

## MEETING OF WESTERN HALIFAX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Society met on the 11th June, in the Christian Association Rooms, H. Ycomans, Esq., V. P., in the chair. Among those present were Joseph J. Northup, Esq., John Parker, Esq., J. Geldert, Esq., Prof. How, E. A. Mitchell, Esq., Prof. Lawson, — Stewart, Esq., Jas. Stanford, Esq., &c.

Prof. Lawson, the Secretary, called attention to a Circular from the Board of Agriculture, requiring the Agricultural Societies of the Province to aid in the contemplated Provincial Exhibition of 1868. Several of the members expressed their desire that the Western Halifax Society should not fail to do its part in contributing to the success of the Exhibition.

On motion of Joseph J. Northup, Esq., it was agreed that the Society should contribute towards the Exhibition Fund a sum not exceeding \$100, being one half of the Society's grant for 1867 and one half of that for 1868.

It was arranged that the Society's Thoroughbred Short Horn Bull, Lobo Lad, should stand at Mr. Harvey's, the Dingle, Kempt Road, during the month of June and part of July.

W. C. Silver, Esq., Treasurer, presented an abstract of the Society's accounts, showing a balance in hand of \$137.30. The Treasurer was requested to have the current year's subscriptions collected without delay.

## CALEDONIA AND KEMPT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

In presenting their report for the past year, the Officers and Directors of the Caledonia and Kempt Agricultural Society have to regret the little that has been done by our Society for the improvement of our agricultural affairs in this section of Queen's County, where almost every resident is engaged in agricultural pursuits, and where it might reasonably be supposed that a good degree of interest would be manifested in its improvement. There has been great difficulty in obtaining the required number of subscribers to entitle us to draw the Legislative Grant for the present year; and indeed the required number was not made up until the 20th November, whereas the Board of Agriculture directed that Societies wishing to participate in the Grant should send in their returns by the 1st September. The Secretary, as directed, forwarded a list of the subscribers as soon as made up, but we have not yet learned whether we shall be allowed any portion of the Grant for the present year.

At a meeting of the Society, held on the 25th April, it was resolved not to hold an exhibition or show the present year, and that the funds of the Society be appropriated for the purchase of rams, seeds, &c.; that the sum of eighty dollars be expended in the purchasing of rams; that fifty-five dollars, or one dollar for each dollar subscribed, be allowed to the several members to purchase stock, seeds or implements, as they may direct; and that the further sum of twenty dollars be expended for premiums on the best samples of seeds raised within the limits of the Society, as an inducement to raise the seeds we require for our own use.

Mr. James Douglas and Mr. E. P. Freeman were appointed to attend the exhibition of stock to be held in Bridgetown, and make such selection and purchase of rams as meet the wants of the Society; but being misinformed respecting the time of holding the said exhibition, failed to arrive there in time for such purpose; they, however, succeeded in purchasing four rams, cost and charges amounting to \$67.32½, which were distributed through the district convenient for members to have the benefit of them.

Owing to the opposition expressed by a large number of the subscribers to the Society, to the granting of premiums on articles exhibited, the Committee have thought prudent to withhold

the premiums on seed until a more favourable opportunity.

Respecting the crops the past season, we beg leave to report as follows:—Hay on uplands about an average crop, but owing to the prevalence of wet weather during the making considerable was secured in a damaged state; the low lands and meadows adjacent to the lakes and rivers in this vicinity have been overflowed during most of the season, consequently much of the grass uncured will be lost.

Wheat—A good crop, both winter and spring varieties, but owing to repeated failures is not largely sown.

Rye—A good crop.

Oats—A small yield and light in weight.

Barley—Good, and the cultivation of it increasing; this is a pretty certain crop, and has largely taken the place of wheat.

Potatoes—Nearly an average yield, in some fields good, in others light, where the largest yield the greatest amount of rotten exist, where the crop is light not much rotten.

Turnips—In most places a light crop.

Carrots—Very good.

Flax Seed—The flax seed purchased from the Board of Agriculture grew very luxuriantly, said by persons used to the cultivation of flax to be very good; the seed not coming to hand until late in the season was not all sown.

EDWARD P. FREEMAN, Sec'y.

Caledonia, Dec. 5th, 1866.

The officers for the ensuing year are,—Pres., B. L. Telfer; Vice Pres., George Middlemas; Sec'y., E. P. Freeman; Treas., George Freeman; Directors, James Douglas, Samuel Cushing, Charles Cushing, junr., Michael Scott.

