

zes being claimed in distant parts of the county. The advantages gained by those who have taken the trouble to improve their stock, is becoming so apparent that quite a rivalry appears to have sprung up in different parts of the county, out of which much good must result."

### CAPE BRETON COUNTY.

#### NORTH SYDNEY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Number of members 41. Subscriptions paid \$41. Proportion of Government Grant \$64. Cash in Treasurer's hands \$105.

*President*, Thomas S. Bown. *Vice President*, L. Robertson. *Treasurer*, W. G. Johnston. *Secretary*, Alexander G. Musgrave. *Directors*, Moses Hull, Alex. Gillis, Henry Musgrave, John Forbes, James Munn.

The society being newly organized has few operations to report, but promises a 'good report' at next annual meeting.

#### BOULARDERIE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Number of members 44. Subscriptions paid \$44. Government Grant \$69. In Treasurer's hands \$113.

*President*, Hugh McKinnon. *Vice President*, William Fife. *Secretary*, Murdoch McDonald. *Treasurer*, Donald McLean. *Directors*, Henry McKinnon, Thos. Campbell, John Ross, James Dunlop, John Fleming.

The farmers of the district have paid more attention to the cultivation of the soil during the last three or four years than in former times, consequently there is a good deal of improvement; there is a larger and more healthy crop of potatoes this year than for the last twenty years; wheat sown in June better than that sown in May. Turnips are not cultivated to any extent in the district, and this season was considered very unfavourable for such a crop; but those who paid particular attention to them had a very good yield, from 400 to 800 bushels an acre. Hay rather light, but oats good.

#### SYDNEY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Number of members 68. Subscriptions paid \$68. Government Grant \$107.—*Secretary*, John Ferguson.

### COLCHESTER COUNTY.

#### STIRLING AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Number of members, 53. Total amount of receipts for the year, \$268.37. Amount of expenditure, \$191.70. Balance in Treasurer's hands, \$76.67.

*President*, Alexander Duncan. *Secretary*, William Creighton.

The society held its annual Show in October, 1864, when about 60 head of cattle, and a number of horses were exhibited. The sum of Five Pounds was granted for premiums on live stock. The society has during the year purchased of clover-seed to the extent of 407 lbs., which has been disposed of mostly to members. Turnip and garden seeds have also been purchased, plough mountings, hay and manure forks, rakes, &c. A balance of stock to the value of £7 1s. 1d. is still on hand. [In future it will be necessary for the society to limit its purchases to articles specially authorized by the Board of Agriculture.] The society has, during the year, imported four superior Rams of the Leicester and South Down breeds at a cost of £14 5s., which have been apportioned off in sections to accommodate members; An Ayrshire bull has likewise been purchased at a cost of £6 10s., and has been given to a person in a central part to serve the society for one season. The report thus concludes:—"The members of our society in general seem to take an interest in agriculture and the improvement of stock, and are willing to comply with any measures that will have a tendency to promote the interests of the farmer."

#### UPPER STEWIAKKE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Number of members, 45. Balance from former year, \$75.59. Subscriptions from members, \$42. Cash for wheat sold, \$19.94. Provincial grant, \$75. Total receipts, \$212.53. Disbursements,—paid for two Bulls, three Boars, and expense of feeding, \$108. Secretary's salary and postages, \$4.90. Balance in Treasurer's hands, \$99.63. Outstanding debts for stock sold during the past year, \$52.18. Outstanding debts for previous years \$54.18.

*President*, Barry Hamilton. *Secretary*, James S. Tupper. *Treasurer*, David McGill Johnston.

The society is to have the use of the stock sold for one year.

[The outstanding debts for stock sold during the last and previous years amount to the large sum of \$106.36, and no payments on account of such arrears appear to have been received during the past year. It will be necessary for the officers of this society to take steps for collecting these arrears, without further delay, so that the result may be made known to the Board before the society applies for its next annual grant.]

#### UPPER LONDONDERRY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Number of members, 60. Subscriptions paid, \$60. Cash in Treasurer's hands, \$60.

This society has just been organized.

#### SHUBENACADIE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Number of members, 41. Subscriptions paid, \$40. Government grant, \$74. *President*, F. R. Parker. *Treasurer*, Samuel Frame. *Secretary*, David Moore.

The society has been in working order over twelve years, and has bought and distributed much stock and other things for the benefit of the country. During the past season the society made a large importation of stock from Prince Edward Island.

### CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

#### PARRSBORO' AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Number of members 139, from which number, however, an arrearage of \$57 has to be deducted.

Receipts: Balance from previous year \$53.86. Subscriptions paid \$82. Of this sum only \$41 was certified as paid at the time of distributing the grants to the societies by the Board of Agriculture. Arrears paid up \$2.20. Received for publications \$9.08. Government Grant \$52. Total receipts \$199.14. Disbursements paid for two ram lambs and three rams \$34. Bounty on covered sheds for manure \$4. Do. on wheat \$21.50. Do. on hay-seed \$16.50. Do. on oatmeal \$11. Do. on compost \$40. Balance in Treasurer's hands \$66.45.

*President*, T. D. Dickson. *Secretary*, John S. Smith.

Bounties have been established on wheat, hayseed, oatmeal, and compost. \$10 were voted for an oat kiln in process of erection by Wm. Blankhorne at Advocate Harbor, to be paid when finished, if in operation on or before the first Tuesday in April 1865. It has been resolved to spend the sum granted by the Board of Agriculture this year, in the purchase of seven rams of an improved breed, one for each of the seven sections of the county into which the society is now divided, and the remainder of the sum, if necessary, in the purchase of of cattle or swine of improved breed. Two rams, one a prize ram, were purchased at Windsor, for the two lower districts. They give much satisfaction. At present they are owned by the society, and kept by two members free of cost, each member in the district having the privilege of putting 3 ewes to him, and the member keeping him, 6.

#### WALLACE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Number of members, 78. Receipts:—Balance in Treasurer's hands from previous year, \$75.82. Subscriptions paid \$87. Provincial grant, \$107. Proceeds of sale of Potatoes, \$20.70. Disbursements:—Paid for 210 bushels of Potatoes, \$105. Secretary and Treasurer's expenses, \$11. Balance in Treasurer's hands, \$172.53.

*President*, P. Mackay. *Secretary*, Don McKay.