

The Societies represented were—Amherst, Minudie and Parrshoro'.

A note was received from the Hon. Alex. MacFarlane, of Wallace Society, regretting his inability to attend.

It was understood that no other Agricultural Society was under organization in this County at the present time.

J. D. DICKSON, Chairman.

GILBERT SEAMAN, Sec'y.

#### MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES IN ANNAPOLIS.

PARADISE, Jan. 4, 1872.

Enclosed please find certificate, or memorandum, of the election of George Whitman, Esq., as the Representative for this County in the Central Board of Agriculture. Messrs. George Whitman, Charles Whitman and myself were the Representatives who met, representing the following Societies, viz: West Annapolis, Bridgetown and Paradise, when, as before intimated, we elected Geo. Whitman, Esq. A. LONGLEY.

BRIDGETOWN, Jan. 3, 1872.

According to previous arrangement Representatives from three of the Agricultural Societies in the County met at Bridgetown on the above named date, for the purpose of electing a member to represent the County in the Central Board of Agriculture, in accordance with the Act of Assembly of last session, entitled an Act to amend Chapter 96 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Encouragement of Agriculture," the choice falling upon George Whitman, Esq., whose name is hereby inscribed as the Representative for Annapolis County.

A. LONGLEY.

Secretary of Meeting.

#### REPRESENTATION OF YARMOUTH

Yarmouth, 13th January, 1872.

Only two days ago, happening to meet my brother in town, I asked him if he had received his appointment to the Central Board, to which he replied that he had done nothing in the matter. Having notified the Representatives of the several societies, it seemed to me that it belonged to them to meet and conclude the matter; however, they did not so understand it, and I have this morning sent an express ten miles to get signature of Township Representative to enclosed document, which, I suppose, is sufficient.

The Public Agricultural Society. I am informed, has been abandoned.

CHAS. E. BROWN.

Yarmouth, January 13th, 1872.

We, the undersigned Representatives of the several Agricultural Societies in Yarmouth, concur in the nomination of

George S. Brown as Member of the Central Board for said County.

JAS. CHOSBY, for Township Ag. Socy.

Geo. S. BROWN, for Co. Ag. Socy.

#### MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES IN COLCHESTER.

At a meeting of Representatives from the different Agricultural Societies in the County of Colchester, held in Truro, this tenth day of January, A. D. 1872, for the purpose of electing a member to represent the said County at the Central Board of Agriculture for the Province of Nova Scotia.—Present as representatives from the following Societies:—

Tatamagouche—James Clarke.

Sterling—William Creighton.

Onslow—Israel Longworth.

Lower Stewiacke—William H. Hogge.

Shubenacadie—Colonel J. W. Lawrie.

Colonel J. W. Lawrie was appointed Chairman, and Israel Longworth Secretary of the Committee.

On ballot being taken, it was decided that Israel Longworth be the representative from the County to the Central Board of Agriculture.

J. WINBURN LAWRIE,  
Chairman.

ISRAEL LONGWORTH,  
Secretary.

#### Reports of Agri. Societies.

##### MILFORD HAVEN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

In drawing up their annual report, this Society are happy to congratulate the Board on the agricultural prospects of this county as compared with the past few years. All the crops, with the exception of potatoes, have been more than an average, though the deficiency in the potato crop has been considerable, probably twenty-five per cent. under an average. Wheat has been decidedly better than the past few years, though not sown to the extent its importance demands. The hay crop is probably fifty per cent better than last year. Oats have yielded better crop than last year and of superior quality. Buckwheat is much better than the past two years. The market for beef, butter, &c., has been very good the past year. The Society, feeling the necessity of improving their seed potatoes and placing an improved seed in the hands of every one of its members, imported five barrels of the most improved seed from the United States, at a cost of about forty-five dollars, and gave them out to each member of the Society as a free gift to induce their culture and promote a more lively interest in spreading the seed throughout the county, the growth of

which has given entire satisfaction, in consequence of which we look forward for an improvement in that most important crop, which has been fast wasting away. The Society likewise imported some smaller seeds, consisting of beans, peas, beets, carrots, turnips, tomatoes and other small seeds; also, a quantity of grass seed, which has all been sold to the members at twenty-five per cent discount on cost and charges. This Society has been in the custom of importing castings from the United States for improved ploughs. This year they imported but a small lot, which was given to the members at a discount of thirty-five per cent on costs and charges; this enables the members to get their ploughs at a very moderate cost, as the plough was either fitted up by the farmer himself, or otherwise by his neighbouring carpenter, which in turn gave him employment. This system, in view of this Society, was preferable to the importation of the whole implement from the United States, as in many cases the farmer himself could, during the long winter, fit up his own plough. But we were met with a Customs Duty of fifteen per cent. on the Invoice of the different pieces of castings required for the plough, which was never exacted from us before though the implement in its entirety is free of duty, yet the Customs office claim duty for the different pieces of which it is composed. This Society feel that this is a hardship which the Central Board could influence the Government in getting removed.

First, We want the American Casting, because it is preferable to our own casting, one of them wearing out two of ours.

Secondly, We want the casting because the Society can place in the hands of each of its members a plough of an improved pattern for one-third the cost of the entire plough, putting the freight and charges for importation of the entire article in the pocket of the Agriculturist, while it places an improved plough in his hands and employment for his neighbouring mechanic, who can fit it up equally as well and at a less cost than the American.

We want the castings duty free, because the entire plough is duty free, and for the same considerations. We would respectfully urge these views on the Central Board, that it might use its influence with the Government for a remedy for the benefit of the societies of this Province generally.

The certificate of the names of the subscribers, with the amounts of their subscriptions to this Society, required by law, has been forwarded to enable the Society to draw the annual grant for the past year. During the short time since the formation of this Society, we believe it has done important service in the county for the improvement