EDWARD P. FREEMAN, Sec'y.

Caledonia, March 26th, 1867.

N. B.—The officers above named were not appointed until the 26th, '67. We could not get together a sufficient number of members to form a meeting earlier.

E. P. F.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

1865.	CR.
Dec. 4th. By balance in Treasurer's hands, \$159 00	
1866.	
" Subscriptions of members...	40 00
	\$199 00
1866.	DR.
To stock, seed and implements to members,	\$29 00
" Cost of rams purchased.....	67 82½
" Secretary's salary.....	8 00
	\$104 32½
" Balance on hand.....	94 67½
	\$199 00
Dec. 5. To balance in hand.....	\$94 67½
" Prov. Grant since received....	80 00
	\$174 67½

## MIDDLE RIVER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Annual Report for the year ending Decr., 1866.

This Society has now completed the twenty-first year of its existence, and the second year under the recent Act of the Province, entitled, "An Act for the encouragement of Agriculture." This Society would express their gratitude to the Board of Agriculture for the deep interest they have manifested in the general agricultural interests of this Province, by the importation of improved breeds of horses, cattle and sheep. Last year this Society having imported two Cotswold rams and one Berkshire boar pig, the introduction of said stock has made a decided change in the breed of sheep and pigs. This last season this Society having correspondence with two of the best cattle breeders in New Brunswick for the purpose of procuring two bulls

of the short horn Durhams, was unfortunately disappointed, thereby rendering it impossible to attend the sale of stock at Richmond in November last; consequently what funds now remain in the Treasurer's hands is intended for the purchase of stock at the opening of spring.

This Society, like many others in newly settled districts, have heretofore devoted a considerable amount, yearly, of their funds in the purchase of improved implements, &c., and while this was allowed to continue a great number of subscribers could be always ready, but since the Societies having been newly organized under the present act, a great number of the back settlers, who were subscribers, having withdrawn, as they did not consider that the purchase of live stock would benefit them, as much as the purchase of implements, seeds, &c. However, our Society now is in good standing, and is composed of staunch members, who will take a lively interest in the cause of agriculture. We now give the state of the crops for the last season, and begin with—

Hay—This crop was a good average crop, but owing to the continual rain during most part of August, a great part of this crop was saved in a very inferior condition.

Oats—This crop has turned out well, and the greater part saved in good condition, notwithstanding the rainy weather during the most part of harvest.

Barley—This crop was far below the average of last year, both in straw and quality of grain; this is partly owing to the coldness of the spring.

Wheat—In consequence of the ravages of the weevil, this crop is altogether abandoned.

Potatoes—This crop exceeded the average of many years, and at the lowest calculation yielded ten bushels to the one planted, and keeps well since housed.

## STATE OF THE SOCIETY'S FUNDS.

To balance in Treasurer's hands in 1865.	\$214 85
" Subscription of members for 1866.....	47 00
" Government bounty for 1866.....	69 00
	\$330 85
By cash paid Donald McRae and William Finlayson, bounty paid for two bears killed.....	\$4 00
" Incidental expenses.....	13 00
" Paid for 18 copies Journal of Agriculture 9 00	
	\$26 00
	\$320 85
" Balance in Treasurer's hands.....	\$234 85

## OFFICE BEARERS.

Pres., John McDonald; Vice Pres., Hector Campbell; Sec'y., John McLennan; Treas., Kenneth McDonald; Directors, Edward McLeod, John McDonald, John G. McLeod, William Cain.

J. McLENNAN, Sec'y.

## GLENELG AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The following is a statement of the Treasurer's account:—

1865.	CR.
Dec. In hand at annual meeting.....	\$87 45
1866.	
Jan'y. By Provincial allowance .....	80 00
Oct. 16 " Proceeds of sale of lambs .....	29 50
" Amount subscription for 1866....	40 00
	\$236 25
1866.	DR.
Oct. 4. To paid for lambs and expenses....	\$48 00
16. " " premiums.....	51 90
" " Agricultural Journals.....	4 50
" " keeping bull.....	30 00
Dec. " salary of Sec'y. and Treas.....	10 00
	\$144 45
	\$236 95
By balance in hand at annual meeting 1866,	\$92 50

SAMUEL ARCHIBALD, Pres.  
J. A. KIRK, Sec'y.