

to a proportion of the government grant this year. That number not yet being made up, no return has been made, and it is not known if a return is now made whether or not any portion of that grant can be drawn, as the Board of Agriculture directed that Societies wishing to participate in the grant should send in their returns not later than the 1st September.— This, to your directors, is a matter of not a little surprise, when they consider that the inhabitants of this place are principally engaged in agricultural pursuit, and when it might be reasonably expected that a deeper interest in its improvement would be manifested.

Agreeably to resolution of last annual meeting, an exhibition was held on the premises of Mr. Isaac Archibald, in Oct. last, which was largely attended, and in which a considerable interest was shown. Your committee could not recognize any improvement on the exhibition of last year held in the same place, either in live stock, grain, or domestic manufacture, although there were some samples of very superior cloth.

The bull and rams were disposed of agreeably to resolution, and realized the sum of \$24.50. The purchasers, your directors are pleased to inform you, have made good their contract, the animals still remaining with them, the public having the use of them, we believe, without cost.

The crops, generally speaking, were abundant last year with the exception of potatoes, which were not half a crop, owing, we believe, to continued wet weather in the growing season, which is unfavorable to the growth of that crop, and hastens the ravages of the blight.— Wheat was very limitedly sown; farmers finding it to be more profitable to raise other crops, have almost entirely abandoned the raising of wheat. Where it was sown last year, we believe it has been, in most instances, a failure.

On behalf of Committee,

JOHN A. KIRK, Sec'y.

Below is a statement of the Treasurer's accounts with Glenelg Agricultural Soc'y, for 1867:—

		Cr.
By amount in hand at annual meeting, Dec. 1866.....		\$92.50
1867.	Jan. Proceeds of sale of bull and rams..	24.50
	Provincial allowance for 1866.....	80.00
	Oct. Amount of subscription for 1867...	35.00
		\$232.00
	\$5 rec'd since annual meeting....	5.00
		\$237.00
		Dr.
1867.	Oct. To amt. paid for premiums.....	\$94.60
	do. Agri. Journals.....	4.50
	Salary of Secretary and Treasurer	10.00
	Keeping bull and rams after annual meeting of 1866.....	10.25
		\$119.35
	In Treasurer's hand.....	117.65

ANTIGONISH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

In coming before you with our fourth annual report, we have to regret that our Society is not seemingly in a more prosperous state; in numbers we are a little below the two years last past. Some have, doubtless, fallen off from the fact of their receiving no direct benefit from their connection with this Society.

The policy of this Society is not direct benefits from money invested, but rather an indirect benefit to us through the advantages gained by the County at large in improving the native stock of cattle and sheep. Ours being particularly a hay-growing and grazing County, and the chief circulation of money being the returns for beef cattle sent to market, it is to our general as well as individual benefit that every means be used for the introduction and sustaining of stock that will most benefit the beef-producing as well as butter-making qualities of our cattle, or, in other words, to give us that stock which will arrive earliest at maturity, and at the same time not materially affect our dairy, which is, at least, a secondary consideration. The short-horned Durham having, for a number of years, sustained this reputation, your Society has, since its formation, expended a large share of its funds in the purchase and maintaining of such stock, the beneficial results of which must appear in all time to come. Some attention has been given in time past, as well as this season, to the introduction of an improved breed of sheep, which will end in like beneficial results. Ten ram and five ewe lambs have been imported from P. E. Island this season, some of which sold at remunerative rates.

And while we regret the partial failure of the oat and potato crop, and the almost entire failure of the wheat crop, yet we have pleasure in stating that our hay crop has been the most abundant in the last twenty years, which will entirely alleviate the necessity of feeding grain in the spring on account of the scarcity of hay, which is a too common practice, especially in out districts. And while we anticipate a hard year, resulting from the partial failure of crops and universal depression of trade, we have no apparent cause to fear that actual want will be experienced in our midst as in the case in other districts, arising from the failure of the fisheries, and on which, as a County, we do not at all depend.

At our annual meeting the following office-bearers were appointed for the ensuing year:—*President*, R. Trotter, Esq.; *Vice President*, Colin Chisholm, Esq.; *Secretary*, C. B. Whidden; *Directors*, John Randall, David McNair, John McLean, Angus McAdam, Archibald Fraser.

C. B. WHIDDEN, Sec'y.

MAHONE BAY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The office-bearers of the Mahone Bay Agricultural Society beg leave to hand in the following annual report:—

They regret very much that they cannot congratulate the members on the progress made by the Society during the past year. There is too much apathy on the part of its members, and indifference, to expect the march of progress in accordance with the march of improvement throughout the world; but trust that the indifference of the members heretofore will be stimulated by the Provincial Exhibition which is to take place in the fall of 1868, offering many inducements to the agriculturist, as well as the mechanic and artist.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the last general meeting of the Society to purchase an imported bull, the directors met and decided that the president should attend the sale of the imported stock, and if the price suited, to purchase one; but the price being rather high he therefore made a purchase of a thoroughbred bull, at Windsor, which we hope will give satisfaction to the Society.

The officers are sorry they cannot report favorably of the grain and potato crops this season,—neither being more than half a crop. The hay, they are pleased to say, never was better.

At a meeting held on 3rd December, 1867, the following officers were chosen: *Pres.*, B. Zwicker; *Vice-Pres.*, W. Kidey; *Treas.*, Joseph Zwicker; *Sec'y*, George Duncan.

The following are the accounts:—

Money on hand.....	\$74.54
Grant.....	61.00
Members' Subscription.....	54.00
Seed sold.....	27.00
	\$216.54
Expenses keeping bull during winter.....	\$25.00
Do. in summer.....	30.00
Seed and expense.....	92.00
Paid for bull at Windsor, and expenses....	41.00
	\$188.00
Balance on hand.....	28.54

Yours, &c.,

GEORGE DUNCAN.

PICTOU AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Your committee, at the close of their term of office, beg leave to submit the following report:—

Your Society has now completed the thirty-first year of its existence, and the third year under the control of the Board of Agriculture.

The receipts of your Society during the past year from all sources, as shown by the Treasurer's accounts, have amounted to the sum of \$234, while the expenditure for the same time has been \$209.27, showing a balance in favor of the Society amounting to \$24.73.