

The Committee are, however, of opinion, that in the course of a few years when breeds of Stock lately introduced into the Country become matured, that such a course ought to be adopted in order to test the improvement made, and the relative value of the imported breeds to those of the ordinary stock of the Country.

By the accounts submitted, it appears that of the sum of £1275 granted at the last Session of the Legislature to be drawn by Local Societies at the rate of £75 in each County, the following sums have been drawn or allotted to the several Counties:

Halifax.....£75 00	Annapolis.....75 00
Colchester.....75 00	Queens.....37 10
Pictou.....75 00	Lunenburg.....75 00
Cumberland.....75 00	Shelburne.....37 10
Sydney.....75 00	Guysborough.....75 00
Inverness.....75 00	Digby.....75 00
Cape Breton.....75 00	Richmond.....75 00
Hants.....62 10	Yarmouth
Kings.....75 00	no application }

making £1,112 10s. and leaving a balance of £162 10s. undrawn.

The sum of £500 granted at the last Session of the Legislature and placed at the disposal of the Central Board, also £225 granted in 1839 for the importation of Stock, making together £725, have been expended as follows—

123 copies of Jackson's Work.....£20 9 9
Implements imported from Boston.....12 3 9
Horse <i>Montreal</i> cost, landed in Halifax.....94 15 5
Loss on Stock imported by Central Board, and sold at Public Auction.....262 1 10
Expenses on Do. in Halifax.....46 2 0
Loss on Stock imported for Societies, and borne by Central Board.....136 8 8
Expenses on Do. in Halifax.....8 11 11
Loss on Pigs imported from Buxton, and sold by Auction.....7 10 * 0
Cash paid for 250 copies of Colonial Farmer.....50 0 0
Loss on Jackson's work, Stationary, &c.....15 5 6
Cash in hand.....21 11 2
Cash paid Secretary, half a year's salary.....50 0 0

£725 0 0

The Committee have also had under their consideration the Petition of King's County Agricultural Society, asking aid for the establishment of an Agricultural School in that County; and although the Committee are of opinion that such an establishment might prove useful and beneficial, yet the Legislature having already made so large an appropriation for the encouragement of Agriculture, the Committee cannot recommend to the House to make a further grant in favour of the object which the Petitioners have in view.

The Committee have also had under consideration the Petitions of James Smith and others, of Stewiacke, of John Murdoch, of New Annan, and Stephen Knowlton, of Parrsborough, praying aid for erection of Oat Mills. Upon this subject the Committee are of opinion that the manufacture of Oat Meal has already received liberal encouragement from the Legislature, and that the preparation of that useful and necessary article of food may now be sustained without Legislative aid, except in very peculiar cases; and the Committee cannot help considering the application of Stephen Knowlton, of Advocate Harbour, in the Township of Parrsborough, as one of those cases, and beg leave to recommend to the House to grant to Stephen Knowlton, of Parrsborough, the sum of Ten Pounds, to aid him in the erection of an Oat Kiln, in conformity to the regulations adopted by this Hon. House.

The Committee have also considered the Petition of Thomas Blackie, asking remuneration for improvement made upon the Threshing Machine; and the Committee are of opinion that the security given by an Act of the Legislature, in favour of persons making new discoveries and improvements in Machinery, as a sufficient encouragement in all such cases, and therefore cannot recommend a grant of Money to the Petitioner.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

BENJ. SMITH, Chairman.
JOHN HOLMES,
SAMUEL B. CHIEFMAN.
GAIUS LEWIS.
MAYHEW BECKWITH.

Assembly Room, 3d March, 1842.

AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITIONS.

Scale of Premiums to be awarded for Stock, Agricultural Produce, &c. under the direction of the Pictou Agricultural Society.

FIRST EXHIBITION,

To take place in Pictou, on Tuesday, the 18th day of October next,

To the owner of the best Bull, not over 5 years old, nor under 2, will be awarded.....£1 0 0
To the owner of the best Bull, calved since 1st Jan. 1841, and not less than 1 year old.....1 0 0
To the owner of the best Cow, in milk.....1 0 0
To the owner of the second best do. do.....0 15 0
To the owner of the best Ram, not less than 2 years old.....1 0 0
To the owner of the second best do.....0 15 0
To the owner of the best Ewe.....0 15 0
To the owner of the second best do.....0 10 0
To the owner of the best Ram Lamb.....0 15 0
To the owner of the best Ewe Lamb.....0 10 0
To the owner of the best Boar.....1 0 0
To the owner of the second best do.....0 15 0
To the owner of the best Sow.....1 0 0
To the owner of the second best do.....0 15 0
To the owner of the best tub of Butter, not less than 50 lb.....1 0 0
To the owner of the second best do. do.....0 15 0
To the owner of the best Cheese, not less than 15 lb.....0 10 0
To the owner of the second best do. do.....0 7 6
To the owner of the best barrel of Apples.....0 10 0
To the owner of the best 2 dozen of Cabbages.....0 10 0
To the owner of the best half acre of Turnips.....1 0 0

The Turnips will be examined on the fields by persons appointed; all the other articles to be exhibited in Pictou early on the day above mentioned. The examination by the authorised Committee to commence at 2 o'clock, p. m., and the prizes to be paid to successful competitors immediately after the decision.

SECOND EXHIBITION,

To take place at the next Annual Meeting of the Society, on the third Wednesday of January, 1843.

To the owner of the best 5 bushels of Wheat, the Society to take it at 10s. 3/4 bushel.....£1 0 0
To the owner of the second best do., the Society to take it at 10s. 3/4 bushel.....0 15 0
To the owner of the best 5 bushels of Oats.....0 15 0
To the owner of the best 5 bushels of Barley.....0 15 0
To the owner of the best 2 bushels of Timothy Seed.....0 15 0
To the owner of the best barrel of Flour.....1 0 0
To the owner of the second best do.....0 15 0

PRIZE ESSAY.

The sum of Two Pounds Ten Shillings will be awarded for the best Essay on the "Ox-eye Daisy,"—showing its nature, properties and the most effectual method of extirpating them and preventing their spread. The Essay to be founded on experience or observation, and not on simple reference to books or other sources, and to be enclosed under seal to the Secretary, on or before the first day of October next.

The Agricultural productions presented for competition, must have been raised in the County of Pictou—the Stock excepted, and all competitors, excepting for the essay, will be required to enrol their names as Members of the Society, on or before the first day of August next—if not previously Members of the Society.

Due notice of the place of exhibition will be given. Suitable arrangements will be made for the reception of Stock, &c.

By order of the Committee,

JNO. STILES, Secretary.

Pictou, 15th February, 1842.

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