

made in the year 1864 was based upon a total subscription list for the Province of about \$1859.00. Since then the amount has doubled, but the grant remains still the same, with only this difference that instead of the County allowance being divisible among two or three Societies, it has now to be more thinly spread over five or six. In every County the grants have been very carefully calculated in accordance with the rule laid down in the Act.

Mr. Thomas A. Fraser, of Pugwash River, writes to us that a number of the farmers of that place have organized themselves into an Agricultural Society, and that, having received the necessary information from the Hon. Senator Macfarlane, they wish to obtain any further instructions as to what course to pursue, as they wish to move in the matter immediately. A meeting was to be held on the 15th Feb. We have written to Mr. Fraser.

In previous numbers we published all the information received in reference to the nomination of Members to the Board of Agriculture. Within the last few days we have received the following additional nominations:—

David McNair, Esq., has been nominated by the Representatives of Societies in Antigonish County.

Dr. C. C. Hamilton, M. D., Canard, has been nominated by the Representatives of Societies in King's County.

We are glad to notice that our suggestions on the subject of Farmers' Clubs are already beginning to bear some fruit. It appears from the *Kentville Star* that a Farmers' Club has been organized at Lower Horton and "moves flourishingly." "Attendance large." "Discussions very lively and interesting." Two evenings have been spent in discussing "Manure, its preparation, preservation and application," and these three P's. are to be followed by the Raising and Feeding of Stock.

THE ANNUAL REPORTS published during the last two months show very clearly: (1.) The healthy and efficient condition of our Agricultural Societies. (2.) Their rapid increase in numbers. (3.) Their earnest desire for the improvement of

Live Stock. (4.) The impossibility of their obtaining in the Province, or within convenient reach, animals sufficient to meet their present or prospective requirements. And (5.) the absolute necessity of a large importation by the Board of Agriculture, without which Societies will be completely discouraged. The Reports which we publish this month all serve more or less strongly to enforce the same arguments.

The Morristown Society of Antigonish County expended \$353 during the year, chiefly in importing Stock. The chief production of that county being cattle and sheep, it was thought that "the importation of improved breeds would be of much more benefit than the holding of Exhibitions." The farmers depend upon their stock for their maintenance, and endeavour to raise as great a number as possible, but the common breeds bring such small prices that they scarcely pay for their keep. "This Fall, Grade heifers 2½ years old, have sold for \$18, whilst common cattle at the same age bring only \$10." The Society has not hitherto advanced beyond Grade stock; but, they say: "We now look forward to the next importation from Canada by the Central Board, as the Committee have resolved to procure, if possible, some *'thoroughbred stock.'*"

The St. Andrew's Society, also in Antigonish County, devoted its whole funds to the purchase of sheep, chiefly Shropshires. "It is most satisfactory to state that the prices realized amounted in the aggregate to the cost price, even after deducting the usual discount of 25 per cent to members." The Society calculated upon commencing the present year with a fund of \$150., and it is proposed to purchase Chester Pigs and Bulls.

The expenditure of the Pictou Society during the year has been \$684. A County Exhibition was held in conjunction with the other Societies, each paying \$50 and the County Society the balance. Prizes to the extent of \$485 were offered, and \$422 actually paid to successful Exhibitors.

The Merigomish Society imported during the year four White Chester Pigs, and a quantity of Early Rose Potatoes. Balance in hand \$30.

The Fenwick Society of Noel and Maitland report: "considerable improvement in this section through the stock purchased by the Society, particularly in pigs." Quantities of seed wheat, alsyke clover &c., have been imported, and an Exhibition is proposed for next Fall.

The Directors of the West Cornwallis Society (who ought to be good authorities on the matter of which they write), report to the Annual Meeting of Members, "the success that has attended their efforts in the stock raising department." "We would (they say) call attention to the marked improvement in the Short Horn Stock obtained from "Major Rowland" as one of the most substantial arguments in favor of purchasing *thorough-bred* animals. We must admit that improvements have been made through the introduction of half-bred bulls, but at the same time *express our certain knowledge, from the experience of the past, that no such advantages can be looked for from their importation or use as are almost certain to follow the use of thorough-bred cattle.*" It is proposed to add one or two more to the number of the Society's thorough-bred Bulls this Spring, if possible. The expenditure during the season has been \$163.

The Amherst Society held an Exhibition, of which we saw some account in the New Brunswick papers at the time, and copied it for the information of our readers. It does not appear from the Annual report that there is the same interest manifested at Amherst in thorough-bred stock which we see growing-up in many other localities. The Society has expended \$135, chiefly on Exhibition.

The Aylesford Society owns two superior Grade Durham Bulls, but say: "It is the opinion of many of our best stock growers that the Devons are best adapted to our farmers, the oxen are hardy and active, the cows are good milkers, and they fatten easily on grass. The Society has agreed to purchase one *thorough-bred* Bull, "it will be of much greater benefit to us than the Grade animals we now have." The Society's prospects are improving, the subscription list is increasing and greater interest is manifested than formerly.

The Sterling Society in Colchester have decided to purchase a thorough-bred Short Horn Bull, *if one can be obtained.* A special meeting of the Lower Stewiacke Society was held on 14th October for the purpose of taking measures to procure thorough bred Stock. A white Chester Boar was purchased at the sale of pigs imported last fall by the Central Board. A number of Reports have been necessarily deferred till next month.

If the following article, taken from the *Colonial Farmer* of Fredericton, is anything like a true picture, and we have no reason to doubt its accuracy, then the record of our Agricultural organization in Nova Scotia during the last seven years will compare favourably with that of New Brunswick. The discrepancy in the amounts voted by the respective Legisla-