

Directors: John P. McIntosh, John Steele, Patrick Cotter, Nathaniel Stevens and James Scott.

After the appointment of the officers the latter proceeded in accordance with the new Act to nominate a suitable person for appointment to the Central Board of Agriculture.

The Hon. A. Macfarlane was then unanimously nominated by this Society as a suitable representative, for District No. 4, at the Central Board of Agriculture. After some minor business the Society adjourned to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of January, 1874.

This Society is six members less than last year in consequence of over one-third of the members of last year withdrawing, having formed a Society in a more convenient locality being geographically isolated from the Wallace Agricultural Society, and consequently could not participate in its benefits as would be desirable.

As the Society is now formed it is more concentrated, which will facilitate access to its benefits as well as lessen the necessity for the more extended privileges of heretofore. Parties from whom hitherto we have had but little encouragement, are now manifesting an interest in the advancement of agriculture, which we view as a favorable omen of the future prosperity of the Society.

This Society now owns but one bull, a Devon, purchased at the sale of Stock imported by the Central Board of Agriculture last year. But in consequence of an accident sustained which rendered him entirely unserviceable during the past season, together with the high price paid for him (so considered), the results were unfavourable to the advancement of the Society.

JOHN ROBERTSON, *Secretary.*
WALLACE, Dec. 29th, 1873.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ONSLOW AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The officers, in making their Report for the year 1873, congratulate the Society on the healthy state of its finances, and the increasing interest manifested during the year. The membership has increased to 196. The improvement in stock made by introducing thorough-bred Bulls must be apparent to all. The stock belonging to the Society was exhibited at the County Exhibition, and first prizes were awarded for Durham, Devon, and Grade Bulls. The Directors were unable to get two of the Bulls kept in the Sections where they were located for their services. They were kept the year on account of the Society. The Committee appointed to dispose of Stock and purchase others in their place, have disposed of the Ayrshire Bull, and purchased a thorough-bred Durham calf in Prince Edward Island, which is a very fine animal for his age. Two bushels of the barley imported by the Central Board was obtained last Spring, and sown on account of Society, and the product is now on hand to be disposed of as the Society shall order. In accordance with resolution of last annual meeting, Directors were instructed to take steps to hold a County Exhibition in 1873. They called a Public Meeting in Truro, April 15th, when it was decided to hold one under the auspices of the different Societies in the county—open to the competition of the Province, which was held in connection with the Eastern Fruit Growers' Association in Truro on the 2nd day of October. The num-

ber of entries was larger, and many of the articles superior to any ever exhibited in the County. The late County Exhibition Committee finding that the funds at their disposal would enable them to pay all bills, unanimously resolved not to draw on the Onslow Society for the \$40.00 voted to the prize fund. The Directors are under obligations to A. C. Page, M. D., for a very interesting address delivered at the quarterly meeting in June, which, at the unanimous request of the meeting, was published for the information of the public.

A ploughing match was held in connection with the Society in October—and Prizes to the amount of \$31 was offered for the best work; but owing to the limited number of entries for competition, only \$16 was awarded. The list of members for the year will be certified and sent to the Central Board in accordance with Act.

The crops for the year: Wheat not much sown; light. Barley, good. Late Oats poor. Buckwheat a failure, on account of the storm. Potatoes large yield. Roots fair. Hay average.

The Society now owns 4 Durham, 2 Devon, and 1 Grade Bull—in all 7. The Bulls are here to-day, and have been located for the next year.

The following is the financial statement for the year:

RECEIPTS.	
By amount of subscriptions.....	\$200 00
" Provincial Grant, 1872.....	172 13
" Prizes on Stock at Exhibition.....	23 00
" Services of Bulls.....	99 09
" Sale of Ayrshire Bull.....	20 00
	\$454 13
DISBURSEMENTS.	
To balance due last year, \$78.41; ' Journals' \$4.00.....	\$ 82 41
To keep of Bulls, \$167 50; exhibiting Bulls at Exhibition, \$10.....	177 50
To 2 bush. Barley, \$9.50; sowing and harvesting, \$22.40.....	25 90
To Durham Calf Prince Edward, \$40; expense purchasing, \$5.....	45 00
To Printing, Postage and Stationery, \$4.80.....	4 80
To salary of Secretary, \$10.....	10 00
	\$345 61
Balance in hand of Treasurer.....	\$108 52
Provincial Grant for 1873, now due, probably.....	175 00
Subscriptions of members now due.....	200 00
20 bush. barley on hand at \$1.00 per bush.	20 00
	\$503 52
To credit of Society.....	\$503 52
(Signed,) WM. BLAIR, <i>President.</i> ISAAC BARNHILL, <i>Sec'y.</i>	

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:
President, William Blair; *Vice-President,* Robert Putnam; *Secretary,* Isaac Barnhill; *Treasurer,* Wm. N. Dickson; *Directors,* Wm. Kent, Charles Laughhead, Charles Barnhill, Wm. Sutherland, and Wm. F. Putnam.

It was resolved that \$80 be contributed to the Prize Fund of the Provincial Exhibition for 1874.

Three Iron Ploughs were ordered to be imported from Scotland, steel mould boards, and sold to members at cost and charges.

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