

will derive benefit from the experience of individuals. It frequently happens that useful discoveries and improvements in agriculture are lost to mankind for want of communication—They die with those who made them—This society will preserve all discoveries and improvements of this kind that are communicated to them; and make them extensively beneficial by conveying them to others.

There is no art more useful or necessary than agriculture—hereby mankind procure subsistence. The profit of the earth is for all; the King himself is served by the field. Experience shews that every state, possessed of an extensive and fertile territory, will flourish, and abound in the conveniences of life, in exact proportion to the industry of its inhabitants, and their skill in agriculture. No other instance need be adduced, in proof of this, than that of the parent state, whose wealth and power are not more owing to manufactures, or commerce, than to agriculture; in this knowledge and practice of which, Great Britain confessedly surpasses every other kingdom or state in Europe; and the societies, there instituted, for promoting agriculture, have contributed much to that superiour knowledge and practice.

Their example and success should stimulate us to similar endeavours. In fertility of soil, salubrity of climate, and other natural advantages, Nova-Scotia is inferior to few countries, and superiour to many: The design of this society is to awaken the attention of the inhabitants to their situation, call forth their exertions, and assist them in improving those advantages which providence has so bountifully bestowed. Besides the information that shall be communicated to the public, from time to time, the society will give such premiums as their funds may admit, in cases that shall be judged most likely to promote those purposes: They will also be attentive to procure from Europe, and other places, such seeds, plants, trees, &c. as may be deemed conducive to the same design. Actuated by these views and motives, they firmly rely on the assistance of all the inhabitants who possess any share of public spirit; since the greatest benefits may accrue to the province from their united endeavours; not only by an increase of useful knowledge, of industry, and of provisions of every kind; but by a great advance in the value of lands, which is the certain consequence of the former.

An institution, which has for its object the real welfare and prosperity of the province, cannot but meet with the most generous and liberal support; and those who

have formed this society freely invite communications upon all subjects comprehended within their extensive plan.—Such persons as incline to become members, are requested to signify the same to the secretary, by letter, who will enrol their names; as such, upon their paying any sum, not less than a guinea, into the hands of the treasurer. The secretary will carefully lay before the society every communication he may receive.—Information from gentlemen in the neighbouring provinces, upon such matters as they may think conducive to the general design of this institution, will be gratefully acknowledged.

Halifax, Nov. 3, 1789.

At a meeting of the Society for promoting Agriculture in the Province of Nova-Scotia, held, by adjournment, at Halifax, the 17th of December, 1789.

The President not being able to attend, through indisposition, the Vice-President took the chair.

THE following gentlemen were afterwards unanimously chosen Directors for the ensuing year.

The Right Reverend Bishop of Nova-Scotia.	}	Halifax.	
His Excellency John Wentworth,			
The Reverend Andrew Brown, D. D.			
The Honourable Charles Morris,			
The Honourable Thomas Cochran,			
John Newton, Esq;			
James Morden, Esq;			
Doctor William J. Almon,			
Winckworth Tonge, Esq;			County of
John Clarke, Esq;			Hants.
John Burbidge, Esq;	}	King's County.	
Elisha Lawrence, Esq;			
Mr. Joseph Ellison,			
The Hon. Timothy Ruggles	County of		
Thomas Barclay, Esq;	Annapolis		
Edward Barron, Esq;	Cumberland;		
Joseph Pernette, Esq;	Lunenburg.		
James Bruce, Esq;	}	County of Shelburne.	
Isaac Wilkins, Esq;			
John Stewart, Esq;	Manchester.		

Many observations were made by the members upon the nature and design of this institution, and every argument went to prove, not only its general utility, but the very great benefits that would accrue to the farmer from the particular attention and encouragement he will experience from this society; which, connected as it is with the general prosperity of the province, must receive that countenance and support, that every establishment, formed on