

Your committee have to report that during the past year the operations of your Society have been restricted by the want of funds, caused by the large outlay in purchasing and maintaining stock in former years,—that from that and other causes your committee have not thought it advisable to hold an exhibition this season.

Your committee have to report the purchase of two pigs at the sale of stock imported from Canada by the Board of Agriculture, and sold at Halifax on the first of November. These pigs, one Yorkshire sow and one white Chester boar, your committee have caused to be sold under suitable restrictions. These pigs, with the Durham bull, four rams and one ewe, are all the stock now owned by your Society.

The committee regret to have to report the death of the yearling ram, owned by this Society. This is now the fourth sheep that has died within the last three years; and in view of the oft-repeated losses sustained in this way, your committee would recommend that all the stock owned by the Society be sold to members under suitable restrictions,—that while believing it to be the duty of this Society to import improved breeds, we doubt the wisdom of having so much of your funds invested in this way.

We have much pleasure in reporting that a Provincial Exhibition will be held in the city of Halifax next October, and as an appeal has been made to the several Agricultural Societies throughout the province for funds in aid of this object, the sum of forty dollars has been voted as a contribution from this Society.

Your committee would therefore urge that effective measures be adopted for having not only your Society, but the county at large, well represented at the approaching exhibition; and for this purpose would recommend that this Society hold an exhibition next autumn, or, if practicable, that the co-operation of all the Agricultural Societies in the county be secured in holding a county exhibition, when articles of superior merit could be selected and forwarded to the Provincial Exhibition.

As regards the crops, your committee are glad to be able to report very favourably. Hay a superior crop, although damaged considerably by rains in making. Oats a fair crop; wheat fair; barley excellent; potatoes considerably damaged with the blight; turnips and all other roots an excellent crop.

In reviewing the operations of the past year, your committee feel that we have cause for united thankfulness to the Giver of all Good. Your Society is in a satisfactory condition, and the labours of the husbandman have been rewarded with a bountiful harvest.

JOHN MCKENZIE, *Sec'y.*

CLARE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

DEAR SIR,—This Society has nominated Dr. Hamilton to be a member of the Central Board of Agriculture. They have appointed Philip Comeau as President, in place of A. F. Comeau, deceased.

They also request that the funds of the Society be expended in the purchase of farming implements, seeds, and improved stock; they are of opinion that it will be more to their advantage than to have exhibitions. I remain, &c.,

A. M. COMEAU, *Sec'y.*

DIGBY CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

In presenting their report for the past year, your officers and directors have to inform you that it was found necessary to extend the limits of the Society, and they were therefore obliged to obtain two bulls, which were purchased in Annapolis County; both of these bulls are good animals, and are at present the property of the Society, to be disposed of as may be thought best.

We also obtained seven bushels of white bald wheat from New Brunswick, which was sold in small lots to members of the Society; as this wheat was raised at the North Shore of that Province, it was expected to yield well with us, but we are sorry to say it proved a failure. We also purchased a few small seeds, which were distributed among the members of the Society.

This Society at present numbers fifty-four members, fifty-three of whom paid their subscriptions before our returns were forwarded to the Central Board.

Your directors were under the impression that if the Society were to hold an exhibition or show, it would be an advantage to the Society, and create a greater interest in agriculture among its members. Arrangements were, therefore, made, and an exhibition was held on the 17th October, and prizes awarded.

This exhibition being the first ever held in the County, we did not expect that as much interest would be taken as could be desired, but it fully realized our expectations. The articles exhibited were allowed to be good samples, especially the *stock* and *vegetables*.—and we have good reason to think that it will prove a benefit to the Society, and agriculture generally throughout the community.

In June last a circular was received from the Central Board, informing us that arrangements were being made for holding a Provincial Agricultural Exhibition in or near the city of Halifax this year, and asking us, as directors, to contribute from the funds of the Society towards the amount that was being raised

for prizes, &c. After some consideration, we agreed that one-fourth part of our Society's annual grant this year might be retained for that purpose.

We have also to inform you of the financial affairs of the Society, which is as follows:—

Cash paid for Wheat and Seeds.....	\$28.20½
" Freight on Wheat.....	0.50
" Purchasing Bulls and expenses..	60.00
" Prizes and expenses at exhibition	85.37
Secretary's salary, printing, postage, &c...	10.00
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Cash on hand at the annual meeting, 1866.....	\$184.07½
Received as Prov. Grant for 1866..	\$18.17½
Subscription from Members.....	68.00
From sale of Wheat.....	54.00
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	158.80

Leaving a balance against Society.....	\$25.27½
To meet which, we have outstanding debts.	\$8.50
Provincial Grant yet undrawn.....	65.00
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	\$75.50

The past season has not been a very favourable one for our farmers, as there has been so much wet weather. The hay crop was very good. Wheat was nearly a failure. Oats were about an average. Barley rather below an average. Buckwheat below an average. Turnips about an average. Potatoes were light, very much injured by blight. Fruit below an average. Vegetables, &c., good.

The officers for the ensuing year are: *President*, Robert Reed; *Vice President*, James W. Toole; *Treasurer*, William Aymar; *Secretary*, James M. Aymar; *Directors*, John Dakin, John Abbott, Ephraim Bacon, Charles T. Potter, John Welsh.

ROBERT REED, *Pres.*
JAMES M. AYMAR, *Sec'y.*

LOWER STEWIAKKE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Our Society having been in operation so short a time, it cannot be expected that we can report a very great amount of progress. We have, however, been trying to do something in the improvement of our stock. We purchased a fine bull last winter, in Annapolis county, of the Durham and Ayrshire breed, which was left in the hands of the directors to manage for the season; but the arrangement made by them was not properly carried out by the parties having him in charge, consequently there has been some dissatisfaction, but we hope to learn from the past to do better in the future. We have also purchased of the imported stock, a fine ram and a white Chester boar, from which we hope to improve our sheep and hogs.

The crops, in most instances in this locality, have been rather a failure. The hay crop was good, but the season was rather bad for getting it up; the oats, barley, and early buckwheat were seriously damaged by the heavy storm of wind