

NORTH SYDNEY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, CAPE BRETON CO.

NORTH SYDNEY, Dec. 28, 1873.

PROFESSOR LAWSON,

Dear Sir,—In terms of the act for encouragement of agriculture, the North Sydney Agricultural Society held their annual meeting in Temperance Hall, Dec. 2nd, 1873. The President, W. H. Moore, Esq., in the chair. Minutes of all meetings held during the year were read and approved.

The Directors then submitted their annual report, stating that they had examined the books of the Society and found receipts and expenses as follows:—

Balance in Treasurer's hand, Dec. 3, 1872.....	\$101 80
Cash received from forty five members.....	45 00
" " from sale of Sheep.....	51 25
" " from sale of Horse Rakes.....	35 52
" " from sale of Seeds.....	75 89
Government Grant for 1872.....	60 53
	\$378 99

EXPENSES.

Paid for Seeds in 1873.....	\$35 55
" " Sheep and expenses.....	135 25
" " Horse Rakes.....	35 52—206 32
Amount of Cash in hand.....	\$172 67
Seeds on hand worth.....	21 99
Total amount of Funds.....	\$194 26

It was decided at the annual meeting in December 1872, that the directors have power to dispose of the funds of the Society in the importation of improved stock, seeds and agricultural implements, and, by the accounts above shown, you will see the importation of Horse Rakes, Seeds, and ten Sheep imported from P. E. Island, costing the Society the sum of \$135.25, which they hope will be of great benefit to the Society. In referring to the crops in this section of the county, your directors would say they cannot report favorably.

Wheat, Oats, and Barley very light, owing to the storm of August 24th. Potatoes and all other roots not more than half an average crop. Fruit almost a total failure.

In closing this report, the directors would say that although the partial failure of our crops somewhat dampens our prospects, still we have pleasure in reporting the affairs of the Society in a very satisfactory state. After the adoption of the above report, the officers of last year were re-elected as follows:—

President—W. H. Moore; Vice-President—James Munn; Treasurer—J. B. Moore; Secretary—A. G. Musgrave; Directors—Alex. Moore, Samuel Jackson, W. C. Moffatt, G. B. Moffatt, and J. D. Meloney.

It was then resolved, on motion, that the sum of \$25 be subscribed by this Society in aid of the Provincial Exhibition.

The officers, in compliance with the act

of 1873, nominated John Ross, M. M. P., a member of the Board of Agriculture.

Resolved, That the directors, as heretofore, have power to dispose of the funds of the Society in procuring improved stock, seeds, implements, &c.

A. G. MUSGRAVE, Secretary.

GAIRLOCH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

GAIRLOCH, PICTOU, Dec. 2, 1873.

Which time and place the Gairloch Agricultural Society met, John Gordon, President, in the Chair.

Mr. Brodie, Secretary, brought before the Society the notices received during the past year. It was moved and agreed to that as Mr. David Matheson takes the greatest interest here in Agriculture, he be and is hereby nominated by this Society as the most suitable member for the Central Board. Moved that a sum not less than one-half the available bounty be given to the Exhibition at Halifax, and that the Directors solicit subscriptions from the wealthiest members in addition to what the Society may be able to give. The following were the office bearers for current year:—President—John Gordon; Vice-President—Kenneth Ross; Secty. and Treasurer—Neil Brodie; Asst. Secretary—J. R. McDonald; Directors—Adam McKenzie, Duncan McDonald, Duncan McKenzie, Angus McLeod, and Alex. Gordon. Accounts submitted and approved. (Signed.)

JOHN GORDON, President.

NEIL BRODIE, Secretary.

RECEIPTS.

By subscription of members.....	\$168 00
By Bounty from Central Board.....	97 56
By Balance.....	0 35
Total.....	\$265 91

EXPENDITURES.

By Canadian Wheat and expenses thereof \$230 00	
By Loss on Clover Seed.....	11 73
By Journals.....	4 00
By expenditure of former Directors to the Pictou Society and allowed.....	36 00

	\$281 73
Less Receipts.....	265 91
	\$15 82

(Signed by order),

NEIL BRODIE, Secretary.

SYDNEY MINES AND LITTLE BRASDOR AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

SYDNEY MINES, C. B.,
December 2nd, 1873.

The annual meeting of the Sydney Mines and Little Brasd'or Agricultural Society, was held 'his day at Sydney Mines, pursuant to law, R. H. Brown, Esq., President, in the Chair. Reports and proceedings of the past year read and

approved. The following is a statement of the financial standing of the Society:—

Balance on hand at last annual meeting.....	\$38 67
Amount of annual grant.....	67 97
Collected for services of Bull.....	1 50
Subscription of fifty-two members.....	62 00
	\$210 04
By paid postage.....	\$ 06
Advertising annual meeting.....	1 16
For Devon Bull Theodore.....	00 50
Ring, Halter, Chain and Rope.....	1 23
For Agricultural Journals.....	4 00
For Postage.....	03
For Seeds to Saunders.....	40 73
For keeping of Bull.....	30 00—167 69
Balance on hand.....	\$42 35
Stock over Devon Bull bought December 1872.....	90 50

It was moved by John Edwards, and seconded by William Cox, the officers for the past year retain their offices, carried unanimously. John Ross, Esq., M. P., was elected as a candidate to the Central Board of Agriculture.

A communication from the Central Board of Agriculture, dated October 30th, in reference to Agricultural Societies, voting an amount towards carrying out the scheme of holding a Provincial Agricultural Exhibition at Halifax, in Oct., 1874, was read and approved of, and the sum of twenty dollars was voted as a donation towards carrying out such scheme.

Members report the hay crop very fair. Potatoes, turnips and cereals below the average. Oats very poor, and far below the average. They attributed the failure of the latter to the heavy rains in July; but all the crops suffered more or less by the severe gale in August!

The Society have decided to keep the thorough-bred Devon Bull, Theodore until next autumn, and then dispose of him, if they can do so to advantage. Any Society or person wishing to purchase such a fine animal will please communicate with the President.

R. H. BROWN, President,

ALBERT CORBETT, Secretary.

Advertisements.

DURHAM BULL FOR SALE.

Please allow me through the *Agricultural Journal* to inform the public that my Durham Bull, advertised in your columns in October last, is still for sale.

He has wintered finely, and is just in fair condition for service. He girths seven feet four inches, and is supposed to weigh at least eighteen hundred. He is considered by JUDGES to be as perfect a specimen of the "Short Horn," as has ever been produced in the County.

Yours very truly,

D. H. NEWCOMB.

Pereaux, Cornwallis, Kings Co., March 26, 1874.

NOTICE.

Wanted to purchase by the Egerton Agricultural Society, a thorough-bred Devon or Ayrshire Bull, 2 or 3 years old. Parties having the same to dispose of, will please state price, &c., by letter, addressed to

JOHN CULTON,
Sec'y E. A. S.

Stellarton, March 26, 1874.