

vince, and were, decidedly, the best exhibited in this locality.

In oxen we had nothing more than ordinary. The young stock showed very great improvement in breed compared with former exhibitions, and a large number was on the ground. In cows not many were shown,—a few very good milkers. Although the show of horses was not what might be desired, yet some colts shown had marks of good roadsters, and others for good farm horses. Not many sheep on the ground; a few fine Cotswold, but most of them inferior breeds. Some kinds of apples shown were very good, viz., Nonpareils, R. I. Greenings, Gravesteins and Baldwins, but of most other kinds a better show was made at the exhibitions at Bridgetown and Paradise.

Taking our exhibition as a whole, it was very good, and the premiums awarded by the judges seemed to give general satisfaction when they were announced by the President at the close of the exhibition, which will be paid to those entitled to receive, at the annual meeting in Dec.

The accompanying account will show the receipt and expenditure for the year. All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. WHITMAN, *Pres.*

YARMOUTH COUNTY SOCIETY.

The Managing Committee of the Yarmouth Agricultural Society, herewith submit the Treasurer's account for the year 1869, showing receipts . . . \$1108.06
Expenditure \$961.48
Cash on hand 146.58

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Also, on hand, 5 bbls. Russian Seed Wheat 51.67
15 bushels Barley 22.42
From 77 lbs. say 30 bushels Early Rose Potatoes at \$2.50 67.50
From 29 lbs. say 25 bushels Norway Oats, at \$5.62½ 140.62

\$428.79

Estimating last two items at prices charged this fall by the parties from whom we bought the seed, large and reliable dealers. After the experience of this season in both of these, we need not recommend their further trial.

We are persuaded that, under favorable conditions, there would be annually profitable crops from grain, and we hope the seed now on hand particularly the Russian Wheat, will be all used in the spring.

The importation of the Ayrshire stock gives us now representatives of the four leading breeds of neat stock in the township. The young stock at the Exhibition showed the improvement already effected, and must have been satisfactory and encouraging to the friends of good

stock. With more liberal subscriptions, there is ample room for more stock; one or two good horses would be of great service; the funds on hand will determine what can be done in this direction.

The few Hay Tedders and Horse Rakes imported, served to establish their value and adaptability even to rough ground, and we recommend them without reservation on the score of economy and superior quality of crop.

The attendance at the Exhibition enforces the maintenance of this annual comparison of progress.

While we have a large increase of members, and a proportionate increase in the amount subscribed for 1869, that amount falls very far short of what all the friends of Agriculture should annually raise in the county of Yarmouth, to promote their own interests. We, therefore, in closing these few brief paragraphs, again urge liberality of subscription, regularity and prompt attendance at meetings, and active and hearty co-operation in all kinds of improvements throughout the county.

WM. BUSKIRK, *Pres.*
FRANK KILLAM, *V. Pres.*
CHAS. E. BROWN, *Sec'y.*

Yarmouth. 2d Nov. 1869.

Quarterly meeting. The President in the chair—forty members present. A question as to the award of premiums at the Exhibition was raised by an Exhibitor, who claimed that he should have received a premium, inasmuch as, there being no other competitor, there was nothing better. A vote being taken, the decision of the Committee was confirmed by a unanimous vote.

Premiums were then paid out. Out of eighty successful exhibitors, only twenty complied with the request to hand in a statement in reference to stock, cultivation or manufactures; there being no rule to enforce it, the omission was overlooked for this year.

A statement in reference to the cultivation of onions, caused a discussion as to the comparative merit of seed, sets, and potato onions; one member affirmed, that he was uniformly successful in growing a good crop from seed, another was pleased to report a very large yield from this year's experiments in sets, while a third was successful only with the old fashioned potato onion. In a very warm sheltered situation, or in a warm, dry season, onions may be grown from seed; in moist ground and with average seasons they will not attain an edible size.

The Early Rose potatoes and the Norway oats grown for the Society, had not been all brought; the yield, so far as ascertained, was very satisfactory. At the yearly meeting, the report will show the full value of seed on hand.

CHARLES E. BROWN, *Sec'y.*

Miscellaneous.

SMALL TALK—FLYING STRAWS.

In consequence of recent changes in the Railway Tariff the old road between Windsor and Halifax has become lively again with countrymen's teams from the western counties; wayside taverns are being established, and it is expected the Half Way House will be rebuilt.—In Orillia, bears are prowling around the houses, and affording the inmates a supply of hams.—The Canada Fruit Growers' Association held their meeting, this year, at Brantford. Next year they will meet at Hamilton.—The papers announce that the Rev. Chas. Rogers is opening a subscription for the erection of a monument to Adam, the father of mankind.—Bales of prairie grass are being sent to England for the manufacture of paper.—Ottawa city has held her first Agricultural Show; a two bushel basket would have held all the fruit exhibited, and in several departments there was great room for improvement.—At the Brantford Fruit Gathering, the Rev. Mr. Burnett, of Hamilton, exhibited a grape called the "Hungarian Princess," the bunches of which weighed 1 lb. each, and Mr. Sanders showed "Pond's Seedling Plums," 6 inches in circumference.—In the Regent's Park Garden one floating leaf of the Victoria Water Lily has borne a weight of 426 lbs., and the eight leaves now on the plant are equal to 1½ tons burden; no Queen's ship ever before drew so little water in proportion to her cargo.—A theft case in London has disclosed the history of Dutch butter; it appears that there is a factory at Bromley in Kent, where fat is manufactured by the ton and sent to Holland, where it is mixed with butter, and re-exported to England as the best Dutch butter.—At a trial of potato-diggers at Manchester, the prize of ten pounds was gained by the digger No. 573, of Coleman & Morton.—Beet culture for the manufacture of sugar, and distillation, is exciting much interest on Continental Europe and in England.—The dykes in Cumberland are being repaired, at a very heavy expense to the proprietors; it is expected the work will be completed before approach of winter.—Farm rents are still rising in the South of Scotland.—The demand for thorough-bred stock in Nova Scotia is increasing.—Fall bearing raspberries were shown at the Canada Fruit Show.—Brahms are found to be as useful for improving common poultry, as Short Horns are for common cattle.—The Foot and Mouth disease is not decreasing in Europe.—At St. Catherine's, Ont., the apple trees were in full blossom last month.—Several men have already been frozen on Lake Ontario this season.—This fall the Halifax fish market has been poorly supplied.