

done to remedy this neglect, our Society, is now making an effort to import a thorough bred Stud horse, to be kept within the bounds of this Society.

Before closing this brief report, it is necessary to express our thankfulness to kind Providence for the bountiful harvest bestowed on this locality: during the year now closed notwithstanding the direful calamity which threatened this part of the County by the appearance of the crops in the early part of last Summer, but all this having been removed, and paying crops of all kinds have been saved in good condition, and in order to give a definite account of the different kinds of crops we begin with—

**Hay**—This crop for the last season was somewhat below the usual average, but being saved in good condition, will more than overbalance the deficiency. This is chiefly owing to the facility rendered by the use of Mowing Machines, &c., enabling farmers to make hay while the "Sun shines," and in less than half the time usually required.

**Wheat**—This crop, owing to the accustomed ravages of the fly, has been very sparingly sown; but what has been put in the ground has yielding beyond expectation, and will in all probability be more liberally sown in future.

**Oats**—This crop although late in ripening, owing to the fair weather in September, yielded well both in grain and straw.

**Barley**—Owing to the failure in the wheat for some years past, this crop has been more generally sown and this season yielded a paying crop.

**Buckwheat**—This crop is now receiving more attention and is becoming more largely sown, and this year turned out a good crop.

**Potatoes**—This crop has this year exceeded the average of many former years, yielding an average of twelve to fifteen to the one planted, and in many instances giving twenty returns and is in quality superior to any raised for the last twenty years.

#### STATE OF THE FUNDS.

*The Middle River Agricultural Society in account with the Treasurer.*

1872. To Balance in the hands of the Treasurer	
" 1871.....	\$272.10
" Bounty for 1871.....	134.00
" Subscriptions of members for 1871.....	53.00
	\$459.10
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By paid for Journals.....	\$4.00
" Paid for 75 Bushels Surprise Oats and Bags.....	89.25
" Paid Freight, truckage, &c., ..	10.00
" incidental Expenses.....	35.50
" Red Clover.....	36.00
" Freight per "Neptune," ..	1.10
" Truckage.....	1.30
	177.35
Amount in Treasurer's hands,	\$311.75

#### OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1872.

*President*, John McDonald; *Vice President*, Hector Campbell; *Secretary*, John McLennan; *Treasurer*, Kenneth McDonald; *Directors*, Donald McQuinn; John McDonald; William Cain, Edward McLeod and Donald McLean. C. J. Campbell, M. P. P., to be the member to represent this Society at the Board of Agriculture for the ensuing year.

### TATAMAGOUCHE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

TATAMAGOUCHE, Dec. 3<sup>d</sup>, 1872.

The annual meeting of the Tatamagouche Agricultural Society was held here to-day, when it was found to consist of forty-five members, each having paid \$1. The Treasurer's account showed a balance in favor of the Society of \$34 40. Total receipts being \$121.13 against \$86.73 expended.

The President, Treasurer and Secretary having expressed themselves unwilling to be re-elected, the following gentlemen were elected office bearers for the ensuing year: *President*, James Clark; *Vice President*, John Bonyman; *Treasurer*, James Johnstone; *Secretary*, Robert Cunningham; *Directors*, Archibald McMullen, Thomas Roberts, Joshua Slade, John Ross, and Isaac Blair.

A unanimous vote of thanks was then tendered the retiring officers for their services during the past three years.

The meeting was the largest held since the formation of the Society, and a good deal of interest was manifested from quarters where before we received but little encouragement, and hopes are entertained that the Society will, during the ensuing year, serve the purpose for which it was organised more effectually than it has done during the years that are past.

W. A. PATTERSON, *Secretary*.

### NORTH SYDNEY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Directors of the North Sydney Agricultural Society in submitting their Annual Report, beg leave to state, that they have examined the Books of the Secretary and Treasurer and find the receipts and disbursements as follows,—

1871	
Dec. 6th. By Balance cash in Treasurer's hands	\$61.96
1872, " Govt. Grant for 1871.....	53.73
" Sale of Seeds.....	58.93
" " Rakes.....	28.80
" " Pigs.....	22.00
" Subscriptions from Members.....	53.00
	\$278.42
EXPENSES.	
To paid for six Chester Pigs and expenses	\$28.00
" " Seeds.....	111.16
" " Rakes.....	28.80
" Less discount on N. S. Currency.....	8.16
" Bal. cash in Treasurer's hands.....	101.80
	378.42
" Cash on hand.....	101.80
" Seeds not yet sold.....	58.24
Total amount of funds,	\$160.04

At the annual meeting in Dec., 1871, it was resolved, that the Directors have powers to dispose of the funds in the importation of improved Stock, Seeds, &c. In compliance with the resolution, they imported four pair white Chester Pigs, which were sold to the members, and promise to be a good investment.

A quantity of seeds, implements, &c., were also imported and sold to the members at cost and charges.

At a recent meeting of the Officers and Directors, it was decided to purchase, at the Government Sale, one Bull and Heifer of some improved breed, and two pair of Cotswold Sheep if they can be procured within the present means of the Society.

In referring to the crops in this Township we would say that,—

**Hay**—Is below the average yield of last year's crop.

**Wheat**—Very sparingly sown, and but a poor crop when cultivated.

**Oats**—A good crop, abundant in straw, but from the lateness of the season a large portion of it is not yet ripe, and will only be cut for feed.

**Barley**—Not grown to any extent, but a fair crop when cultivated.

**Potatoes**—A splendid crop, and of the best quality.

**Turnips and Carrots**—Bid fair to be a good crop.

**Fruit**—Is almost a failure, except in very few favored localities.

Before closing this report, the Directors have pleasure in stating that the affairs of the Society are in a very satisfactory state, although the partial failure of the Hay crop somewhat dampens the prospect. Still the excess in the Potatoe crop, and the abundant yield of Straw will we think make up the deficiency.

W. H. MOORE, *President*.

A. G. MUSGRAVE, *Secretary*.

North Sydney, C. B., Oct. 31, 1872.

### MUTUAL BENEFIT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, QUEENS COUNTY.

At a meeting held last November, this Society was formed of 43 members, each paying one dollar.

Five meetings were held during the year, and were generally well attended.

As there seemed likely to be a scarcity of Seed grain, a lot of Barley was introduced and sold in the spring. Some Grass, Turnip, Carrot, and Wurtzel Seeds were also imported and sold.

A number of the members and some others availed themselves of the opportunity to procure cow corn from the Society, and were much pleased to find it so useful as fall feed for stock.

No exhibition was held nor premiums offered this year, but a considerable anxiety was manifested to procure improved stock for breeding purposes.

A movement was made to purchase a Bull, but, for want of sufficient means, proved a failure for this year. It is anticipated, however, that this year's experience and its success will be followed by better results in the coming year.

The district embraced by this Society is not, like many parts of our province, well adapted to the production of large crops of fruit or grain. There are no level tracts excepting the marshes, which are covered, where cleared of the alder, with a wild grass, a very poor substitute for upland grass and hay. Then the hill sides are generally loaded with stone and rocks, and the first plowing is no inconsiderable task. And at each successive plowing stone have to be removed to render it smooth enough for the scythe. From this use and from the newness of the country, few farms are to be found upon which the mowing machine can be used with much ease.

The stock kept are horses, cows, oxen, young cattle, sheep, hogs, and poultry. More than half the labor of the farm is performed by oxen. Comparatively little has yet been at draining.