

The following Thorough Bred Animals have been added to the Nova Scotia Registers of their respective Breeds since last month :—

DEVON HEIFER CALF.

CXXXVI.—CAMELLIA, calved 26th Feb., 1876. Bred and owned by Colonel Laurie, Oakfield.

Sire—Havelock, (106). g. s. Prince of Wales. Dam—Primrose, (102), by Wilnot. g. dam—Lady Anne, (101), by Lord Elgin. g. g. dam—Fancy, by Don Juan.

AYRSHIRE COW.

CXXXI.—LILLY 2ND, calved May, 1871. Bred by Thomas Guy, Oshawa, Ontario. The property of Henry Burrill, Yarmouth, N. S.

Sire—Eclipse, (137). g. sire—Cutlibert, imported by Mr. Cutlibert.

Dam—Scotch Lassie, by Prince of Wales, (305).

g. dam—Spot, by Rob Roy, imported, (135). g. g. dam—White Lilly, by Dundee 3rd. g. g. g. dam—Quebec, imported by Mr. Simpson, of Quebec.

AYRSHIRE HEIFER.

CXXXII.—LILLY 3RD, calved July 5th, 1874. Bred by and the property of Henry Burrill, Yarmouth, N. S. Color, red and white.

Sire—Lord Dufferin. g. sire—Lord Lisgar, (693).

Dam—Lilly 2nd, CXXXI, by Eclipse, (137). g. dam—Scotch Lassie, by Prince of Wales, (305).

g. g. dam—Spot, by Rob Roy, imported, (135).

g. g. g. dam—White Lilly, by Dundee 3rd. g. g. g. g. dam—Quebec, imported by Mr. Simpson, of Quebec.

AYRSHIRE HEIFER CALF.

CXXXIII.—LILLY 4TH, calved June 3rd, 1875. Bred by and the property of Henry Burrill, Yarmouth, N. S. Color, red and white.

Sire—Lord Dufferin. g. sire—Lord Lisgar, (693).

Dam—Lilly 2nd, CXXXI, by Eclipse, (137). g. dam—Scotch Lassie, by Prince of Wales, (305).

g. g. dam—Spot, by Rob Roy, imported, (135).

g. g. g. dam—White Lilly, by Dundee 3rd. g. g. g. g. dam—Quebec, imported by Mr. Simpson, of Quebec.

AYRSHIRE COW.

CXXXIV.—CROCUS 2ND, dark red and a little white. Bred by J. L. Gibb, Compton, Province Quebec, Canada. The property of W. E. Starratt, Annapolis County, N. S. Calved April 25th, 1873.

Sire—Mars, (298), 715, (bred by W. A. McLachlin, Auchentring, County of Stirling, Scotland), by Burnside.

Dam—Crocus, (524), bred by Alex. Vallance, Greathill, Strathaven, Scotland.

g. dam—Hairstock.

We are informed that there is some prospect of a litter of the universally admired Ellesmere pigs at Mount Hope. We trust the hope will not be disappointed, for there have been enquiries all winter from all quarters.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, FOR THE YEAR 1875.

Halifax, 18th February, 1876.

To the Honble. P. CARTERET HILL, Provincial Secretary :

Sir,—We have the honor to submit, for the information of the Government and the Legislature, the Annual Report of the Central Board of Agriculture for the year 1875, together with the Treasurer's Accounts of Income and Expenditure, as audited by the Finance Committee of the Board, up to the close of the year, and relative vouchers.

This Report embraces the customary statistics and other details relating to the operations of the Agricultural Societies throughout the various Counties of the Province, and, in addition, an Abstract of the Annual Reports of the Societies, as recommended last year by the Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly. By reference to that portion of the Report, Members will be able to ascertain definitely how far the subscriptions and other funds raised by Societies, together with their annual grants from the Legislature, have been applied to the advancement of Agriculture in the respective Counties.

