

To balance due on account previous year.....	\$104 66
" paid for bulls bought.....	111 80
" " Wintering Bulls.....	53 00
" " " bulls during Summer.....	111 46
" subscriptions towards Prize Fund.....	17 00
" Journals for 1873.....	4 00
" sundry expenses.....	24 73

Cn.

\$426 64

By Government Grant for 1873.....	\$147 00
" Note for bull Nelson.....	41 00
" Interest on Notes of hand.....	38
" amount of subscription for 1874.....	100 00

\$288 38

\$138 26

As is evident from the above account the Government Grant for the past year remains yet to be drawn—notwithstanding this will leave us considerably in arrear, but this to a great extent must be attributed to the carelessness on the part of a great number of farmers and others who do not feel inclined to give us their aid in order to extend the usefulness of the Society—however, through the exertions of our office-bearers, we are happy to state that there has been an increase of members for the past year, and we feel assured that, in a short time, when they will see the many improvements that our Society has already made in the importation of improved stock, they will come forward and give us all their assistance to have the benefits of the Society extended to those parts of the district that have not yet joined.

The Society is making great exertions to bring into the district the very best cattle and sheep, and, since its organization, has expended all its funds in purchasing such animals as were most needed to improve the breed.

In the early part of 1872, (together with two others,) the Society brought in the fine grade Durham Bull "Wlace," from Hauts County. In 1873 they purchased a yearling bull, "Sir William," from J. W. Margeson, Cornwallis, for \$90, a brother to the noble heifer exhibited by Mr. Margeson, at the last Provincial Agricultural Exhibition, held at Halifax. This Spring a very fine Devon Bull, "Nelson," four years old, was bought in this County, and the three animals then on hand were located in three different sections of the district, by which, we have no doubt, an essential benefit will be derived. After the season was over the bull "Nelson" was sold at public auction, for (\$41) forty-one dollars, but owing to the increasing want of the Society, the office-bearers deemed it advisable to purchase another bull, whereupon a yearling bull was bought, whose sire was imported from England, and shows indications of unmistakable pedigree. The Society now own three very fine animals, and will continue in that direction for the coming season. We have to regret the irregular attendance of members and others at our regular meetings, by which action the people of this district remain unacquainted with the direct benefit to be derived from

a Society. However, the marked improvements in cattle and sheep for the past three years is a sufficient guarantee to outsiders that a change is wrought by the hard-working office-bearers and members of the Society, and the people begin to see that the object is a good one, and through this source we are happy to be able to state that our numbers are increasing yearly, and it is evident that the Society is doing its well intentioned work slowly, yet surely.

The members in attendance at our Annual Meeting were highly pleased with the operations of the Society for the past year, and evinced a strong desire for the Society to purchase an "Improved Thrashing Machine," and as the general feeling of the meeting highly approved of this proposal, a Committee of three persons was appointed in accordance therewith, in order to get information about the several kinds, and to report to the general office-bearers, and, if approved of, the Society will, if their finances allow, purchase one for the coming season.

In regard to the crops for the past year we must report favourably thereof—it must be said that this County was favoured with one of the most abundant crops it had for several years. Hay has yielded a larger crop than it has for some time past. Grain of all kinds is also in excess, particularly the oat is far in excess of last year, as the August gale of 1873 did a great deal of damage. Potatoes are more abundant than for many past years, although the rot has been prevalent in many kinds. Turnips and vegetables have generally done well, but fruit has proved a general failure in this County. We cannot conclude this report without thanking the members of the Central Board for the courtesy extended to our Society at the last grand Agricultural Exhibition, and we must congratulate the Government on their success in making the Exhibition what it really was.

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—Allan McDonnell, *President*; John A. Chisholm, *Vice-President*; Duncan Chisholm, *Sec'y* and *Treasurer*; John McMillan, Angus Cameron, Colin Chisholm, Esq., Alex. Chisholm, Colin Chisholm, *Directors*.

John Cummings, Esq., of the Upper South River, was nominated as suitable to represent District No. 5, at the Central Board of Agriculture, at Halifax.

(Signed.)

JOHN CUMMINGS, *President*.

DUNCAN CHISHOLM, *Secretary*.

St. Andrew's, 2d Dec., 1874.

EASTERN ANNAPOLIS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the above Society was held Tuesday, Dec. 1st. The business of the past year was closed up, and officers elected for ensuing year:—*President*, B. H. Parker; *Vice-President*,

Joseph Morton; *Secretary*, O. M. Taylor; *Treasurer*, D. C. Landers; *Directors*, Robie Morton, S. Drew, E. S. Woodbery, S. B. Willett, and John Morse.

William E. Starratt, Paradise, was chosen as Representative to Central Board.

September 29th we held a Local Exhibition. The show of horses, neat stock, sheep, fruit, roots, grains, dairy produce and domestic manufactures, was good, and far in advance of those exhibited on former occasions. Premiums were awarded to the amount of \$67.

The Society have in possession two Durham Bulls, which will be kept for service the ensuing year.

Forty members have subscribed to the Society the sum of \$1 each, and the cash paid.

Yours Respectfully,

B. H. PARKER, *President*.

O. M. TAYLOR, *Secretary*.

NORTH SYDNEY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

NORTH SYDNEY, Dec. 26th, 1874.

DEAR SIR.—In accordance with the Act for Encouragement of Agriculture, the North Sydney Agricultural Society held its annual meeting in the Temperance Hall, on Tuesday, Dec. 21st, 1874; the *President* in the chair. Minutes of all meetings held during the year were read and adopted.

The *Directors* then reported that they had examined the books of *Treasurer* and *Secretary*, and find receipts and expenses as follows:

Balance in <i>Treasurer's</i> hand, Dec. 3rd, 1873.....	\$117 05
Cash received from Society.....	46 60
Government Grant for 1873.....	90 00
Cash received from sale of seeds.....	146 67
" " " implements.....	38 76
" " " member's subscriptions.....	55 00
	\$493 48

EXPENSES.

Paid for seeds.....	\$142 70
implements.....	38 70
Cash in <i>Treasurer's</i> hands.....	\$312 02
Seeds on hand worth.....	50 00

Total amount.....\$342 43

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—

President.—W. H. Moore; *Vice-President*.—James Munn; *Treasurer*.—J. B. Moore; *Sec'y*.—A. G. Musgrave. *Directors*.—Wallace Moffatt, Peter Jackson, C. P. Moffatt, G. S. Munn and Thomas McLellan. Mr. John Ross, M.P.P., was nominated a member of the Central Board.

As will be seen by the above report, the business of the past year has not been of a very important character. As the Society intends importing an entire horse as soon as the funds will admit of it, we have been saving the funds for that object.

The members who have paid their sub-