867 was one of the most successful the Society has known.

The low state of the funds obliged us to restrict the exhibition to shows of fruit, roots, dairy produce, and textile fabrics. Our county has no reason to be ashamed of the articles offered for competition, more particularly when it is remembered that they were drawn from a very limited portion of Granville and Annapolis townships only.

The number of members this year is 48, the number of entries upwards of 400, showing an average of nearly ten entries to each member.

The committee have experienced some practical difficulties in conducting this and former exhibitions, and suggest that in order that they may, in some degree at least, be avoided in future, the following or some other such alterations and additions be made to our general rules:

First, That as many of the articles for exhibition as possible, be brought and placed ready for view by the judges, the day before the one fixed upon for the exhibition.

Secondly, That a small entrance fee be charged.

Thirdly, That the members who accept office as Committee men should, at the time of their appointment, either at once refuse to act, that others may be put in their place, or else be more active in performing their duties, and not leave to the President and Secretary the whole burden and heat of the day.

The efforts of the Society to increase the growth and manufacture of flax were well responded to—the entries of linen goods being large and the quality of the articles very good. Indeed the ladies were second only to nature herself in the successful endeavour to make the show attractive.—[A gallant compliment, Ed.]

Mr. Eugene and C. Troop have imported a very fine Leicester ram, and have received the grant of ten dollars set aside by the Society for that purpose.

One very pleasant incident of the exhibition was the presence of a deputation from the Weymouth Agricultural Society, who kindly consented to act in concert with the Society's judges and join us at dinner.

GEORGE T. BINGAY, *Pres.*
EUGENE P. TROOP, *Sec'y.*

A correspondent of the *New England Homestead*, says vermin may be driven from hen houses by the following plan: 1st, give the hen-house a thorough white washing, nests, boxes, roots, and everything about the premises. 2nd, sprinkle sulphur in the nest boxes three or four times during the year. 3rd, keep the floor constantly covered with sand or gravel, and clean out at least once a month. 4th, rub lard under the wings of the hens.