The County and District Societies in active operation under the Act for Encouragement of Agriculture, and entitled to participate in the Legislative Grant for the year 1875, were sixty-six in number; paying members 4140; total amount of subscriptions actually paid (as shown by the attested Returns) \$4757.75; total amount of Grants in Aid \$5790.50. It will be seen from the following tabular view of the statistical history of Societies during the past twelve years of the Board's existence that the number of Societies has risen from 37 to 66, that the number of members has increased from 1744 to 4140, and that the subscriptions of members have increased from \$1859.00 to \$4757.75. The Agricultural Societies of the Province, as a whole, have never before been in a condition so satisfactory as at the present time :—

YEAR.	Number of Societies.	Number of Members.	Amount of Subscriptions.	Grants in Aid.
1st year, 1864.....	37	1744	\$1859 00	\$3010 00
2nd " 1865.....	48	2197	2834 00	3314 00
3rd " 1866.....	52	2543	2850 00	3566 00
4th " 1867.....	53	2933	3051 50	3444 50
5th " 1868.....	45	2246	2519 75	3232 50
6th " 1869.....	43	2209	2540 50	3001 00
7th " 1870.....	49	2742	3040 00	3373 00
8th " 1871.....	57	3245	3672 80	3543 00
9th " 1872.....	60	3597	4004 50	3904 00
10th " 1873.....	61	3596	3929 00	5785 00
11th " 1874.....	64	3971	4495 00	5830 00
12th " 1875.....	66	4140	4757 75	5790 50

The number and strength of Agricultural Societies in each County of the

Province at the close of 1875 are shown in the following tabular statement, which, like the preceding statement, does not include Societies in course of formation, but only those whose returns were duly attested before the apportionment of the Legislative Grant for 1875 :—

COUNTIES.	Number of Societies.	Number of Members.	Am't. Annual Subscriptions.	Amount of Grant in Aid.
Annapolis.....	0	359	\$392 50	\$400 00
Antigonish.....	1	115	139 25	278 50
Cape Breton.....	3	189	150 00	360 00
Colchester.....	7	512	524 25	400 00
Cumberland.....	6	377	413 00	400 00
Digby.....	3	302	304 00	400 00
Guysborough.....	3	149	159 00	218 00
Halifax.....	2	261	293 50	400 00
Hants.....	4	333	415 00	400 00
Inverness.....	1	47	47 00	94 00
King's.....	5	317	520 00	400 00
Lennoxburg.....	1	110	110 00	220 00
Pictou.....	5	325	349 50	400 00
Queen's.....	3	125	125 00	250 00
Richmond.....	1	5	5 00	10 00
Shelburne.....	2	243	243 00	400 00
Victoria.....	5	135	125 00	200 00
Yarmouth.....	2	250	393 75	400 00
CG	4140	\$4757 75	\$5790 50	

The Board having experienced some difficulty in applying certain provisions of the Agricultural Act to the regulation of payments of grants to Societies, applied for advice to the Hon. Attorney General, who suggested an Amendment of the Act. The Board have appointed a Committee to consider this matter, and when the new Board meets, they will, no doubt, be prepared to bring the subject under the notice of the Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly, with a view to obtain a remedy, and thus obviate any difficulty in future.

In accordance with the instructions of the House of Assembly, as conveyed to the Board by the Report of the Agricultural Committee of last session, the Board made an importation of live stock. The importation included six horses, obtained, some in the State of Maine, others in the Province of Quebec. They were selected with great care by David Matheson, Esq., a member of the Board, and Donald Archibald, Esq., M. P. P., Chairman of the Agricultural Committee.

The rest of the Stock was imported from England. The Secretary of the Board being home last summer on a visit, the Board, considering it unnecessary to incur the expense of sending any one specially to purchase, asked him before he returned to make suitable purchases, and bring the stock out with him in the steamer. This importation consisted of seventeen bulls, cows and heifers, viz: nine Short Horns, four Ayrshires, four Devons; nine pigs of the large white English and the Berkshire breeds; and seventeen Cotswold and Southdown rams and ewes.

The prices paid for the various animals, the expenses of transit, and the