

THE CROPS AT WEYMOUTH.

The crops in this section of the country are very good with the exception of potatoes. The tops were very promising until taken by the blight, which has come on much earlier than usual, consequently the yield is light; and if the rot should take them, of which there are some cases already, the crop will be a failure.

The fruit crop, though not very promising, was much better than last year, until the recent gale, which destroyed a large quantity.

WM. H. S. DAHLGREN.

Reports of Agri. Societies.

BARRINGTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of this Society was held on the third of December, in accordance with the requirements of the Agricultural Act. The directors presented a report of their proceedings and the financial state of the Society for the past year, as follows:—

The directors of the Barrington Agricultural Society beg to report that in conformity with suggestions made at the last annual meeting, a quantity of various kinds of seeds for sowing, and a number of root-grafted apple and plum trees were obtained early last spring and distributed among the members; some improved farming tools were purchased and sold in the Society at cost.

Considerable difficulty was experienced in getting a bull. The directors were unable to get a pure bred Ayrshire, and finally decided to purchase one highly recommended, and stated to be three-fourths Alderney; so far he has given good satisfaction.

It was not considered advisable to make any purchase of stock at the late sale in Halifax, owing to the expense of getting them here and of keeping during the winter. The Cotswold sheep purchased by the Society last year have not proved so vigorous and productive of wool as was expected; but it is believed they are an improvement on the old native stock.

The Harrison potatoes generally yielded favorable returns, in some cases a bushel and a half from eleven potatoes. The rot, however, proved destructive in many instances, and it is feared they are no more exempt from this malady than the kinds in general use among us. It would be advisable for members to give them a fair trial another year, as their productiveness recommends them.

The directors are pleased to witness the interest evinced in horticulture, and can report favourably of the products of many gardens within the sphere of their observation. They also see in the many

apple, pear and plum trees, that have been set out during the past season, the prospect of extensive orchards, and a great improvement in the pomology of the place. Even grape vines have been grown with success.

There are at present sixty members, and it is believed all have reaped decided benefit by their connection with the Society. Receipts and expenditures for the past year:

Cash on hand last year.....	\$84.21
Provincial Grant.....	120.00
Subscriptions of members.....	60.00
Sale of Hoes.....	24.20
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	\$288.41
120 Apple trees.....	\$33.60
60 Plum trees.....	30.00
Freight.....	3.30
Seeds from Halifax.....	21.75
Hoes and Seeds from Boston.....	36.32½
One Alderney Bull.....	30.00
Expenses to June 1, 1868.....	27.00
Agricultural papers.....	2.62½
Incidental expenses.....	4.24
Secretary's service.....	4.00
Cash to balance.....	95.07
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	\$288.41

The above report having been adopted, the following persons were chosen officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—*Pres.*, A. C. A. Doane; *Vice Pres.*, O. W. Homer; *Sec'y*, R. H. Crowell; *Treas.*, Francis Homer; *Directors*, Philip Crowell, Alexander Watson, Josiah Coffin, Samuel Westwood and Israel L. Crowell.

On motion, the directors were requested to purchase for use of the members early in the spring, seed wheat and other grasses, garden seeds, fruit trees, implements, and an Ayrshire bull,—during the summer a number of Cotswold or Leicester ewes and a ram. It was also suggested that awards be offered to members for the largest crop of potatoes, turnips, oats, barley, wheat, Indian corn, peas, beans, &c., for the largest number of grafted apple and plum trees; also the best essay on the most suitable method of agriculture for this section of the country.

R. H. CROWELL, *Sec'y*.

BRIDGEWATER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Report of the Officers and Directors of the Bridgewater Agricultural Society to annual meeting of said Society, Dec. 3rd, 1867.

At the last annual meeting of the Society, December 8, 1866, it was resolved that an exhibition of stock, farm, garden, and orchard produce, should be held in Bridgewater, during the then ensuing autumn. The following persons were appointed a committee to prepare for and manage the exhibition, viz., the Officers of the Society, with power to add to their number. Of said committee, Mr. Thos. T. Keefler was appointed chairman.

The next meeting of the Society was held on June 7, 1867, when it was, on

motion, resolved, that the Exhibition be postponed until the Autumn of 1868, and be held shortly before the Provincial Exhibition at Halifax.

The Secretary read a letter from George Lawson, Esq., Secretary of the Provincial Board of Agriculture, asking for the assistance of this Society in aid of the funds for the Provincial Exhibition. Whereupon it was resolved that the sum of twenty dollars be retained for that purpose out of the Society's Grant for 1868; and that this Society would give additional assistance, if in their power, and stimulate the people to prepare articles for competition.

We beg to recommend that earnest efforts be used to secure a creditable district Exhibition in the coming autumn, and trust that it may lead to a satisfactory representation of the productions of the County at Halifax, shortly afterwards.

We are glad to be able to report an improvement in young stock, resulting from the purchase of the bull mentioned in the last annual report. It has been deemed advisable to sell the animal, and in the following spring to purchase two bulls, one for each side of the river.

We annex hereto a statement of receipts and expenditures during the past year:—

Balance from last year.....	\$4.90
Provincial Grant.....	73.00
Received from A. Cook on account of bull....	7.00
Forty subscribers at \$1 each.....	40.00
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	\$124.90
Paid J. Durland for room.....	\$0.50
Postage, &c.....	0.40
Joshua Cook on account of bull.....	16.35
Simeon Hebb, do.....	11.00
Emmanuel Hebb, do., for wintering.....	28.00
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	\$66.25

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ABRAHAM HEBB, *Pres.*

M. B. DESBRISAY, *Sec'y*.

N. E. MARGAREE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Officers and Directors beg leave to submit their report as follows:—During the year just past we have to state that not so much improvement has been accomplished in the way of agriculture as might be desired. The Society find much difficulty in increasing the number of subscribers, which makes it a matter of regret. Even many of such subscribers as are procured give trouble in coming forward to support the Society, until the time has nearly expired for preparing the annual certificate to the honourable Board to entitle the Society to the bounty.

The funds in hand are not available without the bounty to support the cattle. The property is the Durham bull, Lot No. 2, from Canada, purchased at the Richmond sale in November, 1866; also a Cotswold ram, and two Leicester rams, all of the pure breed, and purchased at