

CLARE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand from last year.....	\$318 00
Subscription.....	64 00
Grant from Government.....	88 00
From other sources.....	150 20

\$620 20

EXPENDITURE.

For farming implements and grass seed.....	\$235 37
Freight, \$3.70; Duty, \$34.78.....	38 48
One bull (18 mon.hs.).....	20 00
Three bull calves, \$10 each.....	30 00
One ram.....	7 00
Expense on the above cattle.....	9 75
Postage, 60 cts.; Secretary's salary, \$4.....	4 60
Cash on hand.....	275 00

\$620 20

The crops in this district have been good in general. There was an abundance of hay, oats and barley. Wheat, what little was sown, was good. An immense quantity of flax was raised. Corn (them that could save it from the crow) was very good. Root crops, turnips, beets, carrots good. Potatoes were good in quantity and quality; in some places, what is surprising, is that two neighbours, only the line fence between them, the same soil, the potatoes of one will be nearly all rotten, and those of the other not touched at all. What come under my own observation—I saw a fine patch of potatoes looking well, two days after I passed the same place, saw a small spot turn black, not over eighteen feet in circumference, and in two days after the whole field was black. What is remarkable, this black rust invariably attacks the elder first.

ANSLEM M. COMEAU, Sec'y.

FENWICK AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
OF NOEL AND MAITLAND.

This Society held its first annual meeting Dec. 4th, 1866.

The president, Wm. Ferguson, in the chair. Among those present were George Smith, Esq., Stephen Putnam and Edward Densmore from Maitland District.

After the report was read and adopted, it was unanimously agreed that the Society should be extended to Selmah and Maitland, and that it should hereafter be called the "Fenwick Agricultural Society of Noel and Maitland."

Officers and directors for the ensuing year were then elected,—Pres., George Densmore, Esq.; Vice Pres., George Smith, Esq.; Sec'y., J. J. O'Brien; Treas., Thomas Hunter; Directors, Stephen Putnam, Edward Densmore, Alex. Densmore, Robert Faulkner and William Ferguson.

The report, after stating some of the steps taken at organizing the Society, says, "We then turned attention to the procuring of bulls for the Society, and after a good deal of inquiry our president purchased two,—one, three years old, from Mr. Flemming of Londonderry, and one, two years old, from Mr. Hennessy of Newport; the latter a calf of a full blood Alderney cow, kept by Admiral Milne, and a short horned Durham bull." The accounts follow, which are in substance:—

Bull from Londonderry, costs, &c., driving, \$34 50	
" Newport, and driving.....	52 00
Expense of keeping and attention.....	33 00

\$119 50

Credit by subscription.....	\$54 00
Government Grant.....	57 00
Service of bulls.....	33 00

\$144 00

The report goes on to say that "several persons residing in the Districts of Selmah and

Maitland have expressed their desire to join us, and thereby extend our Society; and your committee, after consulting with a good many members, have cordially consented to this, believing that by so doing we would be not only doing, but receiving a benefit."

We beg further to state that the crops in this District have not been an average one—not deficient so much in quantity as in quality, on account of the heavy rains about haying and harvest time. The crop of straw was heavy, but nearly all broke down by the rain storm. But little wheat was sown. The potatoes on wet land were very poor, but on dry land pretty good. Turnips on wet land could not be weeded, and but few were raised. The soil in our District is heavy. We cut a large quantity of salt hay, very good for raising cattle, but not suitable for feeding. We thankfully acknowledge the receipt of the warrant to draw the Government allowance.

GEO. DENSMORE, Pres.
J. J. O'BRIEN, Sec'y.

UPPER LONDONDERRY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Upper Londonderry Agricultural Society was held on the second Tuesday of December, when the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—Pres., James Campbell, Esq.; Vice Pres., Henry Urquhart; Sec'y., D. F. Layton; Treas., Thomas Faulkner; Directors, Hugh Peppard, Thomas Morrison, Robert McCully, Thomas Fletcher, J. H. Morrison.

