

Richmond. The prices paid for this stock, with the expenses incurred in their transmission from Halifax to Margaree, have exhausted all our available funds for the cost of keep, payable in money; particularly the necessary attention paid to the bull, who has become a valuable animal notwithstanding that he is "White." Many demur at his huge dimensions, and that he is too heavy for our common breed of cows. The rams are equally in good keeping, and scattered in the charge of careful persons for the winter.

The crops during the past year were as follows,—Hay, a good crop, above the ordinary average. Oats, an average crop. Barley, a full average crop. Wheat, a good crop in most localities, but sparingly sowed. Potatoes, an ordinary crop; farmers are improving in the cultivation of this root crop. Beets, Carrots and Mangold Wurtzel are not raised to any extent by our farmers, except in small patches in gardens. Turnips—farmers improving in raising this crop.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year.—*Pres.*, Thomas Ethridge; *Vice Pres.*, John Burton; *Sec'y.* John Munro; *Treas.*, Joseph A. Ingraham; *Committee*, David Ross, Mark Crowdis, Moses Murphy, John McLeod, Mark Ingraham.

THOMAS ETHRIDGE, *Pres.*
JOHN MUNRO, *Sec'y.*

ST. ANN'S AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the St. Ann's Agricultural Society was held, in terms of the Act, on the 3rd Dec. The officers elect are as follows.—*Pres.*, Luther McLeod; *Vice Pres.*, Kenneth Buchanan; *Treas. and Sec'y.* John Morrison; *Directors*, Duncan Morrison, Roderick McLeod, Norman McLeod, D. Macaskill, Hector Carmichael.

Abstract state of receipts and disbursements up to December, 1867:

1866.	Cr.	
De. 4	To balance due to date.....	\$161.25
	" Provincial Grant for 1866	59.00
	" Proceeds of Forks sold by Soc'y.	33.18
	" Do. Hay seed do.	7.00
	" Do. Clover seed do.	6.60
	" Subscriptions for 1867-8.....	40.00
		\$306.95
	Dr.	
	By Hay seed.....	\$9.07
	" Clover seed	9.75
	" Manure and Hay Forks.....	46.50
	" Freights and Truckage.....	2.00
	" Paid Secretary	10.00
		77.32
Balance to date.....		\$229.63

Respecting the crops, the result is now so generally known that it is scarcely necessary to make any remarks. On upland the hay crop was very indifferent, but on lowlands and intervals it was a good average. The grain crops through the most of Cape Breton, with the exception of wheat, failed to a certain extent.

The few patches of wheat put down proved tolerably well. The potato crop also has not been so productive as it had been for the last three years; but although visited by the blight very early in the season, still held out against the rot pretty well. Hay and all the grain crops were harvested in an excellent condition.

LUTHER McLEOD, *Pres.*
JOHN MORRISON, *Sec'y.*

NORTH SHORE ST. ANN'S AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

My absence from home during the last month prevented me from replying to yours before now. I informed you before that we purchased 14 ram lambs from a gentleman in Cornwallis for the use of our Society, which was all our funds then would admit of; and the fine lambs, which were the result of that purchase, show a decided improvement in shape, size and wool. At our last annual meeting it was decided to appropriate the funds on hand to the purchase of Leicester and Cotswolds next May, when I shall be able to transmit to the Board a statement of such. I do not approve of allowing ram lambs to accompany the ewes, as I have observed that they do not thrive so well as they would do by keeping them separate until they are eighteen months old.

I procured a small quantity of Chinese oats for one of our members; I forgot to inquire what the returns were. This man never sows any oats without first soaking them in strong brine for twenty-four hours, and then drying them by mixing with slacked lime, which process saves them from smut and imparts a rich taste to the meal, which I have not observed any where else in this County.

Hay fell far short of last year's crop. Oats suffered much from rust, which rendered the quantity less and the quality inferior. Barley suffered likewise from the same cause in a proportionate degree. Potatoes yielded a fair return in some localities, while the yield in other districts was only double the quantity planted. No root crops are raised within the limits of our district to any extent; where as by a judicious rotation, such could be turned to advantage here. One small field of wheat was all I noticed last season on our shore, but the results I have not yet ascertained. At an annual meeting the former office-bearers were re-appointed without any opposition.

ANGUS MCKAY.

CHESTER AGRICULTURAL SOC'Y.

At the annual meeting of the Chester Agricultural Society, the following officers were chosen for the current year:—*Pres.*, Edward Heckman; *Vice Pres.*, Robert

Smith; *Sec'y.*, H. B. Mitchell; *Treas.*, David Whitford; *Directors*, John Webber, William Duncan, Thomas Whitford, Stephen Corkum.

As the law requires the Secretary to forward a copy of the report of the officers, the names of the paid up members, &c., I subjoin the following information:

At the annual meeting it was agreed that the threshing machine, owned by the Society, be sold at auction on the third Saturday of February, 1867. The sum of \$6 was voted as an annual payment to the Secretary. Fifty young apple trees were ordered from Mr. Harris' Nursery, through his agent, Mr. Mason. It was voted to subscribe for the *Journal of Agriculture, Canada Farmer and American Agriculturist* for the year 1867; and that such papers be kept on file by the Secretary in lots at each meeting.

The receipts and expenditure of the Society during the year, were as follows:

1866.	Cr.	
By Cash in hand.....		\$121.44
52 members at \$1 each.....		52.00
Oats and grass seeds sold.....		33.31½
2 young Berkshire pigs sold.....		3.60
3 " Suffolk ".....		5.30
Service of bull outside the Society.....		10.50
Provincial Grant.....		56.00
		\$282.15½
1866.	Dr.	
Jan. To 2 Cotswold rams.....		\$30.00
2 Berkshire pigs.....		10.00
Expenses of procuring the above.....		9.00
3 Suffolk pigs with expenses.....		12.00
Feb. 100 printed notices of meetings.....		2.00
Postages of Secretary for 1865.....		0.50
1 Alderney bull, and expenses.....		44.00
Oats and grass seed, and freight.....		42.35
1 bushel Riga flax seed.....		6.00
Coach freight on do.....		0.75
Dec. R. Smith, Esq., bal. on bull bought of him in 1856.....		5.00
R. Smith, Esq., keep of present bull 46 weeks.....		46.00
54 premiums awarded at exhibition.....		47.25
		\$254.85
Cash on hand.....		27.30½
		\$282.15½

Last March an Alderney bull was bought in Windsor, at a cost of \$44 to the Society, which is still kept in the service of the Society; and it is thought that the stock raised from him will prove beneficial to our breed of cattle, especially with regard to the dairy,—the Alderney being considered about the most valuable breed for milking qualities on soils like ours. It remains with the members to-day to decide whether said bull shall be disposed of, or still kept for the use of the Society.

The two Cotswold rams, purchased last January, were of course too late for use at that time, and being the two last remaining on hand, were evidently the culls of the flock; yet we hope that the effects of the cross upon our native breeds will tend to the increase of weight both of the fleece and carcase.

The Berkshire hogs introduced were beautiful specimens of their breed, and showed clearly their vast superiority over