

members, hoping thereby to excite a disposition to cultivate improved grasses.

A financial statement is appended to this report, which we trust you will find correct.

The above is a simple statement of the work of your committee for the year just closing, and on reference to the accounts you will find that the Society is free from debt, so that all our subscriptions for the ensuing year, and the grant, will be at our disposal, so that there remains no reason why, during the ensuing year, the Society may not be instrumental in adding to the already very perceptible improvement resulting from past work of the Society.

The following are the office-bearers for the year viz:—*Pres.*, John D. Murray; *Vice do.*, David Huggan; *Sec'y and Treas.*, Jas. W. Patten; *Directors*, John W. Smith, John McDonald, John McLean, Joseph McDonald, John Robertson, Walter Patterson.

SABLE RIVER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, SHELburne CO.

Names of officers:—*Pres.*, William Dunlop, Jr.; *Sec'y.*, Ebenezer W. Harrington; *Treas.*, William Chivers; *Directors*, John Harlow, Enos E. Freeman, Freeman G. Dunlop; William E. Harrington; Stephen S. Harrington.

Alexander Harlow, Representative.

THE WINDSOR AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

WINDSOR, Dec. 15, 1871.

I beg to submit the following report of the proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Windsor Agricultural Society, held at Windsor, on Tuesday the 5th of October.

The following officers were elected:—*Pres.*, Isaiah Dimock; *Vice do.*, Robert Brown; *Sec'y.*, Alfred C. Thomas; *Treas.*, Thomas Dill; *Directors*, John Taylor, Wm. Palmer, J. A. Shaw, David Smith, M. G. Allison.

Hon. R. A. McHefey was elected to represent the Windsor Society, to decide the representation at the Central Board of Agriculture, for the County of Hants.

The report of the Secretary was read and accepted. (Report annexed).

The rest of the proceedings were simply confined to arrangements for keeping imported stock.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

I cannot close my report without expressing my regret at the general want of interest in the affairs of the Society. A great deal of time was lost before a sufficient number could be collected to carry on the necessary business of the meeting from among the members residing in the town. Very few put in an ap-

pearance, although they usually take a fair share of the profits.

It has been the custom of the Society to dine together after the business has been transacted—a custom almost universal in England. Sometimes our tables are unusually large, at others rather small, but during the number of years the Secretary has been connected with the Society, he has never seen so very great a falling off in the number as this year. Whether this is caused by a depression in agriculture generally or an indifference to the welfare of the Society I cannot tell, but I would forwarn those who really take an interest in its welfare that another such meeting will about give it its death blow. It was a matter of regret to those present that Mr. Salter, the proprietor of the "Clifton," should be put to so large an expense in getting up a dinner; for although an additional expense is incurred by those who attend, still they cannot give adequate compensation for his time and trouble.

The officers of the Windsor Agricultural Society beg to submit the following report:—

The accounts submitted show a total number of 42 members, paying 84 subscriptions. On account of the increase of Societies the Government grant will be somewhat diminished for this year, No Government stock has been purchased by the Society, as it could not be procured—the Government importing nothing but pigs, one of which came to Windsor through private speculation. The Annual Fair of the Society took place on the new ground, on the Fort Hill; the entrances were not large, and the Society cannot congratulate themselves on many marked improvements. The Directors strictly adhered to the regulations adopted two years ago—that everything should be classified and exhibited in order, and have no reason to be dissatisfied at the result. Some of the vegetables raised in the gardens near Windsor were worthy of prizes at any exhibition. The crops for the past year seem to be about what were anticipated—the hay crop light as a rule; potatoes promised well in the spring, but turned out a poor crop; grain appears to be a fair average. More wheat has been sown than the Secretary was aware of when he made his previous report to Dr. Lawson, but with what success cannot as yet be ascertained. The Society hope that the reorganization of the Central Board may lead to good results, but unless the local societies make more effort to increase their numbers and funds and field of labor, they must inevitably be left behind in the great race of agricultural progress that is now taking place over the world. It is greatly to be regretted that the farmers of this district are so isolated, and have no general means of com-

munication one with another, as is to be found in other countries, through the means of clubs, &c.

ALFRED C. THOMAS, Sec'y.

PARADISE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

PARADISE, 11th Dec., 1871.

In submitting this Annual Report of the Paradise Agricultural Society, I beg to say, the Society has held no Exhibition the past year, as the funds were all used in the purchase of Stock.

The Society imported from the State of Maine one Bull—one year old, Ayrshire; also one three year old heifer, Ayrshire; they purchased also one Durham Bull, two years old, from Joseph Starratt, Esq., King's County,

In reference to the crops, hay was abundant; apples an average crop, turnips light; grain of all sort an average.

The above Society held its annual meeting on the 5th Dec., 1871, according to law.

The President in the chair. After receiving the reports of officers and adopting the same, a short time being spent in the discussion of matters in connection with the Society, they proceeded to elect their officers for the ensuing year, viz:—*President*, A. Longley; *Vice Pres.*, Manning Brown; *Sec'y.*, W. H. Balcom; *Treas.*, J. A. Leonard; *Directors*, W. R. Dodge, Simon Daniels, Wm L. Leonard, H. H. Morse, and Robert Marshall.

A. Longley, Esq., was elected a representative to meet with representatives of other societies of County, for the purpose of electing a representative to the Central Board.

WM. H. BALCOM, Sec'y, P. A. S.

AMHERST AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Amherst Agricultural Society was held in the Hall on last Tuesday. There was a larger attendance than at the meeting of a year ago.

The following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year, viz:—*T.*, R. Black, *Pres.*; *Torry Bent*, *Vice Pres.*; *Chas. H. Bent*, *Treas.*; *Hiram Black*, *Sec'y.* Messrs. James M. Layton, Jas. E. Page, Thompson Coates, Howard Smith, and Ansley Black, *Directors.*

The meeting requested the Board to expend the funds of the Society in the improvement of stock, etc., rather than in an exhibition.

The Society elected Hiram Black to represent the Society at the meeting of the representatives to select a member of the Central Board for the County in accordance with the Amended Act relating to Agriculture.

The weather the past few weeks de-