The following accounts were then presented to the Society, examined by the auditing committee, and reported correct:—

1868.	Cr.
By balance on hand.....	\$16 85
" Subscriptions from last year.....	8 25
" " for 1867.....	43 00
" Amount borrowed for purchase of stock.....	12 00
" Cash from stock sold.....	65 00
" Government allowance.....	57 00
	\$202 10

1868.	Dr.
Paid for wintering stock.....	\$48 00
" Balance on purchase of stock in 1865.....	11 50
" For one bull.....	36 00
" Cash borrowed with interest.....	12 36
" For one Cotswold ram.....	49 00
" Expenses on ram from Richmond.....	1 00
" Stationary, postage, &c.....	0 50
	\$150 36

Balance on hand.....\$45 74

JAMES CAMPBELL, Pres.
D. F. LAYTON, Sec'y.

Upper Londonderry, Jan'y. 4th, 1867.

PICTOU AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The directors of your Society, at the close of their term of office, beg leave to submit this, their annual report.

This Society has now completed the thirtieth year of its existence, and the second year under the regulations of the recent act of the Legislature.

Your directors have to report that the operations of the Society have been somewhat restricted, during the past year, from the fact of their funds, for the past year, having been to a large extent forestalled by the purchase of stock spoken of in the last annual report.

The Society numbers sixty-five members.

Your directors regret to have to report the loss of two of the sheep purchased by them in November 1865; one ewe, the Leicester, which cost \$60, having died in February last—and one of the yearling rams, Leicester, which died in October.

They have also to express their disappointment in nearly all the sheep purchased by the

Society; of those imported from Canada in 1865 they have failed to fulfil the expectations of the Society.

Your directors, however, have pleasure in reporting that the Central Board of Agriculture kindly gave the use of the imported short horned Durham bull to the Society for the past season, which we take as an evidence of their desire to repair, as far as their regulations will permit, the losses of the Society. Arrangements were made by which a large number of the members of the Society were enabled to avail themselves of the services of the bull, and from present appearances he will prove of great benefit within the limits of the Society, on account of the eagerness with which his services were sought after by the community generally. Your directors were induced to make an offer to purchase the bull, and we are happy to state that the offer has been accepted, and the bull is now the property of the Society at a cost of \$80. This may be looked upon as somewhat imprudent, considering the low state of our funds; but it is considered that the advantages which the Society will derive from the purchase, by increase in numbers and otherwise, will fully warrant even a greater outlay to attain them.

Your directors have pleasure in reporting, that so far as they can learn, the samples of potatoes imported by the Central Board, and presented to this Society, have given very good returns during the past season both in quality and quantity; they promise to be a valuable addition to that important esculent.

Your directors have also to report that the crops within the limits of the Society, with the exception of hay, have been no more than an average, while the potatoes have been a very light crop, and in many instances serious loss from rotting has been sustained, even after the crop has been stored in the cellars.

Your directors would impress upon the attention of the members of this Society the fact that a Provincial Exhibition may be expected to be held either in 1867 or 1868, and they would urge the propriety of preparing articles of agricultural produce, as well as stock for exhibition on that occasion.

The following is a list of office-bearers for the ensuing year:—Pres., David Matheson, Esq.; Vice Pres., Donald Fraser, M.P.P.; Sec'y., John McKenzie; Treas., James Ives, Esq.; Directors, John Hogg, Esq., Robert McLean, John Brown, James Hogg and Adam McKenna.

DAVID MATHESON, Pres.
JOHN MCKENZIE, Sec'y.

Pictou, Dec. 4th, 1866.

1865.	Dr.
Dec. 5. To balance due per account.....	\$48 92
1866.	
Feb. 1. " John D. McDonald.....	2 00
July " Note on Bank.....	100 00
July " Taking bull from Fraser's to Robby's.....	0 50
" One bushel oats.....	0 60
Aug. 17. " Robby taking care of bull.....	3 00
Oct. 20. " John J. Matheson.....	8 00
30. " A. McKeen, for amount borrowed on note.....	70 00
" Interest on same.....	3 15
Dec. 4. " Colonial Standard.....	3 00
" John Hogg, Esq., keeping sheep.....	1 00
	\$240 17

1865.	Cr.
Dec. 5. By Provincial Grant.....	\$62 09
" Arrears from D. McKay and H. McDonald.....	2 00
1866.	
Dec. 4. " Amount borrowed from A. McKeen.....	70 00
" Dues from 65 members.....	65 00

\$199 00

240 17

Balance on hand.....\$